

October 8 Panels

NYAF Opening Ceremony

We keep it brief, so that you can get to enjoying everything else at the con, but come on by as we welcome in the fourth annual New York Anime Festival with a ribbon cutting from a very special guest.

MARVEL: What's Next - Welcome to the Digital House of Ideas

NYCC is The Digital House of Ideas' hometown show, and you better believe we're going to deliver the goods! Come check out the all-new, all-awesome, redesigned from-the-ground-up Marvel.com. Find out how you'll enjoy and experience the latest Marvel Motion Comics, up-to-the-minute news, updates and original content, videos, animated series, and games like never before. Discover how deep the Marvel Digital Comics library is -- and will be. And learn about Your Universe, Marvel's official Social Network, and the massive Marvel Audience Network.

Will Eisner's New York

Will Eisner is acknowledged as one of the greats of the Comics World. Join the renowned award-winning author and cartoonist, Jules Feiffer, best selling author and columnist, David Hajdu, writer and former President & Publisher, DC Comics, Paul Levitz, artist, author, publisher, and cartoonist, Denis Kitchen, author and biographer, Michael Schumacher, and moderator, author, comic book editor, & historian, Danny Fingeroth to learn about Will Eisner from those who knew and worked with him. From the Golden Age of Comics, through the use of Sequential Art for education and training, through the creation of the modern graphic novel, to the beginning of the digital age, you will find Will Eisner and his artwork. Will Eisner was shaped by New York City - he loved it, drew it, and wrote about it. He was born in New York, schooled in New York, worked in New York, and taught his craft in New York so that New York was in his blood and on the panels of his comics, the pages of his graphic novels, and the canvas of his artwork. A multi-talented panel of comics professionals and writers has come together to describe their personal and professional relationships with Will Eisner and his relationship with New York.

Fighting Like Cats and Dogs: Shapeshifters and Paranormal Romance

In the furball battle for supremacy, what shapeshifter is going to claw, bite, gnaw and scratch its way to the top of the pack? In recent novels by novelists such as Pamela Palmer and Juliana Stone, paranormal romance fans have gone absolutely feral over the emergence of cat shapeshifters. Loping through the howling legions of the other side of the debate comes authors such as Jocelynn Drake, Marjorie M. Liu, and Margaret Ronald – who might argue that woman's best friend is going to hound all the competition until they emerge triumphant. The argument may get catty, and the arguments over which breed of shapeshifter is sexier are going to be doggone good!

Intellectual Property 101: How to Protect Your Intellectual Property and Not Infringe Others'

You have created your own comic book hero, he can protect the world, but only you can protect your rights. In this seminar, you'll learn the basics of protecting your intellectual property and how not to infringe upon other people's works. Scheduled topics to be discussed include the following: an overview of copyrights, trademarks, fair use, what to do if someone is improperly using your works and how to avoid improperly using someone else's works. Besides the basics, this panel will discuss real world examples of what and what not to do in the realm of intellectual property law. This panel will be moderated by Walter-Michael Lee, Esq. of the Intellectual Property Practice Group of Gibney, Anthony & Flaherty, LLP (www.gibney.com) and Thomas A. Crowell, Esq., the founding partner of Saperstein & Crowell, LLP and author of the best-selling legal guide "The Pocket Lawyer for Filmmakers" (www.sclawpartners.com).

Oyama X Nitta Shamisen Concert

Yutaka Oyama and Masahiro Nitta perform music played on the Tsugaru shamisen, a banjo-like instrument from northern Japan. The duo bring new life and sounds out of this centuries-old instrument, and at NYAF, these sounds will echo throughout the Javits.

Spotlight on Geoff Johns

Geoff Johns' storytelling and creativity fueled event blockbusters Blackest Night, the new Brightest Day and the character rebirths of Green Lantern and The Flash. As the Chief Creative Officer of DC Entertainment, you can expect Geoff to deliver even more thrills and excitement as his focus shifts to bringing the DCU to life outside of the comics starting with the Green Lantern film and many other surprises! Don't miss this panel hosted by Eddie Berganza, Group Editor, interviewing one of the most exciting talents in comics.

Writing Action Packed and Character Driven Stories

Chris Huntley discusses exploring the Eight Essential Questions of Character and Plot. Does your main character change his essential nature or stay the course? How do characters grow? What brings your story to a climax? Does your story end in tragedy, triumph, or somewhere in between? And more!

W!LDBRAIN Entertainment Presents Beyond Digital Dwelling: The Care and Feeding of a Franchise

W!LDBRAIN Entertainment knows what it takes to develop and nurture a successful franchise. The award-winning entertainment company and one of the world's leading animation powerhouses produces and animates The Ricky Gervais Show for HBO and turned Yo Gabba Gabba!, the hit television series and live touring show, into a pop culture phenomenon. Meet Michael Polis, CEO, and find out what it takes to lead the charge in building a durable franchise and get a first-look at Sideway, based on a video game created by Fuel Entertainment, that revolves around the adventures of an



underground street artist whose 2D world comes to life on the walls of NYC.

How to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse

The police will tell you to they have it handled. The government will tell you everything's under control. The media will tell you it's all hype. They will all lie to you. Learn how to defend yourself from the undead threat. When the world abandons you, you'll be ready.

DC Talent Search

Join DC's Editorial Art Director, Mark Chiarello, for an informative orientation session that will explain how DC's Talent Search works and discuss the different needs of the DC Universe, Vertigo, WildStorm and Mad Magazine. If you want to learn what DC Comics looks for in artists and how to improve your chances of becoming a working professional, than this is the panel for you! In order to have your work reviewed, attendance at this orientation session is mandatory. (Please note: Not all attendees are guaranteed a one-on-one review.)

Cristina Vee K-ON Concert

Bandai's K-ON tells the tale of high school girls who dare to make it big in the music business. Bandai's K-ON concert dares the show's American voices to bring the music of K-ON to life. Come by, listen in, and get ready for K-ON as you've never heard it before.

Dead Like Us: Shinigami, Death and Japanese Culture

It's hard to look anywhere without seeing shinigami these days. Those harbingers of the beyond have infiltrated every aspect of Japanese media culture, from anime like Bleach and Soul Eater to video games like Shin Megami Tensei. But where do Shinigami come from, and how do they fit into to Japanese idea of the afterlife?

MAD About MAD!

MAD Magazine has established itself as the original, most imitated and influential satirical publication across generations. Recently, MAD made a triumphant return to TV on Cartoon Network with an animated series to corrupt the minds of the next generation! Come join MAD Magazine editor John Ficarra, MAD Art Director Sam Viviano, legendary MAD artist Mort Drucker, MAD Producer Mark Marek plus a few surprise guests for a light-hearted look at the past, present and future of an American institution

Archie Comics Means Business!

Archie Comics delivers EXCLUSIVE announcements for the future of Archie, Sabrina, Sonic and a whole lot more! Hear the latest news about Archie Comics' upcoming projects that even the San Diego Comic Con doesn't know about! Hear all the news first from Archie Comics Co-CEOs Jon Goldwater and Nancy Silberkleit, Archie writer Michael Uslan (Executive Producer of The Dark Knight), Surge Licensing President Mark Freedman, iVerse CEO Michael Murphy, Penguin Senior Editor Rob Valois,

David Rojas of Comic Book Fairs, Archie Comics President Mike Pellerito, and Archie Comics Co-President/Editor-in-Chief Victor Gorelick. The panel will also feature a Q&A session.

Spotlight on Diana Gabaldon

Join New York Times bestselling author Diana Gabaldon, author of the Outlander series, and Betsy Mitchell, editor in chief of Del Rey Books, in a special spotlight panel as they share the story behind the creation of The Exile: An Outlander Graphic Novel! Gabaldon, who used to write for Walt Disney comics, returns to her comics background with The Exile, which gives readers a fresh look at the events of the original Outlander, this time from Jamie Fraser's perspective—and gorgeously rendered in full color by artist Hoang Nguyen. Plus special blooper reel!

DC COMICS: 75TH ANNIVERSARY PARTNERS!

DC celebrates its 75th Anniversary with a spotlight on a ton of great products – and you're invited! We're pulling out all the stops with our partners Taschen (75 Years of DC Comics: The Art of Modern Mythmaking), Little, Brown (DC Super Heroes: The Ultimate Pop-Up Book), DK (DC Comics: A Year by Year History), Water Tower Records (The Music of DC Comics:75th Anniversary Collection), and Quirk Books (DC Comics: The 75th Anniversary Poster Book) to showcase the four-color legacy DC has created, so swing by for all the info you need on this glorious milestone! Hosted by Bob Wayne, VP – Sales (DC Comics) with Paul Levitz (Taschen), Matthew Reinhart (Little, Brown), Dan Wallace (DK Books), Matt Manning (DK Books), Doogie Horner (Quirk) and Peter Axelrad (Water Tower Music).

Comicomedy!

Matt Little (Letterman, SNL) hosts some of New York's best comedians who also happen to be huge pop culture fanatics. If you wanted to hear jokes about comic books, video games, RPGs, wrestling, and more, this is your place. Stand up, sketches, and prizes!

Minori Chihara Spotlight

Minori Chihara is most known as Yuki Nagato in the popular Melancholy of Haruhi Suzyumiya anime series, but she's tackled over 40 anime series, lending her voice both to characters as well as to theme songs. Meet her and learn about her career right here at NYAF!

FUNimation Sneak Peak

Get a first hand look at some of the biggest, newest titles from FUNimation before anyone else, and then brag and tweet about it for the rest of the con.

First Look! Upcoming DC Universe Animated Original Films & Shorts

Be the first to see footage from two high-profile upcoming animated productions: All-Star Superman, the 10th entry in the popular, ongoing series of DC Universe Animated Original PG-13 Movies, and Superman/Shazam: The Return of Black Adam, the



anchoring piece of the DC Showcase Animated Shorts Collection. Executive producer Bruce Timm, writer Michael Jelenic and a few special guests lead a panel discussion and the first exhibition of clips from these two highly anticipated productions. Warner Home Video releases the DC Showcase Animated Shorts Collection on November 9, 2010, and All-Star Superman in Spring 2011.

MARVEL: Welcome to The X-MEN

Following Second Coming, Marvel's merry mutants are unable to catch a quick breather. As Curse of the Mutants begins, there's no telling what the vampires have in store for the X-Men...or is there? You've got questions and these people have answers! Writers Matt Fraction (Uncanny X-Men), Peter David (X-Factor), Marjorie Liu (X-23), Rick Remender (Uncanny X-Force), and Vice President, Executive Editor Axel Alonso with Editors Nick Lowe and Jeanine Schafer are on hand to lay out what's going on with the X-Men for this all-new, all-DEADLY panel!

BOOM! Irredeemable/Incorruptible

Mark Waid's Eisner and Harvey Award -nominated, bestselling IRREDEEMABLE took comic fans by storm last year, becoming one of the top-selling independent comics of 2009 and 2010. Join Mark Waid as he looks back at IRREDEEMABLE's beginnings, the future of the series, and its sister series – INCORRUPTIBLE.

ARCHAIA BLACK LABEL

The new Archaia Black Label specializes in co-developing intellectual properties with prestigious partners who are seeking to realize their ideas through the use of Archaia's resources. Join Archaia as they show exclusive preview images and discuss current and upcoming Archaia Black Label titles, including: DAYS MISSING: KESTUS with Roddenberry Productions' Trevor Roth; LUCID with creator/writer and "True Blood" actor Michael McMillian; MOON LAKE with creator/co-writer Dan Fogler; and MR. MURDER IS DEAD with creator/writer Victor Quinaz. Plus, an exclusive announcement in association with video game publisher Vogster Entertainment. There will be surprise guests! You don't want to miss this! Moderated by Archaia editor-in-chief Stephen Christy.

Lolita Fashion

A 101 overview of Lolita fashion's origins, from Japan to the outside world, its basic fashion/structural components and various styles, and influences.

Psychology of Evangelion

Hideaki Anno's Evangelion produced some of the most iconic characters in anime history, characters grounded in the realism of actual Abnormal Psychology Disorders. Hear an explanation of the psychological disorders affecting each of the cast members, as well as the creators' own thoughts on the meaning of the show. We'll also briefly discuss changes in Rebuild of EVA. This panel is noob-friendly and hosted by ReVolutionOfEvangelion.org.

Anime Clue

You have just witnessed the murder of your favorite Anime Character. And it is your job, as the detective, to find out who did it, where they committed the act, and the weapon of choice. Six suspects, six weapons, and nine rooms. Are you up for the challenge?

Image Comics: The Writers

Some of Image Comics' favorite writers get together to describe the writing process for their books, from inception to publication. Join juggernauts Robert Kirkman (The Walking Dead), Nick Spencer (Morning Glories), Ron Marz (Firebreather vs. Dragon Prince), and Steven T. Seagle (The Crusades) for a discussion about writing, followed by Q&A.

Remembering Harvey Pekar

After 35 years of innovating in—having virtually invented—the personal comics genre with his AMERICAN SPLENDOR series, Cleveland's HARVEY PEKAR died this past July, in the middle of several projects finished and unfinished. This panel celebrates Pekar's life and work. It includes Harvey's editor on The Pekar Project, JEFF NEWELT; artist on Harvey's The Quitter and other works, DEAN HASPIEL; PETER KUPER, who not only has drawn for Harvey, but as a comics-loving kid in Cleveland, spent much time hanging out and learning from him; RICK PARKER and JOSEPH REMNANT, who both worked on The Pekar Project. The panel is moderated by DANNY FINGEROTH, who memorably interviewed Harvey at The YIVO Institute in 2009, and wrote of Harvey's importance in The Rough Guide to Graphic Novels. Some surprise last minute guests may appear on the panel, as well.

Breaking Into Comics the MARVEL Way

Are you a writer or artist? Ever dream of working for Marvel? Do you find yourself thinking "I could do that...if I knew how!" Join C.B. Cebulski, Marvel's SVP, Creator & Content Development, artists Paul Azaceta, Marko Djurdjevic, Esad Ribic, Alex Maleev, Giuseppe Camuncoli, editor Nick Lowe, and SVP, Brand Planning and Communications Mike Pasciullo to find out the answers on how to get your foot in the door at every level in the creative process and how to make your job MARVEL.

VAMPS

VAMPS -- composed of HYDE from the famous Japanese band L'Arc~en~Ciel and K.A.Z from Oblivion Dust -- will be returning to NYC after their 2009 sold-out show at New York's Irving Plaza. Meet the men before their Saturday night concert.

Gundam Model Building

Learn the techniques, tools, and methodology for building Gundam models. The panel will discuss every step from cutting parts to applying the the finishing touches. The panel will also discuss more advanced techniques such as shading and scratch building.



The Guardian Project with Stan Lee

Mike Mason was the master of his imaginary world. A world he filled with the greatest of superheroes. Until the day that it all became real and they became what the world now needed them to be... Mike Mason's Guardians. An exclusive sneak peek at Stan Lee's groundbreaking new superhero franchise with the NHL that is 13 years in the making! The unprecedented partnership, deemed Guardian Media Entertainment (GME), takes a cutting-edge approach to animation as all content is being designed for multiplatform media applications.

Disney Publishing Worldwide Preview

Sneak peeks, first looks and much more from Disney Publishing Worldwide's upcoming comics and graphic novels. Join editors Rich Thomas, Nachie Castro, Michael Siglain, and Senior Manager, New Media Dario Di Zanni as they reveal projects in the works for 2010 and 2011.

Adapting Public Domain Texts Into Graphic Novels

Tim Burton's re-imagining of Alice in Wonderland, Seth Grahame-Smith's Pride and Prejudice and Zombies, and a recent (and upcoming) crops of innovative graphic novels are proving that modern adaptations of public domain texts can be lucrative and artistic achievements in their own right. Our panel is comprised of young authors who have produced graphic novel adaptations of classic texts, and they will share their inspiration, approach, strategy and perspective.

Anime in Academia

Come learn about how anime and manga have entered the realm of academia! This panel features professionals that have researched, taught, and published about anime and manga in English and Japanese. We'll discuss resources for you to read and watch, analyze developments in the anime and manga industries, and explain how the global spread of Japanese pop culture impacts how we understand our favorite books, TV series, and films.

Anime Parliament ®

Welcome to the latest session of Anime Parliament, the leading forum for debate in the anime multi-verse! As a fan, or your chosen character, Parliament gives you the opportunity to come forward and present a case against another character, or any injustice you feel exists in any anime series. Come forward, state your case, bring witnesses, but remember: Not everyone in the Parliament will agree with you.

Note to Spider-Man IV Movie People: Be True to Your Parker!

Past Spider-Man writers and editors Danny Fingeroth (Superman on the Couch), Tom DeFalco (POW! Entertainment), and Fred Van Lente (Marvel, Evil Twin Comics), and psychologist Robin Rosenberg (Psychology of Superheroes) discuss their wish lists of aspects of Peter Parker's character and origin story that they'd like to keep the same and things they'd change for the upcoming film reboot of Spider-Man.

Mario Bueno: Aim for the Top (Note)!

Running the gamut from anime theme songs to contemporary Western pop, cosplay performance artist and vocalist Mario Bueno (aka EMP_Maniac) presents a concert filled with excitement, drama, and fun utilizing his trademark fusion of Eastern and Western culture.

MARVEL: T&A Presents

Vice President, Executive Editors Tom Brevoort and Axel Alonso are the brains behind the two biggest franchises in comics, and now for the first time - the Uncanny team-up of Earth's Mightiest editors have come together for the inaugural T&A live panel! That's right, True Believers, together in the same room, these two will be taking any and all questions from YOU the fans!

IDW - Sneak Peek at 2011

Please join IDW Publishing's Chief Creative Officer Chris Ryall and Special Projects Editor Scott Dunbier, as they talk Locke & Key with artist Gabriel Rodriguez, release some details about the giant event Infestation with some top secret guests, and even work in a big announcements or three, including a new project with Peter David & JK Woodward.

Dark Horse Comics

Here's your chance to be at the forefront of breaking news from comics' most dynamic publishing house. Join Dark Horse Director of PR, Jeremy Atkins, Managing Editor, Scott Allie, and Senior Editor Chris Warner, along with a host of the industry's top creators, for a first hand look at the future of the medium. With huge announcements to be made, this is one panel you don't want to miss!

ichiP!

When anime, dancing, and three girls combine, Ichigo Pantsu is born! Ichigo Pantsu (or ichiP!) is a three-girl dance troupe from New York City, and they're happy to perform on their home turf at NYAF this year!

Sengoku Basara Screening and Panel

Discover a bishounen-filled world of feudal Japan you never knew existed. Check out episodes and meet some of the players involved.

Aniplex

Aniplex has introduced a variety of properties to the USA -- including Gurren Lagann, Fullmetal Alchemist, Rurouni Kenshin (Samurai X), R.O.D -THE TV-, and Blood+. Learn now about Aniplex's newest shows!

DC Nation

The DC NATION is back at the home front – New York City! We're always looking for new recruits, so be sure to come on by as Co-Publishers Dan DiDio and Jim Lee and



some of the industry's top talent lead the way to give you the inside scoop to all current and future NATION members!

Toys Are Us! How Your Favorite Toys Are Made

UGO.com Editor Tracey John goes behind the scenes with your favorite toymakers: Todd McFarlane, Founder of McFarlane Toys; Jesse Falcon, Vice President of Product Development, Marvel Comics; and Zach Oat, former ToyFare editor and author of "Pop Sculpture: How to Create Action Figures and Collectible Statues". If you are obsessed with chase figures, variants and everything being MIB – You need to be here.

Hermes Press presents Lions, Tigers, and Bears

The internationally acclaimed comic book, Lions, Tigers, and Bears returns with all new adventures from Hermes Press and a movie in development at Paramount Pictures. Get a sneak preview of the eagerly awaited third volume. Speakers include creator Mike Bullock, Hermes Press Publisher Daniel Herman and Co-Producer of the film, Oric Scott De Las Casas.

Robotech with Tommy Yune

Harmony Gold's Tommy Yune covers the history of the animated series that introduced a generation to anime and discusses new developments in the wake of the announcement of the live-action Robotech feature film.

Hatsune Miku: Meet The Makers of a Digital Idol

Wataru Sasakai and Hiroyuki Ito, two men to helped give birth to the Vocaloid, will be speaking about their culture-changing creation. They'll be interviewed by the Editor-in-Chief of Japan's ASCII Magazine, Toshihiro Fukuoka. Presented by Japan Foundation.

To Death with a Stick: Kendo and Sword Demonstration

Nothing embodies the samurai's spirit more than his sword. Join us and learn how the traditions of bushido are practiced today. Sung Moo Kwan Kendo Academy (www.kendoacademy.com) and swordclassNYC (www.swordclassNYC.com) will demonstrate the traditional and modern martial arts of kendo, and iaido.

A Geek's Guide to Podcasting and Blogging

This panel is designed to show how to start and promote your very own podcast. The world of podcasting has grown by leaps and bounds over the last five years and many people do not have a clear guide on how to podcast. This panel will walk you steps of podcasting and give advice on all aspects of having your own show.

Robot Chicken

Adult Swim panel featuring Robot Chicken show creators, Seth Green and Matt Senreich. They will discuss their original series, answer questions and give a sneak peek from the next season of Robot Chicken and the upcoming one-hour special, Robot Chicken Star Wars: Episode III, which premieres December 19.

Monsters - Behind the Scenes (Magnolia Pictures)

Gareth Edwards, writer/director of the critically acclaimed Monsters, explains the process of making a film on a small budget and his use of visual effects. He breaks down some key scenes in the film and explains the effects he created step by step.

PENGUIN YA and Adult Authors Talk Monsters, Myths, and Mayhem in Literature Join Penguin authors Anton Strout, Seanan McGuire (aka Mira Grant), Tom Sniegoski, Cris Ramsay, Roger Ma, Mari Mancusi and Andrea Cremer as they discuss the three M's: Monsters. Myths and Mayhem.

The Digital Age of Comics

Now that every major publisher is going digital, it's the perfect time for a discussion with the publishers, creators, facilitators, and instigators to chat about the Wild Wild West of comics in the digital era. Techland's Douglas Wolk will moderate with representatives from DC, Marvel, Image, Top Cow, Comixology, Panelfly and an opinionated creator or two.

MARVEL VS. CAPCOM 3

An in-depth presentation about all the features of this upcoming title, featuring behind the scenes info on the making/progress of creating the game, including a video or two. We also have a couple of exclusive reveals for NYCC regarding new characters and features.

The Onion News Network presents "Future: News From The Year 2137"

While other media outlets bring you news as it happens, only the Onion News Network has the power to bring you the news before it happens. With our state-of-the-art wormhole satellites, we can now transmit Onion News Network broadcasts from the year 2137. Come meet the faces behind the "future" at this special panel event. The panel will include Head Writer Carol Kolb, Executive Producer Will Graham, Director JJ Adler and Lead Graphic Designer Chris Ervine.

Best Japanese Game Show: Comic Con Edition

Join this Japanese Game show at NYAF, presented with Japan Society and hosted by NYC comedian Kenji America. Groups compete against each other in cosplay and anime related challenges for prizes.

Mardock Scramble Premiere with Tow Ubukata

Mardock Scramble is an anime film set in a dark, technological nightmare of a future. Following cyborg girl Balot and her quest for vengeance against Shell, a degenerate gambler who inslaved her before she broke free, it's a cyberpunk noir adventure starring the voice of the acclaimed Megumi Hayashibara. Author Tow Ubukata won the Nihon Science Ficion Taisho Award in 2003 for his original Mardock Scramble novel series, and he'll be appearing at this -- the world premiere. This event is for 18+ attendees.



Anime You Never Thought You'd Like

How often do you see the title of some anime or other and write it off without even giving it a chance? Princess Tutu or Giant Robo sound really stupid, don't they? Rose of Versailles is just for girls, right? If this describes you, you're really doing yourself a disservice. Stop on by to see the anime you never thought you'd like.

Voltaire

Voltaire is the master of all that is creepy, icky, and ooky. And, somehow, he makes it all fun. Spend an hour with macabre maestro Voltaire and his collection of murder ballads and tongue-in-cheek exercises in the gruesome, with just enough bawdy songs about Star Trek and Star Wars to keep a convention audience rolling in the aisles.

Fantasy Writers Panel

Join authors Joe Abercrombie (Best Served Cold), Peter V. Brett (The Warded Man), Jim Butcher (Changes), Naomi Novik (His Majesty's Dragon), and Brandon Sanderson (The Way of Kings) and Deborah Harkness (A Discovery of Witches) as they discuss writing in the fantasy genre.

Getting Graphic Novels Considered for Publication

An intimate conversation with agents, editors and writers/artists about how best to pitch your graphic novels and art.

MASTERPIECE and the BBC present the US Premiere of Sherlock

From the writers of Doctor Who, a Sherlock for the 21st century - Sherlock Holmes stalks again in a thrilling modern version of the Arthur Conan Doyle classic, starring Benedict Cumberbatch (Atonement, The Last Enemy) as the go-to consulting detective in 21st century London, with Martin Freeman (The Office UK, Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy) as his loyal friend, Dr. John Watson, and Rupert Graves as the long-suffering Inspector Lestrade. Fast-paced, funny, and surreally true to the hero's fantastic gifts for deduction, the series -- -created by Doctor Who's Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss -- was a massive hit when it aired this summer in the UK. Sherlock premieres on MASTERPIECE Mystery! on PBS with A Study in Pink (October 24), followed by The Blind Banker (October 31) and The Great Game (November 7) -- each mixing beloved elements of Conan Doyle's original stories with the even more dangerous possibilities for criminal mischief in the modern world, especially by the likes of Holmes's arch enemy, the evil Moriarty. The BBC releases Sherlock: Season One, featuring exclusive bonus content, on DVD and Blu-ray on November 9.

The Disappearance of Haruhi Suzumiya with Minori Chihara

It is mid-December, and SOS Brigade chief Haruhi Suzumiya announces that the Brigade is going to hold a Christmas party in their clubroom. The club members start preparing everything for the party, but a couple of days later, Kyon arrives at school only to find that Haruhi is missing. The SOS Brigade seems to have never existed, nor has Haruhi Suzumiya. This premiere screening is presented in 35mm, and Minori Chihara -- the voice of Yuki Nagato -- will make an appearance.

Dash Shaw and Chip Kidd in Conversation

Dash Shaw and Chip Kidd will discuss their most current projects. Dash Shaw is the cartoonist of BodyWorld (2010, Pantheon Books) and Bottomless Belly Button (2008, Fantagraphics.) He is the writer/director of the animations The Unclothed Man in the 35th Century A.D. for IFC and the forthcoming The Ruined Cast feature. He lives in Brooklyn, NY. Chip Kidd is a designer and writer at Alfred A. Knopf, where he has worked since 1986.

Riese: A Steampunk Adventure Webseries

Riese is the story of an exiled princess and her wolf fleeing through the wilds of the kingdom of Eleysia. Hunted by a dangerous religious Sect, she must struggle to survive and bring an end to their nefarious plans. Come meet the cast of Riese, including "Riese" (Christine Chatelain, Sanctuary), "Empress Amara" (Sharon Taylor, Stargate: Atlantis, Smallville) and "Rand" (Ryan Robbins, Sanctuary) and learn how this independent made its way from YouTube to Syfy.

Transmedia Storytelling

Moderated by Jeff Gomez, CEO of Starlight Runner Entertainment, who has spearheaded transmedia campaigns for major studios and companies including Disney's upcoming "Prince of Persia", Microsoft's "Halo", James Cameron's "Avatar" with 20th Century Fox, Mattel's Hot Wheels, Hasbro's "Transformers" and Coca-Cola's "Happiness Factory". Jeff will lead a discussion with some of today's most influential creators and innovators of transmedia franchises and discuss how these epic stories are unfolding in ways never conceived before. The panel will also address how today's aspiring writers, directors and producers can get in on the transmedia action.

Steampunk 101

Curious about steampunk? Want to learn more about the genre that is rapidly becoming the next big subculture trend? Then come join author and noted steampunk expert G. D. Falksen as he leads a panel discussing all things steampunk. This panel will cover the basics of the steampunk genre, its development as a subculture and fashion trend, and will also explore current developments in steampunk literature, fashion and related topics.

DramaFever presents Asian Entertainment Trends in American Pop Culture

From TV dramas to pop music to Hollywood movies, Asian entertainment is growing in popularity with American audiences like never before. Enjoy a discussion about what's hot coming out of Asia today with panelists Jeff Yang, "Asian Pop" columnist at the San Francisco Chronicle; Joyce Lan Kim, CEO of Soompi.com; Javabeans and Girlfriday of Dramabeans.com; Jackie Sia, Content Manager of DramaFever.com; and Samuel Jamier, chief curator of the Japan Society's Japan Cuts Film Festival. David Hou of DramaFever.com will moderate a discussion about the current trends of Asian entertainment and artists in the United States today.



James Marsters Spotlight

James Marsters may best be known for the role of Spike, the cult favorite punk-goth vampire that he played for six seasons on the series Buffy the Vampire, but he's done a whole lot more! Don't faint in this spotlight panel!

Woodhaven Productions and Glenn Ciano present "Inkubus" and "Infected" Glenn Ciano, Director of Inkubus and Infected, speaks with actors from his films.

Building a World in Comics

Join Mike Cavallaro, George O'Connor, Susan Kim, and Laurence Klavan as they discuss the art of building a world in comics!

ADULT SWIM: Childrens Hospital

Check out the Childrens Hospital panel and hear from the show's creative team led by Rob Corddry (Hot Tub Time Machine, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart) and Jon Stern (producer of The Ten and Scotland, PA). They will be joined by members of their ensemble cast including Rob Huebel (I Love You Man, Human Giant), Nick Kroll (The League, The Life and Times of Tim), and Erinn Hayes (Parenthood, Worst Week). Childrens Hospital is a live-action comedy that explores the emotional struggles and sexual politics of a group of doctors charged with healthy libidos. Their dedication to their personal lives is relentless, interrupted only by the occasional need to treat sick children. Childrens Hospital airs Sundays at midnight (ET/PT) on Adult Swim.

Venture Bros.

Come see Jackson Publick and Doc Hammer talk about all things Venture, show some clips and take audience praise and questions. Season 4.5 of The Venture Bros. premiered Sunday, September 12 at 11:30 p.m. ET/PT on Adult Swim. The Venture Bros. first premiered on Adult Swim in August 2004 and has been a fan favorite every since.

Oh! Edo Rocket

Fireworks maker Seikichi struggles to live under harsh frugality laws which ban all luxuries, including fireworks. One day, a strange girl stops by Seikichi's shop with an equally strange request: She wants him to build a firework that can reach the moon. (FUNImation)

Cross Game

Wakaba dreams of boyfriend Koh pitching at legendary Koshien Stadium, site of the national high school baseball championship. Koh aims to make this dream a reality. (VIZ)

NYCC Short Film Fest

Check out an assortment of shorts including Lunch, Folklore Restaurant, A Tree and a Flower, The Chase, and Leshii.

Rental Magica

Itsuki has to take over the family business: a magician dispatch service. As its leader, Itsuki has to be tough, commanding, and reliable, but there's one problem, he's a coward. (Right Stuf)

Eden of The East

On November 22, 2010, ten missiles strike Japan. This unprecedented terrorist act is called "Careless Monday". This is the story of what happens next. (FUNimation)

Independently Animated with Bill Plympton

Come and meet Bill Plympton, director of the new animated feature "Idiots and Angels", opening October 6 at the IFC Center. Bill will show clips from the new release, along with his new short film "The Cow Who Wanted to Be a Hamburger". and talk about his career as an independent animator, and what it takes to release a film outside of the Hollywood system. Bill is also the subject of the upcoming Rizzoli book "IndependentlyAnimated" and the subject of a new documentary "Adventures in Plymptoons", directed by Alexia Anastasio, who will also appear and show clips from her film. Everyone who attends will get a free drawing from the animator himself!

Haruhi Suzumiya Season II

The Exorcist

Academy Award winning director William Friedkin's masterpiece was released on Bluray and DVD on October 5 with footage never before seen. See it now at New York Comic Con.

El-Hazard

Makoto Mizuhara is working on his latest experiment in the school science lab, but it overloads and transports Makoto, Jinnai, his sister Nanami, and their teacher to the strange and magnificent world of El-Hazard. (Right Stuf)

Mutant Girls Squad

At 2009's New York Asian Film Festival Action choreographer and director Tak Sakaguchi, director and special effects genius Yoshihiro Nishimura, and cherubic pervert Noboru Iguchi got drunk and vowed to make a movie together. One year later, here it is. For better or worse, this splatter-ific, fetishy, hyperactive take on the X-Men is going to shock, horrify and delight you. Mature audiences.

Nura

While the day belongs to humans, the night belongs to yokai, supernatural creatures that thrive on human fear. Caught between these worlds is Rikuo Nura. He's three-quarters human, but his grandfather is none other than Nurarihyon, the supreme commander of the Nura clan, a powerful yokai consortium! (VIZ)

Marketing Your Graphic Novels Collection to Fans*



Learn how to reach out to fans in your community who may not know that the library is the place to go for graphic novels! Get tips on marketing, public events, and online tools that will help promote your graphic novel collection. *Professional Hours

The Other Side of the Table: Lessons from Creators*

Creating your product is only half the work it takes to succeed in the comics industry. What about the other half that we don't see as clearly after the product is released to the world? This panel will explore what it is like to be on the other side of the table, as a creator. We will discuss what it takes to exhibit at conventions, promote yourself, and gain a loyal audience - from the POV of professionals already behind the table. We will be giving away a signed copy of Ultimate Cerebus Guide to Self-Publishing by Dave Sim to one lucky audience member. Join creators Jimmy Palmiotti (Painkiller Jane, Jonah Hex, The Pro), Raina Telgemeier (Smile, The Baby-Sitters Club), Bryan J.L. Glass (The Mice Templar, Thor: First Thunder) Carla Speed McNeil (Finder) and Carolyn Belefski (Curls, The Legettes) in this conversation, moderated by Joe Carabeo. *Professional Hours

Why Graphic Novels Should Be In Your Library

Graphic novels have come of age. No longer a collection of simplistic comic strips, graphic novels are literature that use both images and words to explore complex themes. Join in this discussion on why graphic novels should be in your library and learn about the medium's different genres.

Art to Merchandise - How to Make More with Your Art*

Art on merchandise is a growing trend, and the perfect way to promote your art while making money in the process. Artists and creative content owners will learn strategies and tips from successfully merchandised artist Camilla d'Errico, and the manufacturer's considerations from Dark Horse VP of Product Development, David Scroggy. *Professional Hours

The Evolution of Graphic Novel Publishing: What Publishers Need to Consider in Order to Grow the Market from Here*

What are the challenges facing the next stage of growth for graphic novels? The industry has seen phenomenal growth over the past ten years but the landscape is rapidly changing. What does the market place really look like and what do the publishers need to consider in order to create cohesive direction for the development of the category.

Rationalizing Comics and Sequential Art in the Classroom

This workshop will feature educators discussing their reasons for bringing comics/ sequential art into the classroom, focusing on both reading and generating comics. Practical suggestions, along with evidence illustrating student learning, is discussed. Participants will be encouraged to bring ideas for discussion in small groups. CSC: In Search For Humanity Through Utopian and Dystopian Narratives

What does it mean to be human in this age? Chong Kim (Soul Survivors, Inc.), Calvin Williams and Amy Adams (co-moderators), along with Stephen Duncombe (New York University), Brian Wood (DMZ) and David Lloyd (V for Vendetta) explore the ways in which speculative fiction's transformative social conditions illustrate the way we understand our own human identity.

Extending Conversations about Graphic Novels

Educators will discuss how to use graphic novels to extend learning beyond literal comprehension, including engaging in critical literacy activities. Social studies, art, and English/language arts educators will be paired to discuss how to make cross-curricular conversations and move students' understandings beyond the classroom. Participants will engage in an activity which pushes them to think beyond the confines of the classroom walls.

Graphic Novels as Young Adult Literature

This workshop showcases pieces which fall into the category of young adult literature, exploring, in particular, the appeal of the texts for adolescents. Connections between adolescent development, adolescent motivation, and adolescent literacy and the characters/situations/plot will also be explored. Participants will be asked to think about the literature through the aesthetic lenses of adolescents.

Editors on Editing Comics

Meet some of the industry's top editors. Learn what it takes to break into comics andstay in from an all-star editorial panel. Featuring: Mike Marts (DC), Nate Cosby (Marvel), Scott Allie (Dark Horse), Andy Schmidt (IDW). Moderator: Buddy Scalera

Am I Really Ready for Store #2 (or 3 or 4)?

Join us to find out! Chris Powell is the General Manager and CRO of Lone Star Comics & mycomicshop.com, a chain of 7 comic book stores and one of the largest internet comic book retailers in the world. Midtown Comics, based right here in Manhattan and soon-to-be opening a third NY location, is another one of the largest comic book retailers in the U.S. and on the internet. They are here to help you decide if you're ready to expand YOUR comic book retail empire!

Drawing Comics

Talk with working comic pros about the craft and business of drawing comics.
Featuring: Jerry Ordway, Ron Garney, Michael Broussard, Whilce Portacio, Billy Tucci.
CSC: Super-Psychology

Sharon Packer, MD (Albert Einstein College of Medicine) explores how Spider-Man's black costume symbiote is emblematic of concepts from psychiatry, neurology, and even the all-but-abandoned field of "folk psychiatry" in the way it is reminiscent of prion disease, dissociative identity disorder, and even the dybbuk tale of Jewish mystical lore and Jungian concepts of the "shadow self."



CSC: Psychiatry and the Superhero

Daniel Debowy (North Suffolk Community Mental Health) contends that the Batman mythology, in which psychiatrists are portrayed as naive, antagonists triumph over the "balanced" citizens of Gotham, and only the "un-analyzed" – but arguably disturbed – heroes can rein them in, is inherently an anti-psychiatry narrative, and asks if this plays a part in its enduring popularity. Sharon Packer (Albert Einstein College of Medicine) explores how Spider-Man's black costume symbiote is emblematic of concepts from psychiatry, neurology, and even the all-but-abandoned field of "folk psychiatry" in the way it is reminiscent of prion disease, dissociative identity disorder, and even the dybbuk tale of Jewish mystical lore and Jungian concepts of the "shadow self."

Ban 'em, Burn 'em, Steal 'em! A Fan's Guide to Graphic Novel Censorship
Comics and graphic novels have long been targets of the censor. Come learn about
the history of comics censorship, contemporary campaigns to keep graphic novels out
of the hands of youth, and find out what you can do to fight comics censorship in your
community.

Street Angel

An exclusive screening of the multi-award-winning short film Street Angel, based on the hit comic by Jim Rugg & Brian Maruca ('Afrodisiac'). The screening will be followed by a Q&A with writer/director Lucas Testro, hosted by Chris Neseman, cohost of Around Comics, 11 O'Clock Comics and the iFanboy: Don't Miss podcast.

Vampire Cowboys

The OBIE Award winning, geek theatre company, Vampire Cowboys brings the action alive with their martial arts inspired fights for the stage. Don't miss the fun of flying nunchucks, swinging swords, and pumping beats.

Diversify!*

*Professional Hours

October 9 Panels

Have a Great Idea for a TV Show?

A Starter's Guide on Independent Television

Join the great people from the NYTVF in this starter's guide to indie TV!

DC Talent Search Orientation

Join DC's Editorial Art Director, Mark Chiarello, for an informative orientation session that will explain how DC's Talent Search works and discuss the different needs of the DC Universe, Vertigo, WildStorm and Mad Magazine. If you want to learn what DC Comics looks for in artists and how to improve your chances of becoming a working professional, than this is the panel for you! In order to have your work reviewed,

attendance at this orientation session is mandatory. (Please note: Not all attendees are guaranteed a one-on-one review.)

Cosplay Dating Game

Due to popular demand, the Cosplay Dating game returns to NYAF 2010. Joins us as nine different anime/video game characters attempt to win the hearts of our lovely bachelor and bachelorettes!

MARVEL Video Games

Join us as we preview never-before-seen game videos, trailers, surprise reveals, and more from the Thor, Captain America, Spider-Man: Shattered Dimensions, The Super Hero Squad: The Infinity Gauntlet video games and the Super Hero Squad MMO. Plus a Q&A with talent from some of the industry's top publishers!

Corey Feldman Offers a Glimpse of Lost Boys: The Thirst

Everybody's favorite Frog Brother, Corey Feldman, presents a sneak peak of Lost Boys: The Thirst, the latest high-energy, action-packed adventure in the ongoing franchise. Join Corey for some choice words and select clips regarding the cult classic's third film, in which the lost boys and girls of San Cazador prepare to party under the Blood Moon – while an alpha vampire conspires to turn these unsuspecting ravers into an army of undead. Expect some serious blood-sucker butt kicking in the film that streets on October 12 from Warner Home Video.

PUBLISHER SPOTLIGHT: HARPERCOLLINS – Science Fiction, Urban Fantasy, Fantasy and Paranormal List Leaders

Join key HarperCollins editors as they discuss the innovative and exciting works of Science Fiction, Fantasy, Urban Fantasy/Urban Noir and Paranormal Romance. Learn what has recently sprung from the fertile (and sometimes twisted) imaginations of such celebrated authors as Guillermo del Toro, Kim Harrison, Raymond Feist, Richard Kadrey, Brom, Neil Gaiman, Marjorie M. Liu, Sherrilyn Kenyon, Jeaniene Frost, and many more. We'll look at what's hot right now with American readers – and also the trends and authors that our colleagues in the UK and Australia have given special insight upon! All attendees will receive an e-sampler of some of the company's biggest books for the forthcoming seasons, and everyone who attends the session will be entered to win a new e-reading device!

ARCHAIA ALL ACCESS

Get updates, previews and new information on current and upcoming core Archaia titles as the publisher spotlights: AWAKENING VOL. 2 with artist Alex Eckman-Lawn; CRITICAL MILLENNIUM with writer Andrew E. C. Gaska and artist Daniel Dussault; FEEDING GROUND with creators Swifty Lang, Michael Lapinski and Christopher Mangun; and THE GOD MACHINE with creator Chandra Free; Plus, there will be exclusive announcements on upcoming Archaia projects! Moderated by Archaia editor-in-chief Stephen Christy.



The Science of Battlestar Galactica

Patrick Di Justo and Kevin Grazier, authors of the official tie-in The Science of Battlestar Galactica, and Richard Hatch, actor on both the original 1978 series and the 2005 reboot, answer your questions about the science of the BSG world! Di Justo is a contributing editor to Wired magazine and has also written for other publications including the New York Times and Popular Science. Grazier works at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, was the official science advisor for the 2005 Battlestar Galactica, and is now the science advisor for the Syfy show Eureka. Hatch played the dashing Captain Apollo in the original series, and returned as political leader Tom Zarek for the 2005 series. The Science of Battlestar Galactica will be published on November 1st, 2010, but you'll have a chance to win an early copy through a BSG trivia contest.

Fanfiction: from Mary Sue to Shakespeare

Fanfiction is much more than just amateur writers posting slash fic on fanfiction.net. It is an honorable tradition that goes back to some of our most iconic writers of all time. This panel will examine the history behind fanfiction, and the culture of fanfiction today, and give some writing tips.

Cosplay Q&A

Come join veteran cosplayers for a no-holds-barred cosplay Q & A. They'll answer any questions about performance, craftsmanship and all other topics.

MTV Geek with Stan Lee

Join MTV Geek as they discuss what's in store for MTV Comics over the coming year and announce the inital line-up of titles along with some very exciting new projects with comics and animation legends Stan Lee and Bill Plympton.

Trion Worlds Panel - A look at Rift: Planes of Telara and End of Nations

Join key development talent from online game developer Trion Worlds at this exclusive panel presentation on the hotly-anticipated massively multiplayer online games, Rift: Planes of Telara and End of Nations. Panelists include Scott Hartsman (CCO, Trion Worlds), Mike Legg (President, Petroglyph Studios), Ricardo Sanchez (writer of the comic miniseries), and David Reid (VP of Publishing, Trion Worlds).

Hangry & Angry Fashion Show & Gashicon Q&A

Hangry & Angry is a group formed by Hitomi Yoshizawa and Rika Ishikawa, former members of the famous idol band Morning Musume. Here, they've literally become the characters initially born from the collaboration between h.Naoto, designer and leader in the Gothic & Lolita and Visual-Kei fashion, and Gashicon, illustrator and creator of the Guro-kawa (Grotesque & Cute) characters of Hangry & Angry. Enter their world in this special fashion show and panel featuring Rika Ishikawa and Gashicon.

Bandai Industry Panel

Gurren Lagann, Lucky Star, Gundam 00, and CODE GEASS, are just a few of

Bandai's titles. Spend an hour with the good folks from Bandai as they reveal their plans for the rest of the year as well as 2011!

Kirby Krackle Live

Join Seattle-based nerd rock band duo KIRBY KRACKLE (Jim Demonakos and Kyle Stevens) for a VH1 Storytellers-style panel. The band, whose self-titled debut album was named One of the best albums of 2009 by Tuscon Weekly, while their new album, E For Everyone, was called Geek Rock Perfection by Wired, will be doing live songs, discussing music and their approach to it, and much more! Every attendee to the panel also receives a high-five absolutely free!

The History of Superhero Movies- Past, Present, and Future

Historian Eddy Friedfeld analyzes the Superhero movie, the history and future of the genre: From the innovative Fleischer animated Superman cartoons and the Batman and Superman serials of the 1940's to George Reeves and Christopher Reeve's Men of Steel, to the Dark Knight, Spider-Man trilogy, and the latest crop, including Iron Man, The Spirit, and Green Hornet

The Music of Heroes

A celebration of film scoring for comic book and super hero movies and shows as well as other genre movies that we all love. Music has long been an important factor in making us believe that a man can fly, or dress up like a bat to fight crime, or swing around on webs. This panel will explore why.

Intro to Animation Voice-over Acting with Stevie Vallance

The Workshop was created specifically for Animation/Animé Industry Professionals and Fans. It focuses on character development by way of audition monologues, improvisational exercises and "special techniques". Participants are encouraged to have a great time 'falling on their butts' as they transform into "Toons!"

Spotlight on Ne-Yo

R&B star Ne-Yo will introduce his story, Libra Scale, a superhero tale about love vs. power. He will talk about his love for comic books and graphic novels, his inspirations for the Libra Scale story and show three videos from his upcoming album that tell part of the Libra Scale story.

K.JOE'S Ultimate Tips: How to Get More Japanese Artists to Perform in America With special guests from Japan, exclusive content, and free giveaways, you'll learn all the secrets about Japanese music's struggles and strategies to make it into the North American market.

Crispin Freeman Spotlight

He's Alucard, Kyon, Touga, and much, much more. Meet one of America's most iconic voices, Crispin Freeman, and hear about his newest project -- Durarara!



DC Universe

lan Sattler, Senior Story Editor, and your favorite writers and artists are here for the main event: The DC Universe! What lies ahead for your favorite heroes and series? Got a question for your favorite DCU creator? Come on by! There's no greater gathering of top-tier creative talent!

Marvel Super Hero Squad - Gazillion

Childhood Heroes and Iconic Ips. This panel discusses the process of translating the Marvel Universe into an online game. How do you make darker characters kid friendly? What's it like to work with an IP holder and re-interpret their vision? Come chat with The Amazing Society, makers of the Super Hero Squad Marvel MMO and get the scoop!

FUNimation Industry Panel

Sengoku Basara! Black Butler! One Piece! Evangelion! Need we go on? Get the latest from FUNimation right here.

Geek Comedy

It's the Geek Comedy Tour with Chris Barylick, Joe Deeley, Evan Valentine, Jake Young, Matt Maragno, Jared Logan and Jimmy Meritt!

Voice Actors: East Meets West

Voice actress Minori Chihara spends time on stage with a selection of voice actors and actresses from the USA for a discussion between professionals about voice acting in the US and Japan.

Mort Walker and Beetle Bailey

Comic strip legend Mort Walker talks with Tom Spurgeon of The Comics Reporter, about the 60th anniversary of his wonderful creation and his new collection Beetle Bailey: 1965 Daily & Sunday Strips, published by Titan Books. From the moment he entered the service, Private Beetle Bailey spent his every waking moment—and there haven't been many of them—figuring out how to do as little as possible!Mort Walker will be signing copies of the new Beetle Bailey: 1965 Daily & Sunday Strips collection at Titan's Booth # 2322 on Saturday 9th October 9th at 2.30pm.

Top Cow: We Create...Events!

Join Top Cow founder Marc Silvestri & Publisher Filip Sablik for a special New York edition of the Top Cow roadshow, which can best be described as "lively" and "irreverent." Joining them will be creators Ron Marz (Witchblade) and Michael Broussard (The Darkness) to discuss the runaway event success Artifacts. Also joining the panel will be television and movie star Milo Ventimiglia (Heroes) and his producing partner Russ Cundiff of DiVide Pictures to talk about the return of Rest! Plus a special appearance by American Original's Jeff Katz with more exciting news from Geekweek. com and American Original! Find out why at Top Cow... we create!

Gold/Silver Age Living Legends Panel

Today's comics are built on the shoulders of giants, many of whom we are lucky enough to not only still have among us, but who are also still producing quality work. This year's Golden/Silver Age panel features AL JAFFEE (Mad magazine; Al Jaffee's Mad Life), JERRY ROBINSON (Batman; Jerry Robinson: The Ambassador of Comics), JOHN ROMITA (Spider-Man; Captain America), IRWIN HASEN (Justice Society; LoverBoy) and RAMONA FRADON (Aquaman; Brenda Starr). Rounding out the panel are PAUL LEVITZ (longtime DC President and Publisher; Legion of Super-Heroes) and moderator DANNY FINGEROTH (DarkHawk; The Stan Lee Universe), who grew up reading Golden and Silver Age comics. And be prepared for a surprise appearance or two by comics giants of yesterday and today.

The Image Comics Show

Join Image Comics for exclusive announcements about upcoming projects, updates about ongoing projects, and a Q&A session with some of Image's best creators. Don't miss your chance to find out about what we're up to before anyone else does, get exclusive give-aways, and ask questions of your favorite creators! Panelists include Ron Marz (Firebreather vs. Dragon Prince), Nick Spencer (Morning Glories), Tom Coker (Undying Love) Joe Kelly (I Kill Giants), Ben McCool (Choker), and James Zhang (Daomu).

RED AND OTHER ASTOUNDING TALES

Wanna know more about RED—one of this fall's most anticipated movies with an all-star cast led by Bruce Willis? Well, artist Cully Hamner is up front-and-center to tell all about his exciting thriller co-created with Warren Ellis. Plus, with your host, Vice President & General Manager Hank Kanalz, there's more RED comic news in store for our ageless hero!

Disorganization XIII's Spoiler The Panel 4

Do you know what happened at the end of Evangelion? Neither do we! Come have the endings of your favorite anime, comics, manga, movies, video games and shows spoiled for you in the most hilarious way possible. We have more jokes than Jean Grey has deaths. It's been four years and we just don't know when to stop! (Caution: Strong Language and Adult Humor. Parental discretion is advised.)

Star Driver Premiere

Star Driver is a new series created and animated by BONES and produced by Aniplex. The series is directed by Takuya Igarashi, with character designs by Yoshiyuki Ito and Hiroka and Misa Mizuya. Check out the first episode with some surprise guests!

MARVEL Television Presents - The Avengers Earth's Mightiest Heroes

Enter the Avengers Mansion and become a part of the team! Marvel will introduce you to top-secret Avengers files, including never-before-seen footage, imagery, and the premiere of two full-length episodes from the all-new The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes animated series premiering on Disney XD this fall!



Guild Wars 2

The development team from ArenaNet will be on hand to present the latest news on Guild Wars 2 development. They will also answer fan questions about the game in a Q&A panel session.

Byakkokan Dojo

Since its inception in 2005, the Byakkokan Dojo has upheld the style of Toyama Ryu Battodo. These techniques were made for practical battlefield use with the Japanese sword and are practiced through forms and test cutting.

Rika "Angry" Ishikawa Spotlight

Hangry & Angry is a music group formed by Hitomi Yoshizawa and Rika Ishikawa, former members of the famous idol band Morning Musume. Meet Rika Ishikawa -- half of the group -- at NYAF!

MTV Horror Panel: My Super Psycho Sweet 16 Part 2/Savage County

MTV is seeing the horror genre play a more and more significant role in today's youth culture. Responding to this need, MTV is tapping into some of the most diverse, artistic and indie talent to provide original and authentic horror content for its viewers. With this panel, MTV showcases its latest projects, My Super Psycho Sweet 16 Part 2 and Savage County. Come meet the filmmakers, Jacob Gentry and David Harris, actresses Lauren McKnight and Kirsten Prout, and receive free swag to be autographed, including an exclusive giveaway: a signed limited edition poster of a painting created in famed artist's Vincent Castiglia's own blood."

Far East To East Showcase

Superglorious is presenting the Far East To East Showcase -- with Puffy AmiYumi, Boom Boom Satellites, Zazen Boys, and Echosteam -- on Saturday night. Meet all the bands right here!

SMBC Theater

The Internet's fastest growing sketch comedy show comes to New York. They'll be revealing some never-before-scene material and answering your questions about the creative and technical parts of the show.

MARVEL Avengers Assemble!

Heeding the call, Earth's Greatest have assembled once again for the most anticipated comics event in a decade! Find out all the info as the creators behind your favorite Marvel heroes answer your questions and let you in on what happens next! Join Vice President, Executive Editor, Tom Brevoort, Brian Michael Bendis (Avengers), Matt Fraction (Invincible Iron Man), Christos Gage (Avengers Academy) and more as they shed some light on the AVENGERS!

THE LXD featuring JON M. CHU

Enjoy a sneak preview of never-before-seen footage from "The Legion of Extraordinary

Dancers" (THE LXD), the hit original online dance series from visionary director Jon M. Chu (STEP UP 3-D, STEP UP 2: THE STREETS), followed by a Q/A Session with Jon. THE LXD has earned rave reviews and consistently ranked in the #1 slot on Hulu, as one of the top 10 most popular shows. We invite you to experience this passion project that defys gravity and is unlike anything you've ever seen... where the talents of real life poppers, b-boys, tappers, and modern dancers are the real superheroes of our day.

Stan Lee @ BOOM!

Join Stan Lee and Mark Waid as they discuss the details of Soldier Zero, The Traveler, and Starborn, Stan Lee's new series at BOOM!, which will be some of the most exciting new titles of 2010/2011!

Uncle Yo

Having escaped from Raccoon and Shinra City, Yo takes on his old stomping grounds of New York City. Get your jutsus warmed up because this Starfleet intern wears the Number 1 ninja headband. Karl "Uncle Yo" Custer premiered his geek-specific standup comedy routine at the first NYAF, and this year will see Uncle Yo's newest evolution!

Out of the Woods: Japanese Fashion

Most people interested in Japanese fashion are familiar with street styles like Lolita, Decora, and Gyaru, but there are many lesser known or newly emerging styles that deserve attention such as Natural Kei, Morigirl, and Dolly Fashion. There will be photos and information about the history of each style as well as models wearing examples. Come and be inspired!

The Sushi Typhoon: The Best in Japanese Genre Movies

Horror, sci-fi, action, and splatter comedy films from Japan have become the most popular new genre in fandom. From the creators of Tokyo Gore Police, The Machine Girl, Suicide Club, Ichi the Killer, Battlefield Baseball, Meatball Machine and many others comes The Sushi Typhoon, an all-you-can-eat smorgasbord of Japanese genre moviemaking about to hit US shores in partnership with Funimation Entertainment! Including an exclusive preview of Yoshihiro (Tokyo Gore Police) Nishimura's upcoming zombie epic, Helldriver!

Jim Lee and ICONS: The DC Comics and Wildstorm Art of Jim Lee

Meet Jim Lee, one of the most popular and successful artists today in modern comics and now co-publisher of DC Comics. Jim's amazing new book; ICONS is available as an exclusive limited edition on Titan Book's Booth # 2322. Jim will discuss the creation of the book and his impact on the DC Comics universe. From roughs and storyboards to pencils and finished color art, ICONS showcases every stage of Jim Lee's creative process. ICONS includes an exclusive, original Legion of Super-Heroes story written by Paul Levitz and illustrated by Jim Lee. Jim will also be signing ICONS, time and location TBD.



City of Heroes Going Rogue:

Taking Comic Book MMOs to the Next Level City of Heroes Going Rogue is this year's biggest super-powered MMO expansion. Introducing a brand new universe to explore, the innovative Alignment System, and amazing power sets, Going Rogue has once again reinvented the comic book MMO. For the first time ever, Lead Designer, Melissa Bianco, Senior Producer Jesse Caceres and Art Lead David Nakayama are here at New York Comic-Con to share with you their story of how they created Going Rogue.

Spotlight on Dean Haspiel

With the release of Graphic NYC Presents: Dean Haspiel, The Early Years, a hybrid of journalism and comics reprint book from IDW/Desperado, writer/editor Christopher Irving (nycgraphicnovelists.com) moderates a panel on Dean's career; past and present. Panelists include Dean Haspiel (Cuba: My Revolution, American Splendor, Billy Dogma), Walter Simonson (Thor, The Judas Coin), Nick Bertozzi (The Salon, Stuffed!), Joan Hilty (DC/Vertigo editor, tentative), and Jonathan Ames (The Alcoholic, HBO's Bored to Death). Get the dirt on comics' own shirtless wonder, as his collaborators, mentors, and friends dish it out.

Crunchyroll Fall Season Announcements

Crunchyroll.com has some news for all of you. What news? You'll need to be here to find out.

Durarara Spotlight

Take in Durarara in English for the first time, meet Crispin Freeman, and learn all about Aniplex's upcoming release!

Start Trekkin'

Live fully improvised episodes set in the universe of the original Star Trek.

Vertigo: On the Edge

Find out what compelling tales comics' edgiest imprint has in store for you in the months to come! Led by Senior VP—Executive Editor Karen Berger, with an all-star lineup of talent that includes Jason Aaron (Scalped), Sarah Glidden (How to Understand Israel in 60 Days or Less), Dean Haspiel (Cuba: My Revolution), Jeff Lemire (Sweet Tooth), Inverna Lockpez (Cuba: My Revolution), Sean Murphy (Hellblazer), Scott Snyder (American Vampire), Peter Straub (Green Woman), Brian Wood (DMZ, Northlanders), Mike Carey (The Unwritten) and RM Guera (Scalped).

Percy Jackson, Artemis Fowl, Tron, and more – Disney Publishing's Growing World of Graphic Novels

Ever wonder what it takes to turn a best-selling book or a blockbuster film into a graphic novel? Disney Publishing Worldwide editors Nachie Castro and Christian Trimmer discuss adapting popular properties such as Tron, Percy Jackson & The Olympians, and Blue Bloods into graphic novels. Scheduled to appear: Robert Venditti, Attila Futaki, and Jose Villarrubia.

Corinne Orr: Speed Racer and Beyond

Corinne Orr -- the voice of Trixie from Speed Racer -- speaks about her career, working in anime before there was an anime industry, and the adventures she's had.

Yen Press

The Yen Press crew will be hosting their annual panel to announce new properties, answer questions from fans, and of course to hand out a bit of swag in the process! Hope to see you there!

MARVEL: Cup O Joe

This is it, Mighty Marvel fans, the no-holds-barred, anything goes, full of surprises panel you wait all year for, and it's here! Marvel Editor-in-Chief and Chief Creative Officer Joe Quesada takes on all questions, shocks the audience with jaw-dropping announcements, and keeps you guessing with surprise guests. You never know who will show up, but you better be here, because this is the panel that everyone will be talking about!

DCUO "Creating the Next Legend"

Featuring Jim Lee and Marv Wolfman along with key members of the DCUO development team. The panel will explore how DCUO opens a doorway into the DCU and allows players to step through that virtual portal and build their own legend in the DC Universe.

Getting Paid for Your Work: A Legal Overview

Whether it's a comic book, animated iPhone app, action figure, or first-person shooter video game, getting paid for your work is the "Holy Grail" for artists. Will you know what to ask for when somebody offers you a licensing deal? Can you keep the rights to your comic book and still have it published? Just what is "work for hire" anyway and how does it affect your ability to control your work? What legal actions do I need to take? Join attorneys Thomas A. Crowell, Esq. a name partner at Saperstein & Crowell, LLP and author of The Pocket Lawyer for Filmmakers (www.sclawpartners.com) and Walter-Michael Lee, Esq. of the Intellectual Property Practice Group of Gibney, Anthony & Flaherty, LLP (www.gibney.com) along with artists Allan Norico (http://3distic.blogspot.com/; clients include Warner Bros., Universal Pictures, Dreamworks, Sony Playstation, and Microsoft), John Payne (www.johnwadepayne.com; projects include Robots for 20th Century Fox and Sony's God of War III), Adam Ghahramani (www.theotaku.com; and "Nimble Strong: Bartender in Training" app), and Alan Robert (IDW Publishing's "Wire Hangers" www.alanrobert.com) as they share tips and tricks on licensing, publishing, and work for hire deals.

Pitching Japanese Music to American Media

Purple SKY Magazine and Samurai Beat Radio discuss the do's and don'ts of pitching Japanese music to traditional American media outlets, such as radio and newspaper.



Dragonsong Forge Reveals The Japanese Sword

Discover the art, the beauty, and the danger of the samurai sword. Learn about its history, construction, and skill needed to wield the blade.

Gundam UC Panel and Screening

Gundam UC -- Gundam Unicorn -- is the latest entry into the Gundam universe, an entry that's raising new questions around the very start of the saga. Discover the questions and answers at this special screening, including never-before-scene content, and special appearances by staff!

Darwyn Cooke Spotlight

Darwyn Cooke is the acclaimed writer and artist of DC: The New Frontier, Selina's Big Score, The Spirit for this special spotlight panel. Most recently, Cooke has been concentrating his creative efforts on Parker, a series of graphic novels based on the acclaimed crime writer Richard Stark. The first graphic novel, THE HUNTER, was released last year by IDW Publishing and received glowing reviews from all corners and earned Cooke an Eisner Award. The second graphic novel, THE OUTFIT, is being released at New York Comic Con by Cooke and IDW. Join Cooke and IDW Editor Scott Dunbier as they discuss the world of Parker.

Delocated

Adult Swim panel featuring Delocated! show creator/executive producer and star Jon Glaser. After testifying against the Russian Mafia, "Jon" and his family are uprooted and start living undercover through the witness protection program. After existing quietly in an anonymous suburb, "Jon" accepts an offer for the family to participate in a reality show based on their lives. In order to protect their identity with television audiences—and more importantly, the Russian mob family the Mirminsky's—they wear ski masks and have their voices disguised. As part of the deal, the family is relocated to a sweet loft in New York City, where the series will be filmed. Jon Glaser ("Jon") will discuss the series and answer questions. Now expanded to 30 minutes, season two of Delocated! airs Thursdays at midnight on Adult Swim. Jon will be joined by Steve Cirbus (Sergei), Jerry Minor (Mighty Joe Jon, the Black Blond), Zoe Lister-Jones (Kim), Kevin Dorff (Mike), Mather Zickel (Rob), Jacob Kogan (Jon's son) and John Lee (Executive Producer).

Official Aspen Comics Panel

Join the Aspen Comics team featuring Frank Mastromauro (Dellec, Shrugged), Peter Steigerwald (Soulfire, Ultimatum), Vince Hernandez (Charismagic, Dellec), J.T. Krul (Mindfield, Green Arrow), Joe Benitez (Soulfire, Executive Assistant: Iris), Eric Battle (The Scourge), Alex Konat (Mindfield) and Micah Gunnell (Dellec, Shrugged, Heroes) as they discuss the newest Aspen releases! Every fan will receive an exclusive prize!

AOL's ComicsAlliance Presents: ASK COMICSALLIANCE

Join Comics Alliance's Editor-In-Chief Laura Hudson and Assistant Editor Caleb Goellner in this panel featuring Chris Sims, noted Batmanologist and humorist, along with writers David Brothers and David Uzumeri, as they bring one of Comics Alliance's most popular features to New York Comic Con!

American Airlines

Join our virtual Anime Pilgrimage trip to Japan! JNTO (Japan National Tourism Organization) will welcome Mr. Sakurai, the pop culture diplomat who is also a writer, journalist, event producer and the executive advisor of World Cosplay Summit, and Toshihiro Fukuoka, Editor-in-Chief of Tokyo Kawaii Magazine, to introduce the Anime Pilgrimage sites in Japan. Also, expect a Japan goodie bag in the panel!

Del Rey and Spectra Books

Find out more about the newest titles and exciting projects from Del Rey and Spectra Books, Random House's premiere science fiction and fantasy publishers. Join editors Betsy Mitchell, Anne Groell, and Chris Schluep as they answer your questions, and help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Spectra imprint!

Green Lantern: Emerald Empire

No evil shall escape this panel's sight as the top creative teams on the Green Lantern books drop hints on upcoming stories and take on your questions! Led by Group Editor Eddie Berganza with Geoff Johns (Green Lantern, The Flash), Assistant Editor Adam Schlagman, Tony Bedard (Green Lantern Corps), Rodolfo Migliari (Green Lantern: Emerald Warriors), Joe Prado (Brightest Day), Ivan Reis (Brightest Day) and Peter J. Tomasi (Green Lantern: Emerald Warriors).

Future of Online Gaming

MMORPG.com has brought together some of the top game developers for a round table discussion on where online games are going in the next few years. Come join the group and get your chance to ask developers questions about the games of the future!

Political Cartoonists

Join some of the best, current political cartoonists; Mike Lester, Ann Telnaes, and Steve Brodner in this roundtable discussion moderated by J.J. Sedelmaier. Gaia Online Panel The Gaia Panel is your chance to meet the Gaia staff, get your burning questions answered and take a sneak peek at some of the great stuff we're planning. Expect plenty of fun and some great prizes.

Reni Mimura

NYC's own idol singer performs at New York Anime Festival and New York Comic Con! Discover the magic of her maid-themed musical show!

NY Jedi

Join the NY Jedi as they show off their light saber skills. May the Force be with you!

Comedy Central: Ugly Americans

Go behind the scenes of this animated series sensation. Featuring a sneak peek of



the new season, Q&A, and more. The series follows Mark Lilly, social worker at the Department of Integration, as he helps new citizens both human and "other" adapt to hectic life in the Big Apple. Between his stressful job, a zombie roommate, and a demon ex-girlfriend, Mark's lucky if he can sneak in a few minutes of sleep. But who can sleep when there's a drop-dead gorgeous Mermaid sitting at the bar?

Where is the line between Science Fiction and Science Faction?

Throughout modern history, fantasy has pushed and nudged reality opening new worlds of imagination and innovation. Advances in military, medicine, technology and intelligence gathering can often trace their roots to the writer's pen or director's vision. In this post Avatar world we live in, the wall between sci fi and sci fact continues to disappear. What does the future hold for these two worlds? Have we come to a time when the two are no longer separate entities but rather working hand in hand with one another? And what does that mean for our entertainment choices, our ethical code and society as a whole? City College Physic Professor and host of Science Channel's SCI FI SCIENCE, Dr, Michio Kaku is joined by award-winning writer and son of Carl Sagan, Nick Sagan to discuss these issues, review the tangled history of sci fi/ sci fact and preview the latest in sci fi storytelling.

Square Enix

Check out the latest from Square Enix!

HASBRO & IDW

Join IDW Publishing's Editor Andy Schmidt with a stable of talented creators from the Hasbro universe, Mike Costa, Robert Atkins, John Barber, and... Fan favorites Dan Abnett & Andy Lanning?! What are they doing here? You'll have to attend to find out. Plus, learn what's in the works for 2011 with TRANSFORMERS, G.I. JOE, Dungeons & Dragons and the big buzz surrounding the upcoming Infestation event!

MARVEL Television Presents MARVEL Anime

Marvel Television will premiere a full-length episode from the highly anticipated Iron Man Anime series! In addition to the screening, Marvel will feature an exclusive first look at upcoming Marvel Anime designs, produced by the world-renowned Japanese animation studio, MADHOUSE -- whose notable films include hits such as: Ninja Scroll and The Girl Who Leapt Through Time.

Destroy All Dogmas: The Politics of Daikaiju Eiga

Can wrestling with colossal monsters inspire struggling with social problems? In this panel of multimedia presentations combined with audience discussion, we will look at how daikaiju eiga (giant monster movies) from around the world carry subtle (and not-so-subtle) political ideas – from allegories of imperialism, to warnings about technology and ecological catastrophe.

Vertical, Inc.

From Black Jack to cooking donburi, learn about Vertical, Inc., one of America's most

unique manga publishers.

Yoshiki and Stan Lee

Two immortal names representing pop culture from the East and West. Together at NYCC and NYAF.

Graphic Novels from Publishing to Hollywood

A panel with agents and writers/artists about taking graphic novels and turning them into movies or traditional novels.

TRON: Legacy

The developers of TRON: Evolution will be presenting an inside look at the upcoming game that bridges the story from the original TRON to the upcoming holiday film "TRON: Legacy." The team will be showing off new areas of the game, discussing free roaming game exploration, the unique high mobility combat and showing off the iconic light cycles in gameplay while discussing their collaboration with the filmmakers to create a unique game.

LGBT Comics, Creators, and Characters

Open your eyes to the wide world of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender characters and creators in contemporary comics and graphic novels. Moderated by Jeff Krell, creator of the long-running gay-themed humor strip Jayson, scheduled panelists include famed underground comix creator and graphic novelist Howard Cruse (Wendel, Stuck Rubber Baby, original editor of Gay Comix), Abby Denson (High School Confidential), Tim Fish (Cavalcade of Boys, Young Bottoms in Love), Joan Hilty (Bitter Girl, an editor at DC's Vertigo imprint), Phil Jimenez (Eisner and GLAAD-nominated writer/artist for DC Comics) and Dan Parent (longtime Archie Comics writer/artist who created Kevin Keller, Archie's first openly gay teen).

Kanon and An Café

An Café bassist Kanon speaks to his fans about his band, Visual-kei, and his new game, PinkyDistortion -- allowing fans to act as manager for a virtual Visual-kei band!

AMV Contest

Now that digital video editing can be done on nearly every computer in the world, more and more anime fans are discovering the fun of making their own music videos from their favorite songs and their favorite anime series and movies, and the New York Anime Festival is proud to play host to a competition between the editors, storytellers, and artists that are AMV (anime music video) makers.

Comedy Central: Nick Swardson's Pretend Time

Nick Swardson's Pretend Time is a sketch show in which each sketch is filtered through the absurd point-of-view of stand-up comedian Nick Swardson. Swardson takes the viewer into his goofy world through a series of sketches including the adventures of a jealous man whose mother left her estate to the family cat as well as



sketches inspired by the Internet sensation "Gay Robot," which follows the life of a gay robot and his frat boy friends. Swardson's world of make-believe incorporates every reach of the imagination - from time travel accidents to a pirate crew's unfortunately located treasure map. Get a taste of Nick with a sneak peek of the series, Q&A with Nick, and more.

The Future of Comics -- Digital and Print:

Comixology's John Roberts joins Webcomics.com's co-founders Scott Kurtz and Brad Guigar to discuss the futures of both print and digital comics in realistic terms.

Indie Cred: Why Indie Comics Matter

Alex Robinson and other indie creators talk about their craft, the state of indie comics and more! Moderated by Tracey John, UGO's Comics, Toys and Collectables Editor.

Square Enix

Check out the latest from Square Enix!

eSports - The Phenomenon of Competitive Gaming

We explain the notion of eSports , its growing importance, how it is organized, and how similar to "regular" sport disciplines it is. Some of the most distinguished tournaments will also be explained.

Gay for You? Yaoi and Yuri Manga for GBLTQ Readers

Depending on who you're talking to, yaoi and yuri manga are adored or reviled. These same sex romances challenge manga conventions of sexuality, romance, intended audience, and appeal. Or do they? Join a panel of manga commentators, reviewers, creators and librarians to debate the joys and disappointments of GLBTQ fans reading vaoi and yuri manga.

The Rise of Gainax: from Daicon III to Evangelion

Just what is "Studio Gainax"? A brand name on your Gurren Lagann DVD box? A faceless source of hit anime series that fall out of the sky? Or, "Japanese anime fans" who banded together to make series by fans, for fans? Learn the real story of "The Men Who Made Evangelion": how a few amateur university students who made the opening ceremonies AMV at their local convention, against all odds pulled themselves up by their bootstraps to become "the kings of all otaku". A tale that stretches back to the boom years of the anime industry in the 1980's (before there even was a "Studio Ghibli", much less Gainax), through the Japanese economic crash of the 1990's; and how Gainax mirrored the state of the industry as a whole. Hosted by ReVolutionOfEvangelion.org.

Kubert School Spotlight and Art Demo with Joe and Adam Kubert

The Joe Kubert School of Cartoon and Graphic Art has been fostering the next generation of talent for the last 35 years. In this spotlight, Joe Kubert (Sgt. Rock, Hawkman) and his son, Adam Kubert (Astonishing Spider-Man/Wolverine), answer

all your questions about the Kubert school. During this session, Joe Kubert will also demonstrate his drawing techniques in a live demo. The piece he creates in the demo will be raffled off with the proceeds benefiting the National Cartoonists Society Foundation to aid indigent cartoonists. Stop by the the Joe Kubert School booth (#2289) Friday or Saturday for details and to purchase raffle tickets. Don't miss out on this chance to see a living legend create a work of art right before your eyes!

I'm from the Future and I LARP - RPGs, Augmented Reality, and You

Technologies from across the net will be implemented into future gaming, creating a world where gamers are "present" in the augmented world. The Escapist presents a discussion amongst augmented reality expert Robert Rice, gameplay expert Greg Costikyan, and RPG expert Alex Macris. Moderated by Susan Arendt.

Disney Epic Mickey

Explore the power of the brush like never before as Warren Spector (Creative Director, Junction Point – Disney Interactive Studios) unveils a new glimpse into the Disney Epic Mickey video game world of Wasteland and its forgotten cartoon star, Oswald the Lucky Rabbit. Joining him will be Peter David (award-winning comic writer) who will discuss the Disney Epic Mickey Digicomic, along with the Disney Epic Mickey graphic novel. Q&A opportunities will be available.

Do Zombies Dream of Undead Sheep?

Join preeminent zombologists and zombie theorists in discussing where the zombie menace came from and where it's going. Mac Montandon (moderator), author of The Proper Care and Feeding of Zombies (Wiley, 2010), which answers all your questions about the science of the living dead; Mira Grant, author of Feed (Orbit, 2010), in which blogging becomes an important way to spread news about a zombie invasion; Justine Larbalestier and Alaya Dawn Johnson, editor of and contributor to the YA anthology Zombies vs. Unicorns, in which many bestselling teen authors make arguments through fiction for the most awesome supernatural creature; Robin Becker, author of Brains: A Zombie Memoir (HarperCollins, 2010), in which one mindless zombie is not so mindless, and starts a movement for zombie civil rights; Alan Goldsher, author of Paul Is Undead (Pocket Books, 2010), an alternate history version of the Beatles invasion, in which Paul, John, and George are zombies and Ringo is their ninja protector; and Richard Kadrey, author of Kill the Dead (Eos, 2010), in which supernatural investigator Sandman Slim deals with a zombie uprising in LA.

The Best (And Worst) Games From Japan That You've Never Heard Of

The best games are made in Japan, everyone knows that, and most of them manage to make it out here eventually. Meanwhile, those we don't get are the source of frustration and crocodile tears from many hardcore gamers and aficionados of Japan alike. But then there's ones that have been under the veil of obscurity, which take awesomeness (and sometimes bizarreness) to a whole new level. The ones that hardly no one talks about, perhaps for good reason! Until now: we'll be going over some of the absolute best... and worst... games that Japan has to offer.



Minori Chihara Concert

Minori Chihara has given her voice both to characters as well as to theme songs in over 40 anime series. She is most well known as Yuki Nagato in the popular Melancholy of Haruhi Suzyumiya anime series, and in addition to voicing Yuki Nagato in the new Disappearance of Haruhi Suzumiya film, Ms. Chihara also performs its theme song, Yasashii Boukyaku. Hear her perform Yasashii Boukyaku and so much more as she kicks off the NYAF Masquerade with a performance on Saturday night!

What's New at Femmes Fatales?

Get an exclusive sneak preview at the new HBO/Cinemax TV series, Femme Fatales, with the show's Executive Producers Mark A. Altman (Castle) and Steve Kriozere (NCIS) and meet the star of Femme Fatales' first comic book, The Unknowns, Monica Olsen, recently optioned by Brett Ratner, along with other sexy stars of film, television, music and the web. Moderated by Femme Fatales Magazine publisher David E. Williams.

ItsJustSomeRandomPanel with ItsJustSomeRandomGuy

The YouTube sensation and creator of the "Hi, I'm a Marvel...and I'm a DC" parody series is back again at New York Comic Con! You've waited and waited! You've spent countless hours clicking the "Refresh" button! You've e-mailed hundreds of pleas/ demands/death-threats! Well, you can stash those ransom notes for another day, because Episode 4 of Zero Hour premieres right here!

Graphic Novel Roundtable

Join some of the most acclaimed graphic novel creators in this roundtable discussion.

Unusual Manga Genres

Thanks to the importing of manga you can read veterinarian manga, salaryman manga, fishing manga, and manga about baking bread! Erin and Noah from the Ninja Consultant podcast present the absolutely most insane manga titles available in English - and a few titles which won't be translated anytime soon.

Meat the Maids

Learn about the origins of maid cafés, get to know Apple Kissa with Q&A, and play games for prizes.

Michael Uslan: The Dark Knight Phenomenon

Come by for this Spotlight on Michael Uslan and the phenomenon that is The Dark Knight.

Roddenberry is Back!

Roddenberry Productions, helmed by the Son of Gene Roddenberry (The Creator of Star Trek), Eugene "Rod" Roddenberry, Jr., Trevor Roth (C.O.O./Head of Development), and Tory Mell Production Supervisor) have news to share about some

old, new, and original properties!

Movies, Music, Anime, and Pop Culture

We'll be talking about movies, music, and anime that has shaped US pop culture this past decade. We'll vote on the Top 20 movies 2000-2010, music albums 2000-2010, and Top 5 US anime among other topics. English Dave (my movie screenings/marketing dept), Shoichi (Sabit Clothing/president), Amanda McIntyre (EMI music publishing), and Greg B (actor/tv show host) host the event.

Masquerade

Cosplay is a unique and beautiful part of fandom, and the New York Anime Festival and New York Comic Con celebrate the world of cosplay with a Masquerade -- a costume showcase that is part fashion show and part talent show -- like no other. The winning team takes home the Yume Cosplay Prize -- a trip to a global cosplay destination! See the best of the best -- costumers from around NYC and around the USA -- compete for this top prize. And be sure to get there early to get a seat as Guest of Honor Minori Chihara will be kicked off the event with a concert!

Birdy The Mighty: Decode

Birdy is an interstellar space agent sent to Earth to investigate the appearance of aliens under the secret identity of a popular idol. A frantic late-night mission causes her to catch an innocent schoolboy, Tsutomu, in her deadly line of fire. (FUNimation)

Hatsune Miku Concert

Catch a rare US appearance of Vocaloid virtual pop sensation at Hatsune Miku! This digital film concert is a dynamic synthesis of technology and human creativity in the 21st Century!

Aria

Aria takes places 150 years after Mars was terraformed into the watery planet Aqua. Fifteen-year-old Akari Mizunashi has come to Aqua to become an "Undine," a woman who steers a gondola through the canals of Neo Venezia. This is her story. (Right Stuf)

Industrial Light & Magic

The hour-long special has interviews with filmmakers George Lucas, Steven Spielberg, Ron Howard, J.J. Abrams and Jon Favreau, actors Samuel L. Jackson and Robin Williams, producer Jerry Bruckheimer and John Lasseter, the chief creative officer at Walt Disney and Pixar Animation Studios. Leslie Iwerks' documentary takes audiences behind the scenes at ILM with in depth interviews with some of the company's top talent and showcases never before seen footage highlighting many of their pioneering milestones. From creating the first ever computer generated character in a feature film to the latest advancements in visual effects for film franchises like Transformers and Iron Man, ILM has created some of the most memorable movie moments in recent



history. Introduction by Jonathan Shair, Senior Vice President Network Operations, Starz Entertainment.

Hetalia

Italy, once home of the strongest empire in the world, has changed. This is the story of Italy, now a cowardly pasta-loving fool, and his friends as they live through strange moments in world history. (FUNimation)

Dirty Pair

Intergalactic private eyes Kei and Yuri operate under the name "Lovely Angels," but they're better known as the "Dirty Pair". See, they always solve the case, but something always goes very, very wrong. (Right Stuf)

X'amd

Advance Screening! Secret Origin: The Story of DC Comics

Behind the amazing tales of Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman is the equally impressive story of the challenges, creativity and triumphs of the company that brought those characters to life. Join Warner Home Video and DC Entertainment for a prerelease screening of the all-new documentary, Secret Origin: The Story of DC Comics, a compelling insider's tale and a 75th anniversary celebration filled with interviews, archival footage and a dazzling parade of riveting, splashy DC covers. Secret Origin is narrated by Ryan Reynolds, and will be distributed by Warner Home Video on November 9, 2010.

Corpse Princess

The Corpse Princess is Makina Hoshimura, an undead girl who seeks to hunt down 108 corpses in order to go to heaven. (FUNimation)

Alien vs. Ninja

The alien is unkillable. It is unbeatable. But it made one mistake: it forgot to make itself ninja-proof. Mature audiences. (FUNimation)

Crunchyroll

Crunchyroll presents one of their new titles for the first time!

Assault Girls

Written and directed by Mamoru Oshii, Assault Girls is the tale of three women and one man -- with an assortment of weaponry -- who wage war against giant mutant sandwhales in a barren landscape. (Well Go)

Ars Nova and Ape Entertainment

Ars Nova and Ape Entertainment will be holding a screening of Black Dynamite on Saturday October 9th from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM. A question and answer session will precede the screening and will feature Black Dynamite director Scott Sanders, Black

Dynamite composer/editor Adrian "AJ" Younge, and Wax Poetics Editor and founder Andre Torres. The Q&A will also feature a first look at clips from the upcoming Black Dynamite: The Animated Series on [adult swim]. All attendees will receive a limited edition copy of a Black Dynamite: Slave Island preview book featuring a cover by Ed Laroche.

Computer Coloring

Top comic coloring talent Brian Haberlin demonstrates the latest and greatest computer coloring techniques. Extra long session makes time for audience questions and tutorials.

Comics and Graphic Novels in the Secondary English/Language Arts Classroom

Educators who utilize texts in the secondary English/language arts curriculum will discuss practical ideas for including particular graphic novels in the classroom. In particular, educators will discuss how to embed graphic novels in the traditional curriculum by connecting graphic novels/comics with canonical texts and helping students create their own texts. Educators will think through criteria they can create to evaluate appropriate gns for curricular adoption.

Digital Comics & Distribution

More comic book publishers are turning to digital distribution on websites, the iPad, and more to get comics into people's hands. Get the inside scoop on how digital comics are created and distributed by some of the industry's publishing leaders. Featuring: Ira Rubenstein (Marvel), Jim Lee (DC Comics), & Micah Baldwin (Graphic. ly), David Steinberger (Comixology). Moderator: Buddy Scalera

Comics, Graphic Novels, and Manga for Kids

Comics for kids are the new cool thing in libraries – some libraries are even starting a separate children's collection. But what do these collections look like? What comics are out there for kids? Does creating a kid-specific collection pose new and different challenges for librarians?

Comics, Hollywood - What Creators Need to Know

More comics are being turned into films, and creators have important questions about how Hollywood works. Get actionable information from top creators who have navigated the TV and movie business. Featuring: Jimmy Palmiotti, Ross Richie (BOOM). Moderator: Buddy Scalera

Comics, Graphic Novels, and Manga for Teens

Teen graphic novels are where the library market is right now. With the debut of the YALSA Great Graphic Novels for Teens list in 2003, graphic novels for teens have been front and center with libraries. What does the teen comics collection look like now? What challenges have there been putting together these collections?



Comics, Graphic Novels, and Manga for Adults

We've all heard that graphic novels are great for reluctant readers. But what about for adult readers? Do they need comics too? The panelists on this panel will tell you that the answer is yes! But how do you find, shelve, and drive interest for an adult graphic novel collection?

CSC: In Person: Wheeler-Nicholson and Marston

Danny Fingeroth (Disguised as Clark Kent: Jews, Comics, and the Creation of the Superhero) and Gerard Jones (Men of Tomorrow: Geeks, Gangsters, and the Birth of the Comic Book) investigate the early history of DC Comics with the granddaughter of company founder Major Malcolm Wheeler-Nicholson, Nicky Wheeler-Nicholson Brown, and son of Wonder Woman creator William Moulton Marston, Pete Marston.

Special Topics in Graphic Novel Librarianship: A Roundtable

Graphic novels have just exploded onto library shelves – and along with the high circulation and critical acclaim, they've brought some complications with them that we're just starting to figure out the solutions to. If you're having problems figuring out how best to fit graphic novels into your collection, this roundtable is for you. The roundtable has a special focus on the following issues: circulation, shelving and cataloging, academic collections, manga, and challenges.

CSC: Gotham City 14 Miles: Why Batman '66 Matters

Editor Jim Beard (Gotham City 14 Miles) and Batfan Mark Waid (Boom Studios) lead a roundtable of contributors to Gotham City 14 Miles, a collection of essays from Sequart Books on the 1960s Batman TV series, the comics that inspired it, and why it should matter to both comic book fans and followers of pop culture alike on the 1960s TV phenomenon. Participants include Jennifer Stuller (Ink-Stained Amazons) Paul Kupperberg (And Then I Wrote blog), Bob Greenberger (bobgreenberger.com), Peter Sanderson (Comics In Context), Tim Callahan (geniusboyfiremelon.blogspot.com), Michael Miller (Toledo Free Press), Joe Berenato, Julian Darius (Sequart Books).

Comic Events that Really Work

Events can drive a large percentage of bookstore sales. How can stores make comics events work to capitalize on this potential? What kinds of events work best with comics? When art is involved in a book, do you need a different perspective on putting an event together?

CSC: New York

Brad Ricca (Case Western Reserve University) proposes the significance of the 1939-1940 New York World's Fair in shaping the public perception of the superhero. Robert Greenwood (Alternative Mindz Ent.) celebrates New York as home to both creator and creations alike, from Will Eisner and the Marvel and DC bullpens to the masked crimefighters who patrol the very streets their creators walk. Daryl G. Frazetti (Western Nevada College) uses a cross-cultural perspective to examine the origins

and continued evolution of urban culture with respect to history of Gotham City and Metropolis.

It's Butters: An Evening of Chaos!

A celebration honoring Leopold "Butters" Stotch. The event will be packed full of games, prizes and CHAOS! Everyone will go home a winner! It's guaranteed to be an unforgettable night for all South Park fans. That's all we can say for now.

Vampire Cowboys

The OBIE Award winning, geek theatre company, Vampire Cowboys brings the action alive with their martial arts inspired fights for the stage. Don't miss the fun of flying nunchucks, swinging swords, and pumping beats.

V Special Video Presentation and Cast/Producer Q&A

In the first season of V, the Visitors arrived. In the second, coming in November to ABC, three generations of V queens — played by Morena Baccarin (Firefly), Laura Vandervoort (Smallville) and guest star Jane Badler (Diana on the original V) — will engage in an epic power struggle over the future of humanity. Join them and V executive producer Steve Pearlman for a panel that will feature Q&A as well as footage from the new season. V is produced by HDFilms in association with Warner Bros. Television. Become a fan of the series on Facebook at www.facebook.com/V.

Green Lantern: The Animated Series Presentation and Q&A

Saturday will be NYCC's "brightest day" as Warner Bros. Animation proudly unveils this new series coming soon to Cartoon Network and based upon characters from DC Comics. Join series executive producer Bruce Timm (Batman: The Animated Series), producer Giancarlo Volpe (Star Wars: The Clone Wars) and producer/story editor Jim Krieg (Ben 10: Alien Swarm) as these creative forces reveal their plans for one of the most highly anticipated new animated series.

Young Justice Video Presentation and Q&A Join the league!

Fans were given their first glimpse of Robin, Aqualad, Kid Flash, Superboy, Miss Martian and Artemis this past July at Comic-Con International: San Diego. But this panel will offer far more than just a glimpse as producers Brandon Vietti (Batman: Under the Red Hood) and Greg Weisman (Gargoyles) answer questions from fans and show footage from this highly anticipated series. Young Justice, which premieres this November on Cartoon Network, is produced by Warner Bros. Animation and is based upon characters from DC Comics.

Focus Features' Upcoming Adventure Thriller: Hanna

Attendees will get the chance to catch an early glimpse of the film along with footage and a panel featuring the stars Eric Bana (Star Trek, Hulk) and Saoirse Ronan (The Lovely Bones) and director Joe Wright (The Soloist, Atonement).



Your Highness

Join the stars and filmmakers of Universal Pictures' Your Highness for a fantastical discussion about an epic comedy adventure from the director of Pineapple Express. In the film from David Gordon Green, Danny McBride and James Franco star as two princes on a daring mission to rescue the heir apparent's fiancée before their kingdom is destroyed.

The Thing

Universal Pictures presents the cast and filmmakers from its upcoming thriller The Thing. In the film that serves as a prelude to John Carpenter's classic 1982 thriller of the same name, paranoia spreads like an epidemic among a group of researchers as they're infected, one by one, by a mystery from another planet.

Vampires Suck

Join Matt Lanter and Anneliese van der Pol for a fun and insightful look at the making of Vampire's Suck along with thoughts and stories about their other projects. Seating may be limited so arrive early if you can. Matt and Anneliese will be taking your questions and look forward to seeing you at the panel!

Spotlight on the Women of Battlestar Gallactica

Get up close and personal with Katee Sackhoff, Tricia Helfer, Michelle Forbes and Nicki Clyne in this spotlight panel on the woman of one of the biggest shows of all time, Battlestar Gallactica.

October 10 Panels

Cartoon Network: Firebreather Exclusive Screening and Panel

Fans will get the first look at Cartoon Network's original CGI movie, Firebreather, with an exclusive screening! Be the first to see the film, then stay for an in-depth panel discussion featuring creator and co-executive producer Phil Hester (The Wretch), co-executive producer Andy Kuhn (Freedom Ring), and writer/director Peter Chung (Aeon Flux). Firebreather is based on the popular comic book series and will premiere on Cartoon Network in November.

DC Nation: Town Hall Meeting

All are welcome to join DC Co-Publishers Dan DiDio & Jim Lee for a relaxed Sunday afternoon discussion. Share your thoughts on what you love about comics now and what you hope to see in the future. This panel is often imitated by others but rarely duplicated!

MARVEL: The Women of MARVEL

It's the grand finale to the year long celebration that everyone has been talking about! Forget Storm and She-Hulk, meet the real Ms. Marvels of the comic world! Join women from every discipline in the creative process at Marvel to hear what it's like

working as a woman in comics today. These ladies are busting through the four-color ceiling! Guests include New York Times Best Selling author Marjorie Liu (X-23), Jelena Kevic-Djurdjevic (Women of Marvel), Sonia Oback (X-Force), Stephanie Hans (Women of Marvel), with moderator and Girl Comics editor Jeanine Schaefer!

Comixology

Creator-owned distribution and promotion in the digital age Join David Steinberger, CEO of comiXology, in a discussion about creator-owned distribution and self-promotion in the digital age.

Good Comics for Kids: Building a Graphic Novel Collection for Young Readers Teens read comics -- that's old news. But kids read comics, too, and there's been an explosion in the number of graphic novels for the under-twelve crowd. Join a panel of experts from the School Library Journal's Good Comics for Kids blog for a discussion of what graphic novels are and why they are an important component of a well-balanced children's collection. Attendees will also receive the Good Comics for Kids Core Graphic Novel List, an informative document listing the best comics for kids under twelve.

A Day in the Studio

Join cartoonists Jane Yolen, Dave Roman, Tracy White, and Matt Madden as they talk about process and their current projects.

Webcomics Bootcamp with Brad Guigar and Scott Kurtz

More than ever, aspiring cartoonists are looking towards the web as a means of distribution and business. But does your comic strip really have what it takes to be successful online? Brad Guigar and Scott Kurtz, founders of webcomics.com and two of four co-authors of the book How To Make Webcomics offer a one-on-one bootcamp for aspiring webcartoonists. Brad and Scott will present a lecture on the art and commerce of webcomics and then take their class through a collegiate level critique of their work.

How To Get A Job In Video Games

Many who enjoy video games would like to get involved, but where to start? Come join our expert game industry panel, each one of whom hails from a different disciple (artist, programmer, developer, journalist) and hear how they got to where they are today, what their day to day existences are like, and most importantly, how you too can get involved!

The Sons of Liberty, a Graphic Novel: The New World of Historical Fiction

The Sons of Liberty, a new graphic-novel quartet for middle grade readers and beyond tells the story of two young slaves in the wake of the Revolutionary War. History is brought to life in full color by the illustration of Steve Walker and Oren Kramek. Join authors Alexander Lagos and Joseph Lagos and illustrators Steve Walker and Oren Kramek in conversation about the creation of this new series



Avatar Comics

Check out the latest from Avatar Comics!

Stan Lee Foundation Writing Contest

Join the winners of the Stan Lee Foundation Writing Contest!

Never-Ending Closet:

A Fashion Show The Never-Ending Closet is a showcase of samples from the collections of various independent, alternative, and global designers that add Gothic, Lolita, and Neo-Victoriana aesthetics to modern life. Pieces will range from haute couture to everyday clothes with a Victorian twist and be modeled by passionate fans -- the women and men at the center of the movement.

Castles, Forests and Bath Houses: The Worlds of Hayao Miyazaki

We explore the worlds and the unique people that inhabit Hayao Miyazaki's works: feisty forest spirits, ancient gods, heroes and demons, mechanical construct, and even one wily thief. Themes from Miyazaki's movies will be explored as well.

ichiP!

When anime, dancing, and three girls combine, Ichigo Pantsu is born! Ichigo Pantsu (or ichiP!) is a three-girl dance troupe from New York City, and they're happy to perform on their home turf at NYAF this year!

Ben 10 - 10.10.10 Celebration Panel

Come celebrate Ben 10 on 10.10.10 with the cast of Ben 10: Ultimate Alien! Fans will be treated to a never-before-seen episode of the series with voiceover dialogue performed LIVE by Yuri Lowenthal (Ben), Greg Cipes (Kevin) and Ashley Johnson (Gwen)! Other panel highlights include a sneak peak at the new season of Ben 10: Ultimate Alien, cast Q&A, and a chance to win lots of Ben 10 Prizes!

Archie Creators Tell All

Meet the Archie Comics creators face-to-face as they share inside perspectives on their latest projects dominating the newsstands, supermarkets and more! Panelists include creators Tom DeFalco (Man From R.I.V.E.R.D.A.L.E.), Tania Del Rio (Sabrina, Cheryl Blossom), Alex Simmons (2010 Glyph Award, Best Writer), Dan Parent (Betty, Veronica, Kevin Keller), Fernando Ruiz (Archie & Friends), Joe Staton (Archie & Friends Double Digest: Wonder Realm), plus special guests lan Flynn & Patrick "Spaz" Spaziante of Sonic the Hedgehog with a special announcement! The panel will also feature a Q&A session and a secret giveaway for all in attendance.

ARCHAIA ALL AGES

All ages books are not necessarily children's books—they're books that readers of all ages can enjoy! Join Archaia for updates, previews and exciting new information on several of its All Ages titles, including: FRAGGLE ROCK VOL. 2 with editor Paul Morrissey; MOUSE GUARD with creator/writer/artist David Petersen; MOUSE GUARD

ROLEPLAYING GAME BOX SET with Petersen and game designer Luke Crane; and RETURN OF THE DAPPER MEN with writer Jim McCann and artist Janet Lee. Moderated by Archaia editor-in-chief Stephen Christy.

The Making Of Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back

Join Lucasfilm executive editor and author of The Making of Star Wars, J. W. Rinzler, as he discusses his latest book The Making of Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back (to be published October 12, 2010 by Del Rey). Talk and Q&A--along with images and a couple of rare items that didn't quite make it into the book.

Creating Comics the Image Comics Way

How do Image Creators make the best books in the business? Join us for a roundtable discussion of creator-owned comics, with an insider's perspective on how ownership makes the creative process more fulfilling. Jim Valentino (ShadowHawk), Greg Capullo (Haunt), Marc Guggenheim (Halcyon), Time Seeley (Hack/Slash), Joe Casey (Officer Downe), and Ben Templesmith (Choker) share their thoughts on publishing with Image Comics.

Anime Press Your Luck

Join Sonic Whammy Enterprises in the fun as three contestants play the most exciting game of their lives! The Whammy has issued the "Michael Larson Challenge," where the more big cash and unusual anime prizes you grab, the bigger the prizes that you win. He's also calling for his army of Whammy Cosplayers to join him in battle, and giving even more prizes away with the new Audience Player Spin.

Anime, Manga, and Harajuku Fashion: The Secret of International Competitiveness of Japanese Pop Culture

Japanese Pop Culture has spread all over the world in the 21st century. What and how it is spreading? What is the source of the creativity? Takamasa Sakurai, who has been active in Pop Culture diplomacy in 49 cities in 17 countries, will comment by using various resources of movies and photos. Presented by Japan Foundation.

MARVEL Television Presents: The Super Hero Squad Show and Iron Man Armored Adventures

With all new seasons of The Super Hero Squad Show and Iron Man Armored Adventures approaching, here is your chance to get a sneak preview of what's coming up. Marvel's Head of Television Jeph Loeb will take you behind the scenes and tell you all about the new stories, characters and celebrity guest voices you can expect to see, as well as some never before seen footage.

The Fandom Advisory Network and GEM Present 40 Years of Overstreet

Join us for a celebration of the 40th anniversary of The Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide – the "bible" of the comic book collecting hobby – as well as a look at the future of collecting with the Fandom Advisory Network.



World of CAPCOM 2010 and Beyond

Trailers and inside info on all the hot, upcoming games from Capcom – Marvel VS Capcom 3, Dead Rising 2, Sengoku Basara: Samurai Heroes, Ghost Trick, Okamiden,

Resident Evil 5:

Gold Edition Move, Bionic Commando Rearmed 2, Mega Man Universe, and more.

Black Butler Screening and Panel

Enter the world of demon butlers in this special presentation featuring an exclusive screening and a Q&A with Black Butler cast!

ANN

AnimeNewsNetwork.com. The source for anime news the world over. Find out how ANN will evolve in 2011.

The Amazing Aexeous Robot

Aexeous moves, talks, stands, and interacts with people in real time! Meet a giant robot right here at NYCC and NYAF!

MARVEL: Next Big Thing

From the Marvel U to the Ultimate U and everything in between, we've got the top talent on hand to talk about all of your favorite heroes! Panelists include Brian Michael Bendis (Ultimate Comics Spider-Man), Jonathan Hickman (Fantastic Four), Greg Pak (Incredible Hulks), Dan Slott (Amazing Spider-Man), Fred Van Lente (Chaos War), Jeph Loeb (Ultimate Comics X), and Senior Editor Mark Paniccia!

Oni Press Presents Panelmonium 2010

Often imitated but never duplicated! Get up close and personal with trend setting indie comic powerhouse Oni Press. Join in the Q&A with your favorite Oni creators including: Jen Van Meter (Hopeless Savages), Brahm Revel (Guerillas), Antony Johnston (Wasteland), Ray Fawkes (Possessions), Eduardo Medeiros, Rafael Albuquerque, & Mateus Santolouco (Mondo Urbano), Matt Loux (Yo Gabba Gabba!: Goodnight Gabba Land) and many more!. Get sneak peeks at upcoming Oni projects, news on Oni Press fan initiatives, free Oni comics, prizes and more! Guaranteed by Oni Press' totally biased employees to be "the most fun you'll ever have at a panel."

Real Archaelogy of Indiana Jones

The world's most famous archaeologist may be fictional, but much of the archaeology mentioned in the films is very real. Actual sites and mysteries are explored. Explore the real Temple of Doom, go on the quest for the Holy Grail, and delve into the mystique of the actual crystal skulls.

BOOM! Studios/BOOM Kids!

History will be made. New titles will be announced. Heads will explode! And...comics will never be the same again!

Making Lolita Work for You

We will examine the rules of Lolita fashion, and then bend them! We will also discuss how people new to the fashion can jump across the hurdles, have a short debate, and give out free raffle prizes.

WORRRD UP! With Word Girl

WordGirl, Scholastic Media's definition dynamo and synonym-wielding super heroine is elated (adj; thrilled or happy) to take a break from saving the day to meet with some of her biggest fans at New York Comic Con's Kids Day event! For more information about WordGirl, visit the website at: http://pbskidsgo.org/wordgirl.

DC Focus: J. Michael Straczynski

Eisner and Hugo Award-winning writer and NY Comic Con Guest of Honor, J. Michael Straczynski, is here! From his fantastic Brave and the Bold run to his ambitious Superman and Wonder Woman tales to his redefinition of the Man of Steel in the upcoming Superman: Earth One, there are many topics to cover! This is a definite can't-miss opportunity to share time with a world-renowned writer, discussing what he has in store for these books -- and beyond!

Scott Westerfeld Spotlight

Scott Westerfeld is the author of the New York Times Bestselling Uglies series. His other novels include The Last Days (an ALA Best Book for Young Adults and the sequel to Peeps), So Yesterday (another ALA Best Book for Young Adults) and the Midnighters trilogy. Join him in this spotlight panel!

How to Fail In Comic Books

This panel based on the same named upcoming documentary. Jeff Kaufman, publisher/writer/producer will explain how you can save or lose thousands to millions of dollars producing your own comics. With real world numbers and painful mistakes, this panel should prepare you for your future in comics. Resurrection Studios will be filming the panel.

Voice Actors and the Clty

NYC's hometown voice acting heroes spend an hour talking about the voice acting business in New York City.

Culinary Manga

Competitive bread baking manga Yakitate!! Japan is just the tip of the culinary manga iceberg in Japan! Join Erin and Noah of the Ninja Consultant podcast as they discuss manga about gourmet food critics (Oishinbo), pastry chef manga (Antique Bakery), and several series about wine (Drops of God, La Sommelier) and Sam Kusek.

Emotes

Bring your kids to this stage performance by the Emotes!



Gundam 00 Movie Premiere

Gundam 00: A wakening of The Trailblazer is the first all-new Gundam movie in close to a decade. See it for the very first time right here at NYAF!

Artist Showcase: Drawing DC

Superstar artists Jim Lee (Dark Knight: The Boy Wonder), Tony Daniel (Batman), Dustin Nguyen (Batgirl) and David Finch (BATMAN: THE DARK KNIGHT) share their secrets of drawing the DC Universe with a special projector designed so you can see their every master stroke. Check out this unique presentation that will surely draw 'oohs' and 'ahhs' amongst the gathered mass!

What is the "Vision Machine"?

Comic book writer Greg Pak ("Incredible Hulk," "Chaos War") unveils his latest project, an original graphic novel pencilled by R.B. Silva entitled "The Vision Machine." Funded by the Ford Foundation to help envision the changing landscape of independent mediamaking over the next fifty years, "The Vision Machine" tells a mind-bending sci fi story relevant to anyone interested in the insane potential of personal technology, social media, digital distribution, and virtual life -- and the massive challenges of privacy, copyright, and surveillance in the digital era. Panelists will discuss the making of the book, the plausibility of the scenarios it presents -- AND A FREE COPY OF THE FIRST ISSUE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL ATTENDEES!

Dark Horse Video Games and Comics

As the lines of pop culture blur video games and comics, a slew of popular characters and franchises cross platforms. Join representatives from Dark Horse Comics, as we explore this growing comics phenomenon. Guests include Mass Effect lead writer, Mac Walters, artist Omar Francia, as well as Star Wars The Old Republic "Blood of the Empire" artist Dave Ross, as well as inker, Mark Mckenna.

History of the Green Hornet

A comprehensive history (including the origin) of The Green Hornet and his sidekick Kato and the rolling arsenal, the Black Beauty. This slide show presentation covers the radio, serials, television and comic book incarnations.

Gaia Variety Hour

If you enjoy fun, games, contests and random awesomeness, come to the Gaia Variety Hour. We've got some cool surprises and fantastic prizes up our sleeve, so come prepared for a good time.

Spotlight on the Romitas

Join John Romita, Jr. and John Romita, Sr. as they discuss their work and family collaborations. Moderated by Danny Fingeroth.

Children's TV Legends

The ToonSeum, Pittsburgh's Museum of Cartoon Art, brings together the most iconic

and beloved characters and puppeteers to present a behind the scenes look at the history of children's television. This once in a lifetime panel, will feature stories, discussion and question and answers about the greatest children's television shows of all time and the people who made the shows possible.

Making Of Panel with Secret of Kells Director Tomm Moore

Creator and director Tomm Moore will discuss the making of the highly-acclaimed, Oscar-nominated animated feature The Secret of Kells. Tomm will chat with the audience about the behind-the-scenes process and development of the 2D animated tour-de-force. We'll present new footage not seen in theaters!

Wild, Wacky, and Zany Comics Adventures

Join Andrew Arnold, Alexis Frederick-Frost, Faith Erin Hicks, and Dave Roman for this wild, wacky and zany comic adventure on the Kids Day stage!

Anime Recruitment

We're here to talk about the shows that will pull everyone you know into being an anime fan or at least accept your hobby. We cover everyone from the manly dad to your art house coworker. We will have handouts and prizes so come on down!

Voice and Art - Veronica Taylor and Misako Rocks!

Join voice actress Veronica Taylor and manga artist Misako Rocks! for a collaboration.

KIDS DAY: Kids Costume Contest

Is your child the cutest Batman, Spider-man or Princess Peach? Join the Kids Costume Contest and show off your adorable little superhero.

DC Digital

DC is making a big splash into the digital arena with downloadable content available on the iPod, iPad and PSP through our partners at Comixology and SONY. Come by to see what's planned next for this fledgling initiative! Hosted by Vice President & General Manager Hank Kanalz with DC Co-Publisher Jim Lee.

Comics Storytelling

Join Faith Erin Hicks, Carla Jablonski, Tracy White, and Jane Yolen for this panel on the art of comics storytelling.

Kickstart Your Creative Project!

Whether you're an indie comic creator, writer, filmmaker, or game designer, producing and self-publishing your own creative work can be a Herculean task! More and more, independent artists are turning to Kickstarter.com as a place to not only raise funding for their projects, but as a unique way to build fan support and reach out to new communities. Kickstarter co-founder Yancey Strickler will be on hand, while panelists Jamie Tanner (Aviary), James Swirsky and Lisanne Pajot of Blinkworks



Media (Indie Game: The Movie), and Courtney Zell (The Wonder City) will discuss their extraordinary Kickstarter campaigns.

IDW and Yoe! Studios Present: Felix VS Frankenstein!

Join renowned comics guru Craig Yoe and a host of his friends, including Don Oriolo of Felix the Cat fame, for a lively multi-media vivisection of all his current and upcoming

projects, Barney Google, Felix the Cat, and Dick Briefer's Frankenstein, to name just a few!

The Changing Faces of Anime

Anime and manga have seen their fair share of different looks and feels throughout the years, but few aspects stand out to fans and non-fans alike in the same way as the faces of their characters. Join Evan Minto of AniGamers.com for a lively examination of nearly sixty years of anime and manga character designs, from Astro Boy all the way to Haruhi Suzumiya.

Bruce Campbell Spotlight

The man has done it all from bestelling author, to movies like Evil Dead and Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs to his co-staring role on Burn Notice. Meet the one and only Bruce Campbell in this spotlight panel.

Doctor Who: Podshock

Doctor Who: Podshock is a weekly international Doctor Who podcast brought to you by the fan run Gallifreyan Embassy. Hosted by Ken Deep and Louis Trapani in the US and James Naughton in the UK, with segments and contributions from regular corespondents around the world.

Ape Entertainment

Join Ape Entertainment as we discuss our current and upcoming Dreamworks Animation line, Shrek, Penguins of Madagascar, Megamind, and Kung Fu Panda, as well as other Kizoic, all-ages brand titles including the company-created Little Green Men. And of course, don't miss out on the BIG announcements of properties coming to Ape Entertainment/Kizoic in 2011, and receive a free comic book simply for showing up at the panel. Ape Entertainment, it's evolution in progress!

Comicbook Artist Guild Presents the Annual CAG Awards (The Hallers)

For over ten years, The Comicbook Artists Guild (CAG) has advanced the medium of comics through the creative experiences of its members and been dedicated to the networking, education and support of comic book creators, writers and artists alike, regardless of amateur or professional status, skill levels or talent divisions. Please join CAG as they recognize members with their annual awards. CAG will also present the Outstanding Contribution to the Comics Industry Award to Andy Schmidt (Five Days to Die).

Steampunk Costuming and Gadgetry

Ever wanted to make your own steampunk costume but don't know where to start? Join the Outlanders for tips on construction techniques, sources of materials, and design ideas for steampunk gadgets and attire. Our massive arsenal of steampunk weapons and armor will be on display as we discuss the basics of setting up your own shop.

Jedi Training for Kids

Have your little one trained to use the force in this kids Jedi training with the NY Jedi!

Vampire Girl vs. Frankenstein Girl

High school love meets hard gore! Yoshihiro Nishimura and Naoyuki Tomomatsu's latest film wowed New York audiences at its World Premiere earlier this year. See what all the buzz -- and blood -- is about. Mature audiences. (FUNimation)

HIPIRA

From Katsuhiro Otomo and Shinji Kimura. The story follows Hipira, a little boy who just happens to be a vampire in a town of vampires, and his adventures with his vampire classmates as well as the witches and fairies who call the town home. It's a cute, cuddly, and just a bit creepy. (Bandai)

Grant Morrison Documentary- Grant Morrison: Talking With Gods

Grant Morrison: Talking With Gods is a feature-length documentary covering the entire career of legendary comics writer Grant Morrison, focusing on how his work ties to his life, his unique personal experiences, and his intellectual ideas. NOTE: This is a screening of Grant Morrison: Talking With Gods. Grant Morrison will not personally be appearing

Welcome to the Space Show A feature-length anime film!

Welcome to the Space Show, whose story "surpasses Star Wars in its scale" according to its producers, tells of the four adventures of five schoolmates and an alien dog in space during summer vacation. (Aniplex)

Will Eisner: Portrait of a Sequential Artist

Get a look behind the mask of "The Spirit" creator in this feature-length documentary movie. With a triumphant world premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival, the award-winning film features the legendary graphic novelist Will Eisner with Frank Miller, Stan Lee, Jules Feiffer, Jack Kirby, Kurt Vonnegut, Art Spiegelman and many others. Join director/producer Andrew D. Cooke and writer/producer Jon B. Cooke for this unique free screening.

Suck

Vampires can't be rock n' roll losers: it goes against basic physics. Watch a small-time band dominate the limelight after their bassist joins the bloodsuckers' ranks. Horror/Comedy/Cameos galore!



Kekkaishi

Mystical forces are powerful in the region called Karasumori.

For over 400 years, it has been the duty of a clan of Kekkaishi -- barrier masters -- to guard the land, exterminating the supernatural beasts which appear there night after night. Yoshimori Sumimura is a 14-year-old student and the twenty-second Kekkaishi of the Sumimura clan. (VIZ)

Writing Comics

A panel of superstar writers talk about their experiences as comic book writers. Nuts & bolts discussion to help aspiring writers. Featuring: Ron Marz, Paul Levitz, Chris Eliopoulos, Jim McCann. Moderator: Buddy Scalera

Creator Connection

Meet your next creative partner in this fun, interactive networking session. Many indy titles and careers have been launched through this panel. Be sure to bring business cards and samples of your work. Networking facilitators: Buddy Scalera & Matt Herring (Secret Identity Podcast).

Community Partnerships

Partnering with people and organizations from around the community can help your store grow and find new audiences. This panel explains how to do just that, discussing partnerships with local bookstores, schools, libraries, and organizations and how this has the potential to expand your market.

CSC:

Art Frank Verano (University of Westminster) weaves capitalism, culture, and contemporary art theory into an analysis of Frank Miller's The Dark Knight Strikes Again, a work that takes on and subverts its function as both pre-sold commodity and work of art. Josh Kopin (Bard College) examines the way shared art duties on Ed Brubaker and Matt Fraction's The Immortal Iron Fist furthers the series' narrative, while also exploring the structure of comics and the way we consume sequential art. Alexa Laura Siegfried (University of California, Riverside) questions whether there is a difference between fine art and illustration in a study of the relationship between contemporary artists like James Jean and Dave McKean and the fine art canon.

Expanding Beyond the Traditional Comics Store Demographic

The traditional demographic for comics store buyers is males 18-34. But with more graphic novels for kids, teens, and women being produced, and the introduction of manga and art books into the market, that demographic is expanding. How can stores work to reach out to this new potential audience?

CSC: Adaptation

R. Sikoryak (Masterpiece Comics) explores the intersection of "high art" literature and "low art" comic strips which often collide in respectful, hilarious, and revelatory reinterpretations of classic works. Fabio Luiz Carneiro Mourilhe Silva (Universidade

Estadual de Santa Cruz) analyzes the comic book adaptations of Edgar Allan Poe's work with consideration to Poe's own "Philosophy of Composition." Thomas Witholt (Syracuse University) argues that Marvel's Noir line provides an important retrospective genealogy of superhero comics and the ways in which the comics of the late 1930s and early '40s influenced film noir, the genre the Marvel Noir line claims to homage.

MTV Presents 'Unbreakable: Ten Years Later' With M. Night Shyamalan

M. Night Shyamalan ("The Sixth Sense," "Signs," "The Village," "The Last Airbender"), one of the most successful filmmakers of our time, joins MTV News' Josh Horowitz for an anniversary retrospective of the groundbreaking comic book movie. Don't miss this exclusive one-time event as the director takes fans inside the fan-favorite film with never-before-heard stories and special surprises.