



**NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2016**  
New Jersey Convention & Expo Center,  
Edison, NJ

## New Jersey Comic Expo **NOVEMBER 19, SATURDAY** Program Schedule

	Thunderdome	Fortress	Creator's Lab	Heroes Lair
11:00am	Ominous Press is Back		#MakeComics: Writing Like a Pro	
11:30am		The Comics Curriculum: A Graphic Understanding		Live Art with Reilly Brown
12:00pm	Dynamite Entertainment		#MakeComics: Ask An Editor	Live Art Jim Calafiore
12:30pm				Live Art with Mike Zeck
1:00pm	Stranger Things	ThaGataNegrra: Tha TRUE ORIGINAL GATA	#MakeComics: Creating Dynamic Covers	Live Art with David Finch
1:30pm		Ladies of the Con		Live Art with Sara Richard
2:00pm	Comics to Hollywood (and Everything In-Between)		#MakeComics: Penciling	Live Art with Jan Duursema
2:30pm		Jack Kirby: Marvel Comic's True Superhero!		Live Art with Tom Raney
3:00pm	Kubert School at 40		How to Make Your Own Foam Armor	Live Art with Isaac Goodhart
3:30pm		Card Sharks		Live Art with Andy Seabert
4:00pm	Starman		#MakeComics: The Art of Lettering	Live Art with Neil Vokes
4:30pm		Surge of Power: Revenge of the Sequel		Live Art with Tom Mandrake
5:00pm	Body Positivity in Cosplay		#MakeComics: The Depth of Inking	Live Art with Rags Morales
5:30pm				Live Art Auction
6:00pm			#MakeComics: Independent Comics	
6:30pm	Cosplay Contest			
7:00pm				
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### PHOTO OP SCHEDULE

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Catherine Dyer	2:00pm - 2:30pm	Epic Photo Ops
Randy Havens	2:15pm - 2:45pm	Epic Photo Ops
Lew Temple	3:00pm - 3:45pm	Epic Photo Ops
Steve Coulter	3:15pm - 3:45pm	Epic Photo Ops
Major Dodson	3:30pm - 4:00pm	Epic Photo Ops
Ivy Doomkitty	4:00pm - 4:30pm	Epic Photo Ops

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Face Painting	All Day
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Creating Comic Characters Workshop	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Sci-Tech Heroes Workshop	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Making It Real!	5:00pm - 6:00pm
FREE SKETCHES	6:00pm - 7:00pm

#### THUNDERDOME ROOM

##### 11:00am - 12:00pm

**OMINOUS PRESS IS BACK!** In the 1990's, Ominous Press made a splash as Bart Sears and his collaborators created a universe of heroic adventure. Now, Ominous Press is reborn and releasing new material. Learn what's coming up with creators Bart Sears, Ron Marz, Andy Smith, Tom Raney, and Publisher Sean HusVar, and receive a free preview comic!

##### 12:00pm - 1:00pm

**DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT** Find out what Dynamite's creators are up to as Dynamite's Joe Rybandt hosts a discussion with Bill Willingham (Legenderry: A Steampunk Adventure Event Series), James Robinson (James Bond) and Amy Chu (KISS)! Q&A to follow!

##### 1:00pm - 2:00pm

**STRANGER THINGS** Things in Catherine Dyer's life took a strange turn when she starred on Netflix's newest runaway hit as Agent Connie Frazier. Dyer's no-nonsense character is a great balance to her young, vibrant co-stars on Stranger Things, and there's no real consensus on who's scarier, Agent Frazier on a mission or the Demogorgon. And it's easy to understand how Randy Havens, as Mr. Clarke, quickly became everyone's favorite teacher/A.V. Club supervisor after binge-watching season one of Netflix's smash hit Stranger Things! Join them for a discussion of one of the newest, hottest shows!

##### 2:00pm - 3:00pm

**COMICS TO HOLLYWOOD (AND EVERYTHING IN-BETWEEN)** Join Jeff King (DC's Convergence, TV's Blind Spot), Mario Rivas (Fernanda: Animated and print), James Robinson (League of Extraordinary Gentlemen) and Paul Jenkins (BAFTA Nomination for Story and Characterization in The Darkness) as they discuss their careers in print and in entertainment media! Q&A to follow.

##### 3:00pm - 4:00pm

**KUBERT SCHOOL AT 40** A retrospective discussion on the impact of Joe Kubert's vision and legacy on the careers of some of the school's most prominent graduates. Graduates from different eras over the past 40 years paint a picture of how the school has grown and impacted the industry. Hosted by Adam Kubert, with guests Cory Smith, Idan Knafo, Marki Wolfson, Tom Mandrake and Jan Duursema with more special guests to be announced!

##### 4:00pm - 5:00pm

**STARMAN** The classic super-hero series STARMAN in which Jack Knight--antiques collector and dealer--inherits the name and powers of his father's old Starman identity from his older brother, who has been assassinated. Created by James Robinson and Tony Harris, this series ran for 81 issues over the course of 7 years. Join the creators as they discuss the immensely popular Eisner Award-winning series with a Q&A to follow.

##### 5:00pm - 6:00pm

**BODY POSITIVITY IN COSPLAY** Join international cosplay personality Ivy Doomkitty, BigHeroVince, SuicideGirl Lua Suicide and entrepreneur Yuffie Bunny as they discuss one of the most important aspects of cosplay: body positivity. How you can achieve it, how you can contribute to it, and how you can promote it!

##### 6:30pm - 8:00pm

**COSPLAY CONTEST** The The 501st Legion will be hosting the NJCE 2016 Cosplay Contest! Entries for this year's New Jersey Comic Expo cosplay contest will include awards for several categories: Best in Show, Best Fabrication (Sculpting & building), Best Construction (Sewing & use of fabric), Best Hero, Best Villain, Best Sci-Fi, Best Anime, Best Group or Couple and Best Kid. Onsite registration and check in will be at the 501st Legion's Table in Cosplay Corner, contestants must arrive no later than 2 pm to check in.

#### THE FORTRESS ROOM

##### 11:30am - 12:30pm

**THE COMICS CURRICULUM: A GRAPHIC UNDERSTANDING** In The Comics Curriculum: A Graphic Understanding, Jeffrey Achenzie and Jesse Mack will look at the types of media literacy and standards that teaching with comics addresses. They will discuss how Social Studies, Science, and English teachers can benefit from using comics, present best practice lessons and popular titles, and address the Common Core Standards which apply to graphic novels. During the panel, they will also display samples from their upcoming curriculum Graphic Novels as Fiction in the High School Classroom.

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**1:00pm - 1:30pm**

**THAGATANEGRRA: THA TRUE ORIGINAL GATA** ThaGataNegrra is an alternative hip-hop artist in the form of a catgirl, and author of the upcoming graphic novel "GATA City". Dubbed "NJ's real-life Catwoman" by Indie Flava Magazine, the Newark native's music-- from the album of the same name-- was colorfully described as "the... child of Hello Kitty and Eminem", "infectious", "honest", and "full-bottle, in-your-face chick-hop", and was included in the second and third seasons of the controversial, groundbreaking hit Hulu show "East Los High".

**1:30pm- 2:30pm**

**LADIES OF THE CON** Join artist Colleen Doran, editor Megan Sloane and visual consultant/creative editor Kristina Deak-Linsner as they discuss their perspectives, experiences and career journey through the comics industry. Q&A to follow!

**2:30pm - 3:30pm**

**JACK KIRBY: MARVEL COMIC'S TRUE SUPERHERO!** Marvel Comics artist/creator, Guy Dorian Sr., will be lecturing on Jack Kirby and the characters that he created for Marvel Comics that have become icons throughout the world. Thor, Hulk, Captain America, The Fantastic Four, Dr. Doom, The X-Men, Galactus and Silver Surfer! Don't miss this!

**3:30pm - 4:30pm**

**CARD SHARKS** Ace is high! Deuce is low! Call it right and win the dough! Two contestants predict the results of curious surveys of their fellow fans, and then play a game of Hi-Lo with the world's largest cards. Experience all the excitement of a Las Vegas casino with Card Sharks, where big cash and fun is always in the cards.

**4:30pm - 6:30pm**

**SURGE OF POWER: REVENGE OF THE SEQUEL** Surge is back with over 50 stars! His nemesis, the Metal Master, is out of jail again trying to reconcile with his estranged parents (Exorcist's Linda Blair and Buck Rogers' Gil Gerard) and tempted to continue a life of crime by Augur (Eric Roberts), arch enemy of Omen, the sage superhero from the first Surge of Power movie (played by Star Trek's Nichelle Nichols and Star Trek: Voyager's Robert Picardo). Find out what happens next with cinema's first out gay superhero when an array of legendary heroes and villains clash in this light-hearted, star-studded comedy! Q&A to follow. [www.surgeofpower.org](http://www.surgeofpower.org)

## CREATOR'S LAB ROOM

**11:00am - 12:00pm**

**#MAKECOMICS: WRITING LIKE A PRO**

Learn some tips and tricks to writing like a pro with the pro's themselves! Bill Willingham, Paul Jenkins, Justin Gray and Erica Schultz will answer questions and impart information that will be vital to your career! VITAL!

**12:00pm - 1:00pm**

**#MAKECOMICS: ASK AN EDITOR** Matt Hawkins, Ron Marz and Megan Sloane edit some of the highest profile creators in the industry. They're here to answer your questions about what an editor does, what they are working on and the most important aspect of editing creators. This is your chance to get the inside scoop! A can't miss panel with Q&A after.

**1:00pm - 2:00pm**

**#MAKECOMICS: CREATING DYNAMIC COVERS** What do the retailers see when they browse through the order catalog looking for what to carry? The cover! What do customers see that inspires them to pick up a comic and check it out? The cover! Covers are one of the most important aspects of creating a comic. Learn from Rags Morales (Identity Crisis, Countdown to Infinite Crisis, Batman Confidential, and The New 52), Joseph Michael Linsner (Dawn) and Mike McKone, who provides covers for Marvel and DC, on what elements you need to include in order to create the best possible cover for your book.

**2:00pm - 3:00pm**

**#MAKECOMICS: PENCILING** Need some tips on perspective? Can't figure out how to draw those feet? Does drawing really just require practice, or is it all about talent? Join Whilce Portacio and Sara Richard for the discussion and you could walk away with insight on how to achieve your own unique style!

**3:00pm - 4:00pm**

**HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN FOAM ARMOR**

If you are interested in making your own suit of armor from any of your favorite fictional characters, join Be\_cosplay as they go step-by-step with you through the knowledge, tools, and skills that will help you build your fandom and bring it to life. We will go over the ins and outs and the do's and don'ts and try to get you started on the right path to making that imagination of yours come to life with easy tutorials. We will bring multiple pieces of highly detailed armor

with us to show examples of just how easy it can be to become a skilled Foam Smith.

**4:00pm - 5:00pm**

**#MAKECOMICS: THE ART OF LETTERING**

Erica Schultz is currently lettering Dynamite's Red Sonja, Dejah Thoris, and Vampirella titles. Joe Caramagna has recently become the most prominent letterer in Amazing Spider-Man history, having now worked on over 100 issues of Marvel's flagship title. Taylor Esposito has lettered for just about every major studio, including DC, Image, Dynamite and BOOM! Join them as they discuss their craft and answer questions from aspiring comic book letterers. A can't miss opportunity for those hoping to break into the industry!

**5:00pm - 6:00pm**

**#MAKECOMICS: THE DEPTH OF INKING**

Inking provides depth to artwork, and a good inker not only contributes that to the art, but can also add a style to the artwork that is unique and complementary. Join prominent inkers GW Fisher (ShadowHawk), Steve Ellis (3 time Harvey Award nominee for Best Inker) and Mark Morales (Infinity, Wolverine) as they discuss the importance of good inking. Q&A to follow.

**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**#MAKECOMICS: INDEPENDENT COMICS**

Bottled Lightning Studios' David Gallaher and Steve Ellis are joined by Buddy Scalera from Comic Book School to discuss the benefits and drawbacks of independent comics. Q&A to follow.

## HEROES LAIR ROOM

**11:30am - 12:00pm**

**LIVE ART WITH REILLY BROWN** Reilly Brown has drawn various comics for Marvel Comics including The Amazing Spider-Man, New Warriors, and Incredible Hercules. He's mostly known for his work as an artist and sometime writer on Cable & Deadpool and Deadpool: Dracula's Gauntlet, in which Brown co-created the characters Bob, Agent of Hydra and Shiklah. In 2015 Brown started penciling Lobo for DC Comics as part of the New 52. He's currently the artist on Deadpool: Too Soon?

**12:00pm - 12:30pm**

**LIVE ART WITH JIM CALAFIORE** Jim Calafiore is finishing up his series Surviving Megalopolis with writer Gail Simone from Dark Horse. Calafiore is also known for his work on Marvel Comics Exiles, and DC Comics' Aquaman. His other work includes Faction Paradox, and writing Marvel's Exiles and Millennium Visions. Calafiore also created the character Nocturne, who is the daughter of Nightcrawler and the Scarlet Witch from an alternate reality.

**12:30pm- 1:00pm**

**LIVE ART WITH MIKE ZECK** Mike Zeck has been the artist on The Punisher, Captain America, Master of Kung Fu, G.I. Joe: A Real American Hero, Deathstroke the Terminator, and Marvel Superheroes Secret War.

**1:00pm - 1:30pm**

**LIVE ART WITH DAVID FINCH** David Finch is known for his work on Top Cow Productions' Cyberforce, and co-created Ascension with Matt "Batt" Banning. He later worked on the first three issues of Aphrodite IX with David Wohl as well as numerous subsequent titles for Marvel Comics and DC Comics, such as Moon Knight, Ultimatum, and Brightest Day. He has provided album cover art for the band Disturbed, and done concept art for films such as Watchmen. His latest projects include Wonder Woman, Batman, Batman: The Dark Knight, Ultimate X-Men, New Avengers

**1:30pm - 2:00pm**

**LIVE ART WITH SARA RICHARD** Sara is known for her variant covers for the My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic, Jem and The Holograms and an interior story for Ghostbusters. She's also the illustrator of the DC Collectables' Justice League Tarot Card Set and has done variant covers for Marvel's Deadpool, Dynamite's Bob's Burgers and Oni Press' Rick and Morty.

**2:00pm - 2:30pm**

**LIVE ART WITH JAN DUURSEMA** Jan Duursema is a graphic storyteller and illustrator whose current projects include a creator owned series called Hexer Dusk by herself and John Ostrander, a project with Louise Simonson for Stela and a book for Catalyst Prime with Lion Forge. She's done art for Star Wars Legacy, Republic and Dawn of the Jedi for Dark Horse Comics, Hawkman, Arion Lord of Atlantis, Warlord and Advanced Dungeons and Dragons for DC, X-Factor and The Hulk for Marvel, and tons of other projects.

**2:30pm - 3:00pm**

**LIVE ART WITH TOM RANEY** Tom Raney is known for illustrating titles such as Annihilation Conquest, Alpha Flight, Ultimate X-Men and Uncanny X-Men for Marvel Comics, DV8 and Stormwatch for Image Comics, and Outsiders for DC Comics. He is currently working on Legendary, from Ominous Press!

**3:30pm - 3:30pm**

**LIVE ART WITH ISAAC GOODHART** Isaac Goodhart is the acclaimed artist on Top Cow's book POSTAL! He got his start in comics after being one of the winners of the 2013 Top Cow talent hunt. His first work was ARTIFACTS issue 3.

**3:30pm - 4:00pm**

**LIVE ART WITH ANDY SEABERT** Andy Seabert is a life-long Jersey resident, born by the beach and now living in Central NJ with his wife and their 2 children. He is the Co-Creator and Artist of the new comic, "Mid-Life Crisis". In addition to drawing comics, Andy is a High School Art Teacher in Trenton, New Jersey.

**4:00pm - 4:30pm**

**LIVE ART WITH NEIL VOKES** Neil Vokes has been a comic creator for more than 30 years, most well known for being the artist on Superman Adventures, Untold Tales of Spider-Man: Strange Encounters, Ninjak, Dr. Strange: From The Marvel Vault #1.

**4:30pm - 5:00pm**

**LIVE ART WITH TOM MANDRAKE**

Tom Mandrake is the artist of DC Comics' JLA DESTINY, Marvel Comics' CALL OF DUTY: THE PRECINCT, his creator owned Image book, CREEPS, and was acclaimed for his five-year run on THE SPECTRE. He is the co-developer of the correspondence course in horror comics for the Joe Kubert School of Cartoon and Graphic Art, which he also graduated from. He has handled art chores for a number of high profile titles and characters including Batman, Superman, Martian Manhunter, Justice League of America, New Teen Titans, Shazam, Firestorm, Avengers, Swamp Thing and the Spirit.

**5:00pm - 5:30pm**

**LIVE ART WITH RAGS MORALES**

Ralph "Rags" Morales is known for his work on various books for DC Comics, including Identity Crisis, Countdown to Infinite Crisis, Batman Confidential, and The New 52 reboot of then Superman-centric Action Comics. His next project is The Armory Wars: Good Apollo, I'm Burning Star IV in 2017.

**5:30pm - 6:30pm**

**LIVE ART AUCTION** NJCE is auctioning off the art that was drawn during the LIVE ART sessions throughout the day! Get in on the fun and own a completely unique piece of art from one of your favorite artists! Artists being auctioned off include Reilly Brown, Jim Calafiore, Mike Zeck, David Finch, Sara Richard, Jan Duursema, Tom Raney, Isaac Goodhart, Andy Seabert, Neil Vokes, Tom Mandrake and Rags Morales! 100% of the proceeds will go towards the Hero Initiative, to help comic creators in need. Please bring CASH! Any unsold art will be auctioned off online after the Expo closes.

## KID'S AREA PROGRAMMING (SHOW FLOOR)

**11:00am - 1:00pm**

**GIRL SCOUT BADGE WORKSHOP** 35 Girl Scouts attend this special workshop to earn their Comic Artist badge! Colleen Doran, Megan Sloan, Erica Shultz, Buddy Scalera and Julie Averbach work alongside the girls to help them create a character and draw out a comic book page complete with dialogue!

**1:00pm - 2:00pm**

**CREATE YOUR OWN A CAT NAMED HAIKU PAPER MASK** Kids, sit down with the creator of A CAT NAMED HAIKU, Mark Poulton, to decorate your own paper mask. Crayons, markers, stickers, and more will be provided to decorate your mask!

**2:00pm - 3:00pm**

**CREATING COMIC CHARACTERS**

**WORKSHOP** Michael Grassia will lead a workshop for kids on how to create their own comic book character and story ideas!

**3:00pm - 4:00pm**

**SCI-TECH HEROES WORKSHOP** Learn how comic pro's create science fiction comic book heroes and villains from science facts with artist Alex Simmons!

**4:00pm - 5:00pm**

**MAKING IT REAL!** Kids will learn how to design their own character, and then create a sculpture of its head with artist Matthew Casper!

**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**FREE SKETCHES** Free sketches by Alex Simmons, Michael Grassia, Paul Castiglia and more!

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11:30am	Fables Retrospective			Live Art with Rick Leonardi
12:00pm		Spotlight On: Mario Rivas of FERNANDA	Drawing Power with Ominous Press	Live Art with Travis Hanson
12:30pm	The Walking Dead			Live Art with Steve Ellis
1:00pm		Villaining 101	Or So the Story Goes	Live Art with Tony Harris
1:30pm	How to Break Into Comics			Live Art with Whilce Portacio
2:00pm		Spotlight On: Ivy Doomkitty	Valiant: The Future of Valiant & Beyond!	Live Art with Jose Luis Garcia Lopez
2:30pm	Marvel Heroes			Live Art with Colleen Doran
3:00pm		Trump Card	Mark Mariano's Panel Party	
3:30pm	The Video Games			Live Art Auction
4:00pm		Back In Time: Cosplay Look-a-Likes from USA to London	#MakeComics: Online & Web Comics	
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### THUNDERDOME ROOM

#### 10:30am - 11:30am

**DC TALENT TALKS!** Top-notch DC talents Peter Tomasi (Batman & Robin, Green Lantern Corps, Superman), Colleen Doran (ADS:Stealth Tribes, Justice League 3001, Wonder Woman), and Rags Morales (Identity Crisis, Countdown to Infinite Crisis, Batman Confidential, and The New 52) discuss their current and past projects at DC and their experiences working on some of the most popular and prominent properties that the company is Publishing! Q&A to follow.

#### 11:30am - 12:30pm

**FABLES RETROSPECTIVE** The Vertigo series Fables won 14 Eisner awards and spanned from 2002 until just this year, with multiple spin offs including Jack of Fables and The Literals. Join creator and writer Bill Willingham for this fascinating retrospective on the series that may touch upon the influence the book has had on television and perhaps the upcoming movie. Q&A to follow.

#### 12:30pm - 1:30pm

##### THE WALKING DEAD

Actor, writer, and director Steve Coulter may be a familiar face from his season five appearance as Reg Monroe, Major Dodson is best known as Sam Anderson and Lew Temple is perhaps best known for his role as Axel on AMC's "The Walking Dead." Join them for a discussion about the show and participate in a Q&A that will most likely leave you with more questions than answers!

#### 1:30pm - 2:30pm

##### HOW TO BREAK INTO COMICS

Top Cow's Matt Hawkins hosts a discussion with comic book professionals Mark Bagley, Colleen Doran and Heidi McDonald on the topic of breaking into comics. Questions will be asked! Answers will be given! A can't miss opportunity!

#### 2:30pm - 3:30pm

##### MARVEL HEROES

Meet the real heroes behind the heroes who dictate what your beloved Marvel characters look like and say! Puppet Masters Sean Chen (Iron Man), Peter David (Hulk), Fabian Nicieza (Deadpool) and Tom Raney (Ultimate X-Men, Uncanny X-Men) talk about what it's like to have worked on these iconic properties.

#### 3:30pm - 4:30pm

##### THE VIDEO GAMES

A Hunger Games parody for your inner video game nerd, The Video Games is a live-action battle to the death... between beloved characters from some of the most popular video games ever made. It's a different show every time as iconic pixelated heroes and villains such as Pikachu, Donkey Kong, Mega Man, Link, Lara Croft, Master Chief and more compete to win the

coveted title of "Player One." What's more, YOU the audience get to determine the outcome, by voting on your favorite combatant via Twitter. Hilarious and action-packed!

### THE FORTRESS ROOM

#### 11:00am - 12:00pm

**COSPLAY: STARTING FROM THE BOTTOM HEM** Are you looking to become a professional cosplayer? Learn from the best on how to build your portfolio, build your fan base and get convention appearances from some of the best in business: Vegas PowerGirl, Lua Suicide, Ashley Chantilly and Yuffie Bunny! Q&A to follow!

#### 12:00pm - 1:00pm

##### SPOTLIGHT ON: MARIO RIVAS OF

**FERNANDA** Mario Rivas is the renowned director of over 150 animated shorts, and has created beloved memories for several generations of Cubans. Fernanda is his most popular creation, likened by some Americans to South Park, but in his own words, much more in the vein of Charlie Brown. Rivas relied on the character's jokes as a vehicle to bring knowledge to children, and then played with an intertextuality which covers films, literature, history and even philosophical concepts of life itself. Join Mario as he discusses the Cuban creative community and how it differs from America. A fascinating inside look that you won't want to miss!

#### 1:00pm - 2:00pm

##### VILLAINING 101

A crowd engaging panel discussing what it means to be a villain, how they have evolved over time and the role current trending issues play in their development.

#### 2:00pm - 3:00pm

##### SPOTLIGHT ON: IVY DOOMKITTY

Ivy is an internationally recognized cosplayer, artist, gamer, and published model, based in Los Angeles. Ivy has been an avid fan of comics and gaming since childhood, and has been attending conventions for over 11 years. In the last 4 years, Ivy has delved into the world of cosplay, fascinated with the creativity of it as well as being able to show her love of her favorite characters through this medium. Since then, she has quickly risen to become one of the most sought after cosplayers for conventions throughout the world. Ivy was also featured as a GUEST JUDGE on several episodes of the Syfy Original Series, "Heroes of Cosplay", and was the cover model for nationally distributed magazine, "Cosplay Culture".

#### 3:00pm - 4:00pm

##### TRUMP CARD

An exciting, challenging and intelligent game of wits awaits as three contestants face off to prove that they have a

full house of trivia knowledge, where only the smartest will come out on top. Join us for all the glitz and glamour of Trump Card!

#### 4:00pm - 5:00pm

**BACK IN TIME: COSPLAY LOOK-A-LIKES FROM USA TO LONDON** Roads?? Where we're going we don't need roads! Cosplayers Matt "Marty McFly" Bell and Eric "Doc Brown" Sellin take you on a cosplay journey filled with nostalgia and guaranteed to entertain!

### CREATOR'S LAB ROOM

#### 11:00am - 12:00pm

**PCP: PAPER CUTS Pictionary** The Paper Cuts Podcast squares off against the audience in this comic themed version of Pictionary. Artist Idan Knafo and the audience will attempt to defeat Dean, Evan and Matt in a game of Pictionary. Can the people of New Jersey Comic Expo take down the guys that make it their job to eat, sleep and breathe comics?!

#### 12:00pm - 1:00pm

##### DRAWING POWER WITH OMINOUS PRESS

Bart Sears influenced a generation of artists with his "Brutes & Babes" column in Wizard magazine. Now Bart is returning to his own universe with Ominous Press, bringing his trademark drawing power with him. This is a must-see panel for all aspiring artists, as Bart and Ominous Press Art Director Andy Smith dive deep on their artistic approaches and dole out expert drawing advice. Moderated by Ominous Editor-in-Chief Ron Marz.

#### 1:00pm - 2:00pm

##### OR SO THE STORY GOES

"Or So the Story Goes" is a horror webseries created for a young adult audience that utilizes kids and teens in the cast and crew. Each season brings to life a different classic children's tale with a dark, modern twist. This season: Hansel & Gretel! Preview the series and discuss creating web-based TV with adults and teens from the cast and crew!

#### 2:00pm - 3:00pm

**VALIANT: THE FUTURE OF VALIANT & BEYOND!** With a record-setting 50 Harvey Award nominations, Valiant Entertainment is the most acclaimed publisher anywhere in comics today. Now, find out what's next for powerhouse series like FAITH, GENERATION ZERO, BRITANNIA, BLOODSHOT U.S.A., HARBINGER RENEGADES, SAVAGE, and DIVINITY III: STALINVERSE right here at New Jersey Comic Expo!

#### 3:00pm - 4:00pm

##### MARK MARIANO'S PANEL PARTY

Award-Winning comic creator, Mark Mariano, cordially invites you to the Panel Party, where you will learn how to tell a complete comic

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story in six panels. You don't need to be a great artist, just bring your imagination.

**4:00pm - 5:00pm**

## #MAKECOMICS: ONLINE & WEB COMICS

Online and webcomics are becoming more and more popular. Learn about the advantages and disadvantages from David Gallaher and Steve Ellis, whose popular online comic HIGH MOON won the Harvey Award for Best Online Series. The series debuted in 2007 as part of DC's online comic endeavor, Zuda.

## HEROES LAIR ROOM

**10:30am - 11:00am**

**LIVE ART WITH JEFF SHULTZ** Jeff Shultz has been an artist with Archie Comics for the past 19 years. He has also worked with Boom Studios on the Peanuts books and has his own characters Hugo and the Bug.

**11:00am - 11:30am**

**LIVE ART WITH ANDY SMITH** Andy Smith is known for being the artist on X-O Manowar, The First, Quasar, Green Lantern, Webspinners: Tales of Spider-Man, and Earth 2.

**11:30am - 12:00pm**

### LIVE ART WITH RICK LEONARDI

Rick Leonardi is credited, along with fellow illustrator Mike Zeck, for designing the black-and-white costume to which Spider-Man switched during the miniseries Secret Wars, and later wore for a time. According to the Spider-Man 1/2 special, the costume began as a design by Zeck that Leonardi embellished. The plot that developed as a result of Spider-Man's acquisition of the costume led to the creation of the Spider-Man villain known as Venom.

**12:00pm - 12:30pm**

**LIVE ART WITH TRAVIS HANSON** Travis Hanson is an Eisner nominated fantasy illustrator with a huge imagination. His works

include comics, children's art, fantasy and just fun illustrations that encourages the need for people to be creative. He is also the artist behind NJCE's t-shirt art!

**12:30pm - 1:00pm**

**LIVE ART WITH STEVE ELLIS** Steve Ellis is the illustrator and co-creator behind The Silencers (with Fred Van Lente) and High Moon (with David Gallaher). In 2015, Ellis took over artistic duties on Green Lantern Corps for DC Comics during their "Convergence" event.

**1:00pm - 1:30pm**

**LIVE ART WITH TONY HARRIS** Tony Harris is known for his work on series such as Starman, Iron Man, and Ex Machina. He has been nominated for five Eisner Awards!

**1:30pm - 2:00pm**

**LIVE ART WITH WHILCE PORTACIO** Whilce Portacio is known for his work on such titles as The Punisher, X-Factor, Uncanny X-Men, Iron Man, Wetworks and Spawn. Portacio was also one of the seven co-founders of Image Comics.

**2:00pm - 2:30pm**

**LIVE ART WITH JOSE LUIS GARCIA LOPEZ** Jose Luis Garcia Lopez is a comic artist Legend, having worked in comics in the 70's, 80's & 90's for DC Comics' Superman, Action Comics, Batman, Jonah Hex, The Titans, Wonder Woman, and Detective Comics.

**2:30pm - 3:00pm**

### LIVE ART WITH COLLEEN DORAN

Colleen Doran has illustrated hundreds of comics, graphic novels, books and magazines, including the autobiographical graphic novel of Marvel Comics editor and writer Stan Lee entitled Amazing Fantastic Incredible Stan Lee, which became a "New York Times" bestseller. She has illustrated the works of Neil Gaiman, Alan Moore, Warren Ellis, Joe R. Lansdale, Anne Rice, J. Michael Straczynski, Peter David and Tori Amos. Notable credits include: The Sandman, Wonder

Woman, Legion of Superheroes, Teen Titans, The Vampire Diaries comics, and her space opera series, A Distant Soil.

**3:30pm - 4:30pm**

**LIVE ART AUCTION** NJCE is auctioning off the art that was drawn during the LIVE ART sessions throughout the day! Get in on the fun and own a completely unique piece of art from one of your favorite artists! Artists being auctioned off include Jeff Shultz, Andy Smith, Rick Leonardi, Travis Hanson, Steve Ellis, Tony Harris, Whilce Portacio, Jose Luis Garcia Lopez and Colleen Doran! 100% of the proceeds will go towards the Hero Initiative, to help comic creators in need. Please bring CASH! Any unsold art will be auctioned off online after the Expo closes.

## KID'S AREA PROGRAMMING (SHOW FLOOR)

**11:00am - 12:00pm**

**FREE SKETCHES** Free sketches by Alex Simmons, Michael Grassia, Paul Castiglia and more!

**12:00pm - 1:00pm**

### CREATING COMIC CHARACTERS

**WORKSHOP** A workshop for kids on how to create their own comic book character and story ideas!

**2:00pm - 3:00pm**

**SCI-TECH HEROES WORKSHOP** Learn how comic pro's create science fiction comic book heroes and villains from science facts with artist Alex Simmons!

**4:00pm - 5:00pm**

**MAKING IT REAL!** Kids will learn how to design their own character, and then create a sculpture of its head with artist Matthew Casper!