

Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

## Comics! Comics! Comics! (Room 103AB)

**11:00am – 12:00pm**

### **Geeks Got Your Back**

Anti-harassment has become a hot topic within the geek community over the last several years. Whether it is anti-harassment policies or grassroots awareness (such as Cosplay Is Not Consent), more and more geeks are looking for ways to make the geek community a better place to everyone. Come join us as we discuss ways in which we can all just be a little more excellent to each other.

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

### **King of the Jungle: Don McGregor Spotlight**

Acclaimed writer Don McGregor, whose groundbreaking work on Black Panther including titles such as JUNGLE ACTION lead to him be one of the inspirations for the current hit Marvel movie. McGregor makes a rare West Coast appearance as LBCE's first ever Guest of Honor. This spotlight panel explores more than just his Panther work, including SABRE (one of the first-ever graphic novels), RAGAMUFFINS, DETECTIVES, INC., ZORRO, JAMES BOND, and NATHANIEL DUSK!

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

### **Fanbase Press Presents: The Impact of Latinx Creators and Readers on Comics**

QUINCE is a 15-issue comics series (being released in English and Spanish) about a teenager who discovers she has superpowers at her quinceañera. COMADRES Y COMICS is a podcast hosted by three Latina women hoping to highlight the role that Latinos have in the comic book industry as creators, consumers, and fans. Join QUINCE creator Sebastian Kadlecik and COMADRES Y COMICS hosts Kristen Parraz, Sara Bazan, and Jennifer Lopez; and journalist/creator Jennifer de Guzman for a discussion and Q&A session moderated by Barbra Dillon (Fanbase Press Editor-in-Chief).

**2:00pm – 3:00pm**

### **Juicy Ink: Tori Gedvillas Spotlight**

An independent illustrator who loves to spread happiness and inspire future artists through her work, Tori Gedvillas has published over 150 videos to YouTube, and amassed a following of over 240,000 on Instagram and 160,000 on YouTube. Working across a wide variety of mediums, Tori uses YouTube and Instagram to share her work and the joy her art-school education has brought her. Discover this unique talent in Tori's first Long Beach appearance.

**3:00pm – 4:00pm**

### **We Are HUMANOIDS: A 20th Anniversary Celebration**

Legendary publisher Humanoids comes to Long Beach Comic Expo for the first time ever! Kick off the 20th anniversary celebration of Humanoids' first publication in the U.S. and learn about the exciting plans we have for the future. New imprints! New creators! New Year! All attendees will be entered into an exclusive raffle for a chance to win free Limited Hardcover editions of some of the hottest Humanoids titles. Moebius? Jodorowsky? How can you resist? The panel will also feature a portfolio review for aspiring creators. Ask yourself...are you a "Humanoid"?

**4:00pm – 5:00pm**

### **Shelving Yourself – Adventures in Self-publishing**

Join comics entrepreneurs Buddy Scalera, Dean Haspiel, Barbara Randall Kesel and Neo Edmund for an insider's view of the joys and perils of making your own books!

**5:00pm – 6:00pm**

### **Fanbase Press Presents: Swords, Sandals, Sorcery, and Other Worlds in Comics**

A look at the "sword and sandal" genre of stories (once called "peplums") that was a huge part of popular culture in the 1950s and '60s – inspired by Ancient Greek and Roman mythologies – and has been reinvigorated in the modern day by the addition of sorcery and other-worldly settings. Fanbase Press Editorials Manager Michele Brittany is joined by creators and experts to discuss the history of the genre and explore its legacy in stories that entertain comic book readers today.

**6:00pm – 7:00pm**

### **Modern Horror: Stories that Go Bump in the Night**

For over half a century, horror comics have told smart, scary, darkly witty stories by some of the best creators in the business. Now some of those creators – including Guest of Honor Don McGregor, HIGH MOON's David Callaher and Steve Ellis, writer Shannon Eric Denton (THE X-FILES), and novelist/screenwriter Matt Wallace – take part in a ghastly discussion of a genre that includes ATTACK ON TITAN, THE WALKING DEAD, HELLBOY, and more! It might just give you nightmares! Parental discretion is advised.

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## Main Stage (Room 104A)

10:00am – 11:00am

### STRANGER THINGS' Joe Keery VIP Event

An exclusive Q&A event with Long Beach Comic Expo special guest Joe Keery (STRANGER THINGS).

*\*VIP ticket required\**

11:00am – 12:00pm

### Cosplay Comedy

Cosplay Comedy is a unique comedy show where stand-ups perform their sets in costume and in-character! See your favorite heroes and villains say all the hilarious things you WISH they'd say in pulp and on the screen. Quite possibly the nerdiest and most distinctive comedy show in LA! Featuring some of the geekiest comics from the Los Angeles comedy scene!

12:00pm – 1:00pm

### Bat in the Sun Presents!

Take part in a live Q&A with the cast and crew of Bat in the Sun as they talk about upcoming projects including SUPER POWER BEAT DOWN and NINJAK VS. THE VALIANT UNIVERSE!

1:00pm – 2:00pm

### Plus-Size Cosplay: Helpful Do's and Don'ts

Learn about proper costume fitting, design, and styles for plus-sized cosplayers, including poses that better work for plus-size people and how to flash up designs and costumes to hide embarrassing areas. We'll be talking about the overall cosplay designs for all types of larger-sized cosplayers.

2:00pm – 3:00pm

### Rise of the On-Screen Black Super-Hero

Are BLACK PANTHER and BLACK LIGHTNING the new normal or just a momentary trend? And what about other races and ethnicities and the "white washing" seen in recent superhero and science-fiction movies? Join writers Matt Wayne (CANNON BUSTERS), Evan Narcisse (RISE OF THE BLACK PANTHER, io9), and Marc Bernardin (CASTLE ROCK, co-host of FATMAN ON BATMAN) in a thought-provoking panel led by journalist Jennifer de Guzman.

3:00pm- 4:00pm

### Andrea Romano: Director of a Thousand Voices

An interactive panel with legendary voice and casting director Andrea Romano, an eight-time Emmy Award winner whose decades-long career includes BATMAN: THE ANIMATED SERIES, THE LEGEND OF KORRA, JUSTICE LEAGUE UNLIMITED, TEEN TITANS, PINKY AND THE BRAIN, and more!

4:00pm – 5:00pm

### Ask Mark Waid EVERYTHING

More than just a trivia panel, more than just a spotlight... or is it both? Award-winning comics writer Mark Waid (ARCHIE, AVENGERS, CAPTAIN AMERICA, KINGDOM COME, THE FLASH, SUPERMAN: BIRTHRIGHT, and more) will answer any question, from obscure Silver Age Superman trivia to "where do you get your ideas?"

5:00pm – 6:00pm

### Am I Allowed To Like ANYTHING? Loving What You Love in the Golden Age of Geek

For fans of superheroes, science fiction, animation, and cosplay, it's a golden age. But hand-in-hand with geek domination of the popular arts has come a very hostile environment for being openly enthusiastic about your favorite things. You thought JUSTICE LEAGUE was better than THOR: RAGNAROK? Can't wait to see a Quentin Tarantino STAR TREK? Like Superman better without the red shorts? Join comics creators and fellow fans for a guilt-free celebration of the things LBCE and its attendees love most.

7:00pm

### Cosplay Contest!

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## GeekFest Film Festival (Room 101A)

**11:00am – 12:00pm**

### Program 1: Fan Films

Rogue Bounty  
Star Wars: Generations  
Stranger Things: The Story of Henry and Dale  
Stealth & Silence  
The Distant Echo: A Star Wars Fan Film  
Von Doom

**12:00pm – 1:00pm**

### Program 2: Geek Girls ROCK

Curl up and Dye  
Wonder Woman Revealed  
Fight Like a Girl  
Protectress  
Black Widow: Origins

**1:00pm – 2:00pm**

### Meet the GeekFest Filmmakers

Panelists: Valerie Perez (Wonder Woman Revealed), Arturo Vargas (Aero:Origins), Justin Zagri (Severus Snape and the Marauders), Brittany Joyner (Stranger Things: The Story of Henry and Dale), Sean Monguso (Black Widow Origins), Brittany Cox (Chronception), Rob Hampton (Super 8 Daze)  
Get Inspired and learn from indie filmmakers, their tips and tricks on making genre indie films.

**2:00pm – 3:00pm**

### Program 3: Animated Geek

Crypto Force Alpha  
The Jovian Project  
Aero : Origins  
Multiplex 10

**3:00pm – 4:00pm**

### Program 4: Potter v Potter

Lily Evans and the Stroke of Midnight  
Severus Snape and the Marauders

**4:00pm – 6:00pm**

### Program 5: SciFi

The Tinmanator  
Enter the Fringe  
Visage  
Chronoception  
Yesterday Last Year

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### Rocketry 101 with Virgin Orbit

Learn about what it takes to send something into space with the very rocket engineers working at Virgin Orbit to build LauncherOne, a revolutionary new small-satellite launch vehicle.

**5:00pm – 5:30pm**

### R2D2 Races and Demos

Watch as our old friend R2D2 and his other droid pals showcase all they can do with the men and women who built them!

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### Hey! Kids' Comics!

The creators of some of today's best-known comics for kids (of all ages) take part in a memorable LBCE panel. MY LITTLE PONY's Tony Fleecs, recent Eisner Award nominee Norm Harper (RIKKI), and Director of Programming Ivan Cohen (TEEN TITANS GO!) talk about telling stories for some of comics' most hard-to-please readers.

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

### BLACK PANTHER: The Writers' Room

With the release of BLACK PANTHER the week before Long Beach Comic Expo bringing the King of Wakanda to new prominence, we've gathered some of the character's top writers – Expo Guest of Honor Don McGregor (JUNGLE ACTION and the new BLACK PANTHER ANNUAL), CREED co-screenwriter Aaron Covington (BLACK PANTHER: LONG LIVE THE KING), and Evan Narcisse (RISE OF THE BLACK PANTHER) – to talk about the excitement and challenges of telling stories of a character whose prominence and presence have gone beyond comics alone.

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

### To the Stars! Science Fiction

Creators with one foot in both worlds discuss the differences between creating science fiction for comic book projects and other media. With Barbara Randall Kesel, Marc Bernardin, Jennifer DeGuzman, Cecil Castellucci, and David Gallaher.

**2:00pm – 3:30pm**

### Storytelling on the Page

The breakthrough panel from last year's New Jersey Comic Expo makes its Long Beach debut! Top comic artists work from the same script to demonstrate – in real time – how to break down a comic book story. Gain new insights into how to both write and draw a page from beginning to end. Artists Scott Koblish (DEADPOOL), Drew Johnson (WONDER WOMAN, MIDNIGHT SOCIETY: THE BLACK LAKE), Scott Koblish (DEADPOOL), and Steve Ellis (THE ONLY LIVING BOY) work from a script by Frank Tieri (HARLEY QUINN). Hosted by Buddy Scalera (DEADPOOL) of Comic Book School. *Sponsored by Marvy/Uchida markers.*

## Main Stage (Room 104A)

**11:30am – 12:30pm**

### How to Get Started in Cosplay at 30, 40, or 50 Years Old

How do I get started in this great hobby? How do I find my character? Where do I find supplies? Steve Gonzales is a 60-year-old cosplayer who has won many awards for his cosplay and wants to share his experience as an older adult starting and creating cosplays and having fun!

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

### The Webcomics Advocates Present: The Webcomics Gathering

Join a group of experienced web-comics creators – including Dean Haspiel (THE RED HOOK, WAR CRY) – as they celebrate and discuss the exciting world of web-comics! Any web-comic creators in the audience will get thirty seconds to promote their comic to the crowd. All creators and fans are welcome!

**1:30pm – 2:30pm**

### Politics and Pop Culture

How do politics and popular culture depend on each other? An in-depth discussion explores political satire, comedy sketches, and the world of politics and explores what the interconnections mean for government and pop culture going forward.

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

### Fanbase Press Presents

#### STAR WARS: Themes of Legacy

Long ago on a desert planet far, far away, audiences were first introduced to Luke Skywalker and the Jedi legacy that had been passed down through generations. This hero's journey and its long-lasting impact have resonated with audiences on a grand scale over the past forty years in movies, television, books, comics, and more. Writers from the STAR WARS universe – among them Cecil Castellucci (MOVING TARGET: A PRINCESS LEIA ADVENTURE), Michael Golden (STAR WARS 38: RIDERS IN THE VOID), Chris Thorne and Kevin Wetmore – take part in for a wide-ranging discussion.

**3:30pm – 4:30pm**

### Cosplay Is not Consent

A panel led by sex-educator Michelle LaBelle featuring burlesque performer Tas Deville, cosplayer The Lady Kaylah, and cosplayer and fashion designer Arilith. This panel will discuss proper personal etiquette while at a convention interacting with cosplayers as well as covering consent awareness/protocol and understanding for all humans out in their personal lives. The world is changing: learn how to support your friends and be part of the solution and not the problem. \*Trigger Warning\* topics covered will be thorough and potentially graphic.

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Woodman  
Super 8 Daze  
Monster Kids: The Impact Of Things That Go Bump In The Night

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

### **Program 7: Horror**

Goodnight, Gracie  
Body Image  
Wasp Men from Mars!  
RedRuby

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

### **GeekFest Presents The Future is Female: Women of SciFi**

Hosted by Gigi Edgley  
Panelists: Jackie Dallas, Michele Specht, Nakia Burrise  
GeekFest Film Fests presents women working in science fiction on television and film. Hosted by Gigi Edgley, this panel explores female empowerment and the roles women play both behind and in front of the cameras. This panel hopes to empower young females to pursue careers in the sci fi genre in all media.

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

### **Best of GeekFest and AWARDS**

Hosted by Gigi Edgley  
GeekFest screens the Best Shorts voted on by Long Beach Comic Expo Attendees and Presents awards to the films with the highest audience scores!

## Space Expo (Room 102AB)

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### **Signing – Cecil Castellucci**

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### **How to Build and R2D2 Discussion**

Did you know there's a whole club of people dedicated to building R2-D2 and the other droids of Star Wars? Come learn the basics and see what it takes to build your own Astromech droid from folks that are building their own!

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