

February 23 Panels

Alison Bechdel Spotlight

Fun Home rocketed Alison Bechdel to literary stardom for her honest, carefully rendered portrayal of growing up in an emotionally distant family. But that revolutionary work was not the first or the last word from this talented author. We'll examine Bechdel's career from the popular strip Dykes to Watch Out For, to her current success, and what lies ahead.

Anime: Making the Most of this Video Entertainment

Anime continues to explode in the mainstream and we're nowhere near the tipping point. Next to Graphic Novels, Anime is hottest entertainment format in the library and you'll learn how to effectively select and promote Anime for your patrons.

Bill Plympton: Shut-eye Hotel World Premiere

Be the first to view the premiere of Plympton's new short "Shut-eye Hotel." You'll also view clips of a work in progress "Idiots & Angels", a David Lynch nightmare of animation.

Breaking into SF/Fantasy Publishing: GPS for Aspiring Authors

Ever wonder what it takes to get your first science fiction or fantasy novel published? Get tips from the authors and their editors who know. Join Ballantine/Del Rey editor Chris Schlupe, Del Rey author Drew Bowling (Tower of Shadows), Bantam Dell senior editor Anne Groell, Bantam Dell author Chris Golden (The Myth Hunters and Baltimore), Tor associate editor Liz Gorinsky, and Tor author Brian Slattery (Spaceman Blues: A Love Song) as they discuss the sometimes long, sometimes bumpy, but always rewarding road to publishing your first SF/fantasy novel.

Buying & Selling Comics Sidelines: A Concise Guide for Retailers

Diamond Comic Distributors Director of Sales, Mike Schimmel, will lead a panel discussion of how comic shops can successfully add merchandise and toys to their product mix.

Capturing Female Readers: The Fastest Growing Audience for Comics

For the last five years, teenage girls have been spiking bookstore sales and library circulations of graphic novels, and are increasingly impacting comic stores as well. What are the sources of this growth, and can it

continue? Editors bring their perspectives to bear on this exciting trend.

Charge! TOKYOPOP and the Manga Revolution

Manga is evolving everyday, and TOKYOPOP is leading this revolution. Find out what's hot today and what's going to be at the top tomorrow straight from TOKYOPOP. Learn about new releases, projects, and acquisitions before anyone else.

Comics and Philosophers: Who, What, Where and Y?

"In the early days, Spidey tackled the drug problem and GL and GA faced the hot topic of discrimination. And when it came to portraying 'reality', Doctor Strange took us to some very strange lands indeed and then there was the Negative Zone and the Phantom Zone to worry about too. These flights of fantasy are the sorts of things that make both kids and philosophers fans of comic books. After a quick survey of what philosophers are currently reading, you'll take a look at Brian K Vaughan's Y: The Last Man to show how we philosophers look at comics * either for pure enjoyment or for academic purposes. Jeff McLaughlin (Thompson Rivers University) editor of Comics as Philosophy (University Press of Mississippi, 2005)"

Comics Bloggers: Rewriting the Rules of Tastemaking and Trade Influence

The comics blogosphere has grown dramatically in size and influence over the past few years, and now even mainstream media outlets are blogging about comics. Who has more influence, insider comics blogs, or the newcomers?

Comics Publishing: Review & Outlook 2007

Industry leading publishing executives with bottom line responsibility will share their perspectives on the year ahead; trends and how their forthcoming properties will capture and (hopefully) help re-shape marketplace behavior.

DC NATION!

The call for the NATION to gather has gone out again! Don't miss the special unveiling of what will sure to be the most talked about event of the coming year! Privy only to DC NATION members!

Diamond Select Retailer Showcase

This room for Retailers only will feature various discussions on Diamond Select Toys' upcoming plans for all their licenses and lines throughout the day - pick up a schedule at the room or ask your Diamond Rep for details. This is your chance to see what DST has planned and to give your feedback. Get sneak peaks at some future releases, an opportunity to a pair of New York Comic Con exclusives limited to Retailers that attend this showcase, including a Picnic Rogue Statue and Ultra Magnus Head Bust. Complementary lunch and gift included.

Diamond Tech Tips: Tips & Tricks for using Diamond Comic Distributors'

Retailer Website and Tech Offerings Retailers will gain solutions and updates for getting the most out of Diamond's site and tech offerings including: Review areas of the site, Ordering options--reorders, initial orders, POW, Data files available, and how to use them for website creation, POS, etc., Account information and reports available online, Artwork downloads available, CSLS profile editor and how to make the most of it, Q&A to follow presentation hosted by Diamond Technical Support Supervisor Cheryl Sleboda.

Drawing the Battle Lines: Graphic Novels at War

There's a war on, and today's graphic novelists are confronting it head on with works that vault past the soundbytes of 24 hour news and into the complex, conflicted terrain of the real American psyche. Join panelists Douglas Rushkoff (Testament), Dan Goldman and Anthony Lappe, (Shooting War), Rick Veitch (Army @ Love), Brian Wood (DMZ), Tom Hart (Hutch Owen) and moderator Charles Brownstein for a discussion of the state of political graphic novels during the global war on terror.

DST "Creation of an Action Figure"

Ever wonder how action figures are created or why a figure ? Stop in and chat with Diamond Select Toys staff and Jean St. Jean Studios about your favorite toy lines and get a look behind the scenes at the creative process, 20 designs will all be a part of this first of its kind panel. From design to painted sculpts, these presentations offer a unique opportunity to see what really happens to action figures as they make the journey from concepts

to shelves. See stuff fans have only dreamed of seeing and offer your feedback!

DST Buffy Trivia Challenge: Hosted by James "Clem" Leary

What is Anya's full name? Who was the "heart" in the Super Slayer combo? Think you know the answers to these questions? Join other Buffy fans for a trivia showdown complete with special celebrity guests and fantastic prizes! Questions will become progressively more difficult until only one remains to be crowned the Ultimate Buffy Fan! Sponsored by Diamond Select Toys, Inkworks, 20th Century Fox and Las Vegas Autographs and hosted by James Leary, do NOT miss the event everyone will be talking about!

Format and Genres: Understanding Comics, Super Heroes, Sci Fi, Fantasy, Manga, Comics Lit, Humor and Web Comics

Your patrons are looking deep and wide in your library's selection of book format comics. Now is the time to gain a better understanding of the breadth and depth of comic formats and genres, beyond traditional graphic novels.

George Perez Spotlight

One of the most beloved artists of superhero comics, George Perez brings a singular passion to the characters that seem to leap off his pages. Join DC's Joel Cavalieri for a chat with the master superhero artist.

Graphic Novel Classics Every Library (public and school) Should Shelve and Circulate

In spite of its relative infancy, there are already some impressive works that are a "must - have" for your school or public library. In this program, you'll gain the vitals on classics every library should have in circulation.

Graphic Novel Segmentation: Retailer Merchandising Best Practice

With thousands of graphic novels releasing every year and a massive number of titles in backlist, a "graphic novel department" is too big to just shelve alphabetically or by publisher. What sub-categories are the best retailers using to get the maximum sales to each customer in their stores, and how do they manage the increasing complexity that adds to merchandising? Learn from some of the best retailers in North America how they handle this vital issue in their stores.

Graphic Novels: Direct Distribution or Book Wholesalers?

Graphic novel retailers have traditionally sourced book format comics from either Diamond, which serves comic stores, or book wholesalers such as Ingram or Baker & Taylor, which serve bookstores. Now more and more stores are using both. Find out from both wholesalers and retailers what each channel offers and how they differ.

Heart and Seoul: The Unique World of Korea's NETCOMICS

Manhwa, Korean comics, may look like manga, but they have a unique history, style, and tradition. Join NETCOMICS President Heewoon Chung and author Marley for an introduction to the spectacular world of Korean sequential art.

I Want My Anime TV! Behind the Scenes of The Anime Network

America's first and biggest all-anime channel's at New York Comic-Con to reveal its upcoming plans and answers all your questions. Ask a good one, and you'll be the proud owner of a sweet, sweet, free DVD.

Jeff Smith Spotlight

When Jeff Smith first self-published *Bone* in 1991, the odds were against him finding success with his cartoon inspired fantasy epic. But 16 years later, the graphic novel series stands as one of the medium's all-time classics, beloved by readers of all ages, all over the world. Smith looks back on *Bone*'s journey and ahead towards his new *Captain Marvel* series and other upcoming work.

JMS Spotlight

J. Michael Straczynski revolutionized science fiction television with his epic series *Babylon 5*, and is currently creating one of the most memorable runs of *The Amazing Spider-Man* in the series' history. Look at what's gone into his revolutionary work and what's coming next for one of pop culture's most talented creative voices.

Kids Comics: The Category Waiting to Explode

It's been over 40 years since comics were really a kids medium, although many still think of them that way. Now publishers, retailers, and librarians

are finding that with more material directed at kids, the opportunities are growing exponentially. Find out where the fastest growth is occurring, and how you can take advantage of this rapidly growing audience.

Licensing for Beginners: Sponsored by LIMA

Join Steve Herman, Vice President Merchandising, Archie Comics Entertainment LLC. For a basic introduction to licensing that will cover: protecting a newly created comic book character, finding an audience through comics, broadening your character's exposure through other media outlets, creating a licensing program that makes sense for your comic book character and taking your comic book character abroad. A brief case study of the successful licensing program behind the Archie comic book characters will follow.

Manga: What's Hot What's hot in Manga: Marc Silvestri Top Cow Spotlight

Matt Hawkins, Marc Silvestri, Ron Marz, and others will spill details on upcoming Top Cow titles and events for 2007! Included will be *Madame Mirage*, *First Born*, and of course *The Darkness* and *Witchblade*. Plus a few surprises!

MARVEL: Civil War Fallout - The Initiative

It's over. Civil War has ended, leaving in its wake destruction as never seen before in Marvel history. Teams and friendships have been torn apart, and most of the Marvel Universe is forced to start anew. The time for rebuilding is here as a new era is ushered in: THE INITIATIVE. Teams are falling apart as others are forming. What will happen to your favorite characters and teams? Who will live? Who will die? What new heroes will arise from the devastation? Your burning questions will be addressed, and bombs dropped as Joe Quesada, Tom Brevoort, Steve McNiven, Dan Slott and surprise walk on guests deliver new dispatches from the front lines. You cannot miss this!

MARVEL: World War Hulk

He's coming back, and to say that he is enraged would be an understatement! HULK has never been angrier- or stronger- and, starting this May he's declaring war! WORLD WAR HULK is the crossover event



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fans have been waiting all of their lives for! Join writer Greg Pak, editor Mark Paniccia, and some surprise guests as they discuss the battle plans for this summer's smashing story! All World War Hulk panel attendees will receive a limited-edition New York Comic Con Wolverine #50 Variant Comic Book!!

Mobil Comics for the Emerging U.S. Market: Trend Lines & Opportunities

A variety of new mobile counterparts in entertainment products continue to change the landscape and conversation regarding mobile content, standards, pricing and of course, consumer demand. In Japan where mobile phones are ubiquitous, the downloading of both anime clips and manga chapters continues to rise, forging carrier investment in and partnerships with publishers. What might this trend portend for the U.S. market? Join those leading the charge as they discuss the challenges, hurdles and Opportunities.

Mothers & Daughters: Female Graphic Novelists and the Family

Graphic novelists Aline Kominsky-Crumb (Need More Love: A Graphic Memoir), Alison Bechdel (Fun Home), Megan Kelso (Squirrel Mother), and Miriam Katin (We Are On Our Own) have set themselves apart with their honest and unflinching portrayals of love, hope, responsibility, and loss between parents and children. Join them as PW Beat's Heidi MacDonald discusses their common themes and remarkable work

NYCC Comics School: Comics, Concepts, & Copyrights

You've just come up with an idea that will set the world on fire, and you can't wait to tell everyone you see, right? Well, not so fast. Intellectual Property attorney Thomas Crowell walks you through the steps you need to know to protect yourself and your work, in this lively, informative overview of trademark and copyright do's and don'ts

NYCC Editors Buzz Forum: Sponsored by BookExpo America

In a NYCC first, editors will convene to share and reveal their personal perspectives, insights, and reasons as to why they are excited about various forthcoming titles, authors and artists. Without the hype of PR, sales and marketing, this intimate exchange is designed to transfer the

undiluted editorial "buzz" from where it truly begins.

Packaging & Selling Screen Properties in 2007

Straight talk from dealmakers about how comics properties are currently packaged for screen sales – film, DVD & TV. You'll gain the latest in packaging trends and wrinkles, negotiations and which producers are (or will be) buying or optioning what from whom.

Sci Fi Friday Night

The SCI FI Channel presents a night of screenings with the Dresden Files and Battlestar Galactica starting at 8pm on February 23rd. Only New York Comic Con fans will get to see The SCI FI Channel's Sunday programming before anyone else by attending on Friday Night. Admission is FREE with your New York Comic Con Admission Ticket. Even Better Yet, the First 200 Fans coming to SCI FI Friday Night will receive exclusive copies of the Pain Killer Jane and BattleStar Gallactica Comics sponsored by Dynamite Entertainment.

Shin Chan: Undiluted

Shin chan is cute, cuddly, five-years-old, and has the mouth of a sailor. A sensation in Japan for years, the show became a star in the United States thanks to Adult Swim. Now, meet the people who made it all happen, and ask them how they can sleep at night.

Shinobi (35mm)

In the middle of Japan's feudal age, two ninjas fall in love. For their love to last, though, they'll have to defeat their dueling clans, their shogun, and their destiny. Be one of the first 50 in line for "Shinobi" to receive a copy of the classic Japanese novel "The Kouja Ninja Scrolls," the basis for the film, from Del Rey Manga. Shown in 35mm. (FUNimation)

Stan Lee: An American Icon

How did a kid from Depression Era New York grow to create some of the world's most beloved characters? Walk with Stan Lee through his remarkable life and career, from the early days of comics up through the Marvel Age to learn the inside stories behind Spider-Man, The Fantastic Four, The Hulk, and many more! What happened at the beginning, and

how does Stan feel now that his characters have grown up to inspire millions worldwide?

Star TrekPocket Books editors and authors present the Star Trek publishing program for the year ahead, and share their thoughts on the future of the line.

Star Wars: Men Behind the Masks

You've been riveted by them on the big screen Star Wars epics, but you've never seen their faces. Now the masks are off, and Ray Park (Darth Maul), Daniel Logan (Boba Fett), and Peter Mayhew are telling all! Join them for an unforgettable discussion of their views on making Star Wars, meeting fans, and what really happens behind the magic!

Superheroes and Manga: Making Room for Both at Your Library

Publishers will be releasing a few thousand graphic novels this year with manga still leading the charge. Each line of graphic novels represents a separate and unique value for your patrons. Greater insight will only equate to drawing a wider audience. What librarian doesn't want that?

The Minimates Universe Talk to the people behind the Minimates!

Art Asylum and Diamond Select team up for this panel about everything Minimates. 2007 is shaping up to be the biggest year ever for the 2" world, so why not get an inside look at what is coming up? Ask questions, see some new 2D and sculpts, plus more!

The New York Comic Con Trailer Park

See the latest trailers from upcoming movies such as: Spider-Man 3, Surfs Up, Perfect Stranger, The Simpsons Movie, Harry Potter: The Order of the Phoenix, Transformers, Fantastic 4, 300, The Reaping, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Zodiac, Resident Evil 3, Grindhouse and more!

The Next Race Screening

Exclusive to New York Comic Con, the World Premiere of The Next Race movie trailer! Plus -- only New York Comic Con Fans will get to see 2 minutes of never-before-seen footage from the film splashed on the screen! Join Writer/Director Stewart St. John ("The Incredible Hulk", "Heavy Gear") who will be in attendance to introduce the film and

answer your questions about this uniquely told independent sci-fi film from the first chapter of Stewart's "The Creation Wars Saga". Eric Scott Woods ("24") and Bailey Chase ("Buffy The Vampire Slayer") who star as the genetically enhanced, blood-thirsty brothers Crecilius and Aiden Pryme, will also be there to talk about the film and sign autographs.

Train Man: Densha Otoko

A computer geek encounters a pretty, young woman on a commuter train and falls in love with her at first sight. Having never had a girlfriend, the geek seeks out his internet pals for love advice using the screen name Train_Man (Densha Otoko). Based on true events, "Train Man" is a fairy tale-like story that's become a media sensation and been adapted in novel, comic, television drama, and this feature film. (VIZ)

Uncle Morty's Dub Shack

Aladdin, Jimbo, Jon, and Trevor got jobs at a voice over studio for some extra dough. But there's a problem. Uncle Morty doesn't have any scripts for the boys to read. But being an enterprising bunch, they set out to boldly dub Uncle Morty's films in the fine tradition of "MST3K." (ImaginAsian)

Vertigo: Looking Ahead With PRIDE OF BAGHDAD, FABLES, the 'V FOR VENDETTA' movie and continued, critical success of monthly books, Vertigo had a 2006 to remember! Come see how 2007 is poised to surpass with new projects that will amaze you.

VIZ Media Manga Panel

New acquisitions for 2007-2008, new product releases, highlights for the rest of 2007, SHONEN JUMP and Shojo Beat magazine news, answers to your otaku questions and a chance to win VIZ Media products and prizes!

Web Comics Today: Models, Trends & Opportunities

There's a dizzying array of different models for delivering comics over the Web, from Webcomics, to PDFs for a fee, to ad-supported PDFs, to PDFs as promotional tool, and behind it all is the backdrop of illegal filesharing of comics. Are comics on the Web going to be a tool to

increase the popularity of paper products, an alternate distribution channel

that takes sales from retailers and circulation from libraries, or a threat to legitimate channels as illegal downloads grow? Hear from legacy publishers and cutting edge pioneers on this critical issue for the near future.

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ADV Presents The Matt Greenfield Show

ADV Co-Founder Matt Greenfield sits down and takes your questions. Will he make it out alive? He's coming loaded up with DVDs to reward the best questions (and fend off their most rabid fans).

Afro Samurai: The Creator, Director and Producers

Think you've seen Afro Samurai? You ain't seen ANYTHING. Afro Samurai is coming to DVD. If you thought the voice of Samuel L Jackson and a character like Afro fit onto broadcast TV, you thought wrong. Listen to where it all started from the Creator, Takashi (Bob) Okazaki, how it all got started for Co-Producer Eric Calderon, and how it all came together from the Director, Fuminori Kizaki. See never before seen footage from the show and a look at what to expect from the 'behind the scenes' on the DVD!

Air Gear To gain respect (and a few girls), Ikki took up a fast-paced and dangerous form of aerial skating -- Air Trekking.

But submerged in the violent Air Trekking underworld, Ikki discovers the men and women he once thought were vicious gangsters actually all have hearts of gold. (ADV)

American Anime Awards Pre-Game Show

New York Comic-Con is the proud host of the first-ever American Anime Awards. Before the show, come here to meet the presenters and maybe even score VIP tickets. Voice actresses Christine Auten, Jessica Boone, Shelley Calene-Black, Luci Christian, Alice Fulks, Hilary Haag, Taylor Hannah, and Serena Varghese will all be here, giving their picks for who they think will win big at the American Anime Awards.

Anime Innovation: Groundbreaking Works Direct From Japan

Japanese company THINK and Ken Duer, Producer of "The Animatrix," premiere a selection of animations for the first time in America. Learn about the future of anime beyond "Naruto" and Miyazaki and find out your place in it.

Behind the Scenes of TMNT: The Video Game

Ubisoft presents a behind-the-scenes look at the all-new TMNT video game. Creative director Nick Harper takes your questions and reveals all new game play and insight from the creative process.

BET Animation

Come see history in the making as BET Animation unveils their slate of upcoming animated shows for 2007! The networks first original animated series will be Vin Diesel's Hannibal. Other star-studded content features Notorious B.I.G., Bid 'Em In, and Kevina. Be on hand for some animated shorts as well as be the first to get a glimpse of BET's lineup of live action shows for 2007. Don't sleep- there will be a special surprise guest!!

Bleach Ichigo's a normal kid.

Except he can see ghosts, transforms into a Soul Reaper, and has a talking teddy bear. I guess Ichigo's not that normal after all. "Bleach" is one of the biggest shows right now in Japan, and now you can see how it all began. (VIZ)

Carmine Infantino Spotlight

Carmine Infantino, the artist that launched the Silver Age! Hear first-hand, how he and Julius Schwartz saved the comic book industry from collapse, saved Batman from cancelation to become the world's greatest selling comic, about the race between Superman and the Flash; creating the first DC-Marvel crossover books, Treasury Editions, Batgirl, The Flash, Poison Ivy, his fostering of mega-talents Adams, Kirby, Orlando, Wrightson, Kaluta, Simonson, Chaykin, Aragones, Cardy, and more! Moderated by J. David Spurlock



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Carousel with Sikoryak & Friends

Cartoon slide shows & other projected pictures, presented by a glittering array of artists, performers, graphic novelists, & other characters all curated & hosted by R. Sikoryak (Drawn and Quarterly). Artists will include: Lauren R. Weinstein (Girl Stories), Jason Little (Shutterbug Follies), Michael Kupperman (Tales Designed to Thrizzle) and others.

CBLDF Art Jam & Auction

Support Free Speech for the comics industry with this unforgettable CBLDF live art auction! Jeff Smith, Amanda Conner, Brian Bolland, and surprise guests will be on hand to draw your requests to be auctioned off to benefit the Fund, along with original art and rare collectibles from the CBLDF archive. Defend the rights of the comics world and get one-of-a-kind artwork at the CBLDF Art Jam!

Central Park Media and Be Beautiful Manga Celebrate 16 Years

Did you know the first anime DVD in America was released by Central Park Media? The company behind "Record of Lodoss War" and "Kizuna" talks frankly about everything from the days of "Japanimation" to why women love yaoi. CPM helped create the anime industry in America and has 16 years of stories to share.

Dark Horse: CONAN THE BARBARIAN

Join Dark Horse Editor Scott Allie and some surprise guests in a spirited discussion of what 2007 has in store for everyone's favorite Cimmerian. Expect sneak peeks into some upcoming plans for Robert E. Howard's other characters as well...

DC Presents: Crossing Over: How the Comics Boom is Changing Entertainment

The incredible amounts of talent from other industries and media crossing over to the comic book world have had an enormous impact on comics. Here's your chance to discuss their passion for comics!

DCU: A Better Tomorrow - Today!

The DC Universe has been transformed by the events of 52. Living in a world one year later, discover the fate of your favorite heroes in this compelling presentation and Q&A!

Deadline Horror Stories!

Comics are a deadline oriented business, and no matter how good your vision, you've still got to turn it in on time. A panel of pros, hosted by Danny Fingerth, will share their deadline horror stories with tips on how they made it through the worst of them. Peter David, Colleen Doran, Matthew Clark, and Kerry Gammill.

Don't Quit Your Day Job! The Truth About Breaking Into Comics

There's an adage: "If you don't really want to break into comics, no one can help you, if you do really want to break into comics, no one can stop you." For those who want to put in the hours, we've assembled a panel of distinguished pros to share their experiences about what you really need to know to navigate your way into comics.

Fox Atomic Comics

Check out what's coming up in 2007 from Fox Atomic Comics, the publishing arm of the Fox Atomic movie studio! Catch exclusive previews of the upcoming graphic novels 28 Days Later: The Aftermath, The Hills Have Eyes: The Beginning, and horror anthology The Nightmare Factory. Jimmy Palmiotti (co-writer of The Hills Have Eyes: The Beginning), Steve Niles (writer of 28 Days Later: The Aftermath), editor Heidi Macdonald and R. Eric Lieb from Fox Atomic will all be on-hand to discuss and cause a ruckus. As if that wasn't enough, everyone in attendance will receive an exclusive Fox Atomic goodie!

Frank Cho In the Spotlight

Sit down with superstar artist and comic book creator FRANK CHO for an intimate look at his career -- past, present and future. See how his early cartoon work at the University of Maryland evolved into the smart and provocative independent comic book creations "Liberty Meadows" and "Zombie Kings" at Image Comics -- and led to his vibrant and hot-and-sexy take on super-heroes as a Marvel-exclusive artist on "Shanna the She-Devil" and "The Might Avengers." Who inspired the animal characters of "Liberty Meadows"? Why is Frank obsessed with Linda Carter? Why does Frank hate his wiener dog? Find out these truths and more. It's everything you've ever wanted to know about Frank Cho -- with a look at what exciting new projects lay in store for this amazing artist in 2007,

including "Jungle Girl at Dynamite Entertainment, and his line of Liberty Meadows collectible toys from The Level 5 Group. This panel is moderated

by comic book writer David Tischman ("Bite Club"/"Star Trek"), an official FOC -- Friend of Cho -- and Frank's collaborator on the new horror mini-series from Image, "Voodoo Dolls."

Future Shocks: What Imaginative Literature Tells Us About Who We Are and Where We're Going

Science Fiction and Fantasy provide some of the most observant and powerful social commentary in literature. Join China Mieville, Grant Morrison, and Douglas Rushkoff, three masters of imaginative literature, for a lively discussion of how their work is looking at the world and shaping it through the prism of genre.

GaoGaiGarThe Gutsy Geoid Guard is all that stands between the Zonders, a race of souless alien soldiers, and the people of Earth.

Led by the cyborg Guy and robotic lion Galeon, the Gutsy Geoid Guard launches a hot-blooded, old-school battle to save our planet. And, of course, Guy's got a super robot or two up his sleeve for when the going gets tough. (Media Blasters)

Go! Comi Takes Over the World

Manga publisher Go! Comi strives to release America's most authentic, accurate manga. How are they doing? The Go! Comi team comes to New York Comic-Con to talk about their translation philosophy, explain how they pick and choose their titles, show off their upcoming books, introduce a few special guests, and -- oh, yeah -- reveal their plan for world domination.

Hadouken! A Bout with Manga Video

The company responsible for "Ninja Scroll," "Blood: The Last Vampire," "Read or Die," "Karas," and "Street Fighter II" shows off its latest knockout shows. What rabbit punches and haymakers and does Manga Video have planned for this year?

Hellboy Blood and Iron: A Special Sneak Peak

The latest installment of Hellboy: Animated flies on to the big screen

with this special advanced screening brought to you by Starz Home Entertainment. Director Tad Stones and Writer/Creator Mike Mignola will be in attendance to answer your questions and offer exclusive insight to the world's greatest paranormal detective.

Home of the Indies: Silent Devil in 2007

Independent studio and publisher Silent Devil announces their 2007 plans and introduces a new crew of talent. Featured guests include John Leekley, the writer/producer of Spawn The Animated Series, Silent Devil EIC Christian Beranek, Dracula vs. King Arthur co-creator Adam Beranek and Witchblade co-creator David Wohl.

Hostel 2

Don't miss this exclusive sneak peek at one of this year's most gripping horror films. Hostel Part II director, Eli Roth, and film star Heather Mattarazzo will lead the narrative and answer your questions. Hosted by Eric "Quint" Vespe from AIN'T IT COOL NEWS!

How to Draw Heartache

When was the last time a graphic novel made you cry? How did it do that? This panel examines how comics storytelling plumbs the depths of emotion experience to deliver a powerful and unique reading experience.

Jhonen Vasquez Spotlight

Jhonen Vasquez infuses his comics with cutting wit, irony, and bleak humor that have led to a phenomenal following. Join the creator of Johnny the Homicidal Maniac and Invader Zim for a look behind the creative curtain, and a look ahead at his new work.

Kevin Smith Spotlight

Writer, Director, Actor, Icon -- Kevin Smith is living the dream. Join him for a no-holds barred hour of outrageous conversation taking you behind the curtain of Clerks 2 and everything new in the View Askewniverse!

Le Chevalier

In the turmoil of Louis XV's France, a young man named D'Eon resolves to avenge the murder of his sister. But while D'Eon's sister's body is cold and buried, her spirit still walks and possesses D'Eon. Together both D'Eon and his sister will find her killer. (ADV)

Major Anime Announcement

No, we're not telling. Suffice to say, a major company has a major anime announcement, and you'll just have to come to find out what it is and who we are. If the mystery isn't enough to entice you, maybe the free Pocky will...

Make Me Laff: The Craft of Humor Comics

Comics used to be called the funnies, but today, precious few cartoonists have the skill to make their reader laugh out loud. We've gathered four of the field's funniest practitioners for a discussion of what makes humor comics work.

Marvel: Cup o' Joe

Join the EEK himself, Joe Quesada and surprise guests, as he unveils what's in store for all your favorite Marvel characters & creators, makes some surprising announcements, and takes on any and all questions!! Marvel's plans for 2007 are so huge, Joe needs a second hour to unveil all of the plans. That's right, a TWO HOUR Cup o' Joe! As always, this is the one, no-holds barred panel that everyone's gonna be talking about, and the one panel you don't want to miss!!!

MARVEL: Stephen King's Dark Tower - The Gunslinger Born

The most eagerly anticipated comic series ever has arrived: Dark Tower is here! Join the Master of Horror (and NYCC Guest of Honor) himself, STEPHEN KING, who will be on hand, along with the rest of the Dark Tower creative team, to answer your questions and provide a sneak peek at upcoming issues. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime panel. NOTE: This is a ticketed event

Masters of Horror

Come join us for a panel discussion with the Masters of Horror and

be the first to find out the details behind the bone-chilling second season from the Masters themselves. On the panel will be Mick Garris (Director of Season 1's Chocolate and Season 2's Valerie on the Stairs), John Landis (Director of Season 1's Deer Woman and Season 2's Family), Meat Loaf (Star of Season 2's Pelts directed by Dario Argento), and Dennis Paoli (Writer of Season 1's Dreams in the Witch-House and Season 2's The Black Cat). Join this enigmatic group as they share stories and anecdotes from on the set of the ground-breaking hit series that has become a must-see for horror fans.

Masters of Superhero Art

In their respective eras, Neal Adams and George Perez each reinvigorated the illustration in superhero comics, recreating the heroic ideal for their times. George Khoury along with Eric Larsen, will lead an examination of the superhero comics tradition and the artistic ideals that they have taken to new heights.

Minx: The Face of Modern Fiction

Get in on the ground floor of this edgy, evocative and fearless line of graphic novels designed exclusively for young adults!

NYCC Comics School: Art of the Cover

The cover is the most important part of any comic book. It needs to draw the reader in, sets up what to expect inside, and stands on its own as a dynamic piece of art. So how does an artist go about filling this tall order? Cover artists Greg Horn and JG Jones will take you inside the process.

NYCC Comics School: How to Draw Manga with Colleen Doran

In a lively seminar, master cartoonist Colleen Doran walks you through the principles of drawing dynamic manga art.

NYCC Comics School: Pencil Pushers

What goes into making a great comics page? Our panel of top pencilers walk you through the process of translating a script to dynamic storytelling and penciled art.

NYCC Comics School: Secrets of Inking

Kevin Smith derided them as “tracers” in *Chasing Amy*, but a great inker brings out the tone and texture of the comics you read. Join John Lucas for a discussion of how to breathe life into the penciled page.

NYCC Comics School: Secrets of the Comics Page with Jim Steranko

Jim Steranko single-handedly revolutionized comics storytelling in the sixties with his design oriented comics for Marvel. Now the master shows you the principles behind comics storytelling and how to unlock the power of the page.

NYCC Comics School: The Art of Expressive Color

How do you take color art beyond the literal and make it a vital factor of comics storytelling? Acclaimed artist Jose Villarrubia (*New Avengers*, *Promethea*) discusses the fundamentals of expressive digital color art for comics, and unlocks the secrets for making color a key element of great comics storytelling.

NYCC Comics School: Worldbuilding

Creating a great comic is about more than character and plot – to take your story from good to memorable, you have to create a world that readers believe in. This panel shows you the tricks of the trade to build a convincing world that your readers will want to return to again and again.

NYCC'S Behind the Panels: The 80's Superhero Renaissance

The 80s reshaped comics and revolutionized the superhero genre, with a higher level of writing, art and storytelling becoming the norm. Panelists Bill Sienkiewicz, Brian Bolland, Walter Simonson, and Rick Veitch were among the leading voices in the more mature, intelligent superhero comics that changed the era. We'll wander back in the era and the work of the panel, examining the aspirations and realities of the 80s Superhero Comics renaissance.

NYCC'S Behind the Panels: The 60's Marvel Bullpen

Under the direction of Stan Lee, Marvel Comics in the 1960s was one of the most remarkable creative workplaces in the history of the medium.

Now join Stan Lee, Marie Severin, Roy Thomas, Ralph Macchio and Gene Colan for a look back at what the classic bullpen was really like, in a lively panel hosted by John Morrow.

NYCC'S Behind the Panels: The Classic Age of Comics

Look back at the birth of the classic comics we all love with the men who made them what they are. Join Arnold Drake and Irwin Hasen, for a look at the inspirations behind the best comics of the Gold & Silver Age and find out what really went on behind the scenes of those imaginative stories we now revere.

Paradise Kiss

A quiet girl's life is forever changed when four design school students abduct her to model for their upstart clothing company -- *Paradise Kiss*. An ornate and gorgeous story of heartbreak and high fashion based on the manga by Ai Yazawa. (Geneon)

Pride & Prejudice: Exploring Gay Identity in Graphic Novels

Graphic novelists are transcending the media stereotypes of gay life to create enduring, heart-felt, and honest portrayals of gay identity. Join Prism Comic's Patty Jeres as she leads Abby Denson, Alison Bechdel, Ariel Schrag, in a discussion of their explorations in this theme.

Re-Creating a Comic Book Character on Film

“Attend the world-premiere of the original short film “Trapped in the Flames” based on the popular comic book character Paula Peril. Following the 10-minute film, participate in an open Q&A with actress/producer Valerie Perez (*Tears of the Dragon*), director Bill

McClellan ('Skid Marks'), and comic book series creator James Watson (Atlantis Studios).

Paula Peril comic and movie promos distributed to all attendees!”

Robotech: The Shadow Chronicles

Earth has survived the Zentradi, the Robotech Masters, and the Invid, but now -- on the verge of an era of peace -- the planet faces its most deadly threat yet. Can the Robotech Expeditionary Force amass an army of

heroes to fend off the mysterious, omnipotent Shadows? (FUNimation / Harmony Gold)

Robotech: The Shadow Chronicles - Cast and Crew Q&A

“Robotech: The Shadow Chronicles” is the first new “Robotech” animation in a generation. To say it’s anticipated would be an understatement. Learn from the artists at the center of the production what it’s like to be a part of a new chapter of one of anime’s most beloved legends.

Sci Fi Presents: Battlestar Galactica

“If you’re not watching it, you should be. Come see what the buzz is all about at the Battlestar Galactica panel. Join James Callis, President Gaius Baltar, Tricia Helfer, Number Six, Adam Stotsky SVP, Marketing & Creative, SCI FI Channel.”

Slayer Tales with Xander, Kendra and Drusilla

Diamond Select proudly presents a look back at Joss Whedon’s beloved series Buffy the Vampire Slayer with cast members Nicholas Brendan (Xander), Bianca Lawson (Kendra), and Juliet Landau (Drusilla). Learn the inside dirt on making the series, how they built their characters, and what Slayer-mania feels like since the series concluded.

Stan Lee Presents: Mosiac & Condor

The genius behind Spider Man and the Fantastic Four gets up close and personal with what promises to be a thrilling and thought provoking Q&A. Join Stan and a special guest as they explore the world of comic lore and offer a candid glimpse into The Condor and Mosaic, the all-new animated feature films from Stan Lee Presents and Starz Home Entertainment.

Star Wars: Beyond 30

Join Star Wars author Timothy Zahn (Star Wars: Allegiance), Del Rey editors Shelly Shapiro & Keith Clayton, Random House Audio voice talent Jonathan Davis (audio book Star Wars: Attack of the Clones), Random House Audio executive producer Jacob Bronstein, and Star Wars Insider and Starwars.com contributor & author Jason Fry (forthcoming Atlas

of the Star Wars Galaxy) as they discuss the latest Star Wars titles from Del Rey and Random House Audio. The future of the Star Wars Galaxy will become clearer and exciting revelations will be made.

Stuck in the Middle: Wonderment from an Unpleasant Age

Graphic novelists and comic artists Ariel Schrag, Lauren Weinstein, Jace Smith, Dash Shaw and Gabrielle Bell delve into the agonies, triumphs and torments of young adulthood providing the inspiration for poignant, witty stories and illustrations.

The Black Panel

Witness true Black Power – the power of black content in the entertainment marketplace. Join Wu Tang Clan’s ‘Prodigal Sunn,’ Denys Cowan, Vice President, BET Animation and artist on the upcoming the DC comics miniseries ‘Bat-Man Confidential,’ the crew from ‘Blokheadz’ Michael and Mark Davis, and moderator - Vice President UMI Media and creator of the Guardian Line -Michael Davis. Witness a lively look at how black content is influencing entertainment, and discuss how to increase its output in the mainstream.

The Comic Geek Speak Podcast presents The New York Comic Con

Comic Trivia Showdown Do you think you know your Marvel and DC trivia? Are you confident you can defeat anyone who dares to challenge your superhuman comic knowledge? If so then be first to attend in order to participate in the Comic Trivia Showdown. The winner will take home a whole pile of prizes, including comics, t-shirts, and other comics.

The Creepy, Spooky World of Japanese Horror with Author David Kalat

You’ve seen “The Ring.” You’ve seen “The Grudge.” Where do you go from here? David Kalat, film commentator and author of “J-Horror: The Definitive Guide to The Ring, The Grudge, and Beyond,” will steer you in the right direction. John David for an exploration of why Japanese horror is terrifying the world.

The Hills Have Eyes 2

Be the first to catch an exclusive sneak peek at 2007's hotly anticipated horror film, *The Hills Have Eyes 2!* Join horror master Wes Craven, co-writer Jonathan Craven, and cast members from *The Hills Have Eyes 2* as they talk about the film and debut an exclusive clip. You don't want to miss this panel!

The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya: The First Look

"The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya" may be the most-hyped anime of 2007, and Bandai Entertainment talks about the show for the first time at New York Comic-Con. Have questions about how the SOS Brigade will make it across the Pacific? Bandai has the answers.

Tsubasa (Premiere)

From the renowned manga studio CLAMP, when Princess Sakura loses her memories, the Clow Kingdom's greatest warriors and witches gather together and cross dimensions to restore their Princess's past and save the Clow Kingdom's future. A special two-hour premiere featuring a collection of the American "Tsubasa" cast. Be one of the first 50 in line to receive a copy of Del Rey's "Tsubasa Character Guide." (FUNimation)

Venture Brothers Spotlight

Hank, Dean, Doc and others will spill the beans and provide insight into the future. Come and get the inside scoop on which antagonists will attempt to spoil the frills of the wayfaring brothers Venture.

VIZ Media Anime Panel

"View trailers and join discussions on upcoming releases, get updates on *Naruto*, *Inuyasha*, *Bleach*, and other VIZ Media titles. Join us for your chance to win prizes, DVDs, and more!"

Voltron: Defender of the Universe

From days long ago, from uncharted regions of the Universe, comes the legend of Voltron. Born from the hearts and minds of five fearless space explorers, the mighty robot Voltron has for a generation remained dormant, but now -- remastered and restored -- "Voltron" is alive again. (Media Blasters)

We've Come a Long Way: Four Generations of Women Cartoonist

From early toils in obscurity to the well-deserved spotlight in more recent years, female cartoonists have been among the most important, and under-recognized contributors to comics history. Join Heidi MacDonald as she leads Colleen Doran, Amanda Conner, Svetlana Chmakova and Rivkah in a memorable discussion of their contributions to comics, the way the business was when they entered, and how much the art and business of comics has changed over the course of their careers.

Who Reads Graphic Novels? Who Doesn't!

A panel of mainstream, independent and manga publishers will introduce you to the red hot graphic novel in all its amazing shapes, sizes, and topics. Come and discover why this format is changing reader attitudes and publisher practice.

Will Eisner's THE SPIRIT Movie Spotlight

"Down These Mean Streets A Man Must Come, A Hero Born, Murdered and Born Again" It's considered the CITIZEN KANE of comic books and now Will Eisner's legendary hero is about to become a major motion picture! Writer/Director Frank Miller, whose incredible new film "The 300" opens March 9th, Producer Michael Uslan and Co-Producer F.J. DeSanto discuss the process of adapting Will Eisner's classic creation to the silver screen.

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February 25 Panels

65 Years of Growing up with Archie

Join the creative staff who will share inside perspectives on the creation of Archie, how it has evolved, why it dominates the newsstands and the super markets in comic sales. Panelists include: Michael Silberkleit, Chairman/Co-Publisher; Victor Gorelick, VP Managing Editor (for over 40 years); Fred Mausser, VP Sales; Mike Pellerito, Editor Sonic and Katy Keene and Sabrina the Teenage Witch; Nelson Ribeiro, Editor of the Digest line; Rik Offenberger, Public Relations Coordinator; Dan Parent, Betty & Veronica Archie Artist & Writer; Fernando Ruiz, and Tanya Del Rio, Sabrina Manga Archie Artist & Writer.

ADV's Super Secret Screening

What's shakin' at ADV? Co-founder Matt Greenfield unveils the company's latest, but he's got more than words to share -- Greenfield has come with clips (and DVDs). Witness ADV's newest titles before anyone else (and walk away with free DVD or three). (ADV)

Anime News Network Post-Game Show

The staff of the Anime News Network wrap up the news, events, and happenings of the American Anime Awards and New York Comic-Con 2007. Who scored big? Who shook the world? Who held the best parties? More, ANN will chat about themselves and the evolving world of anime journalism.

Banzai Bandai

Bandai's got "Gundam," "My-HiME," "Cowboy Bebop," and "Eureka 7." What more could they want? Find out in this hour-long talk about how Bandai plans to top itself this year. (More robots? Probably.)

Bone Reading

Join Jeff Smith as he gives a special reading from his beloved graphic novel series as part of NYCC's Kids Day!

Brian K Vaughan Spotlight

Brian K. Vaughan is one of the decade's most popular and topical graphic novels. His stories have explored gender, politics, and war with an overwhelming sense of humanity. Join DC's Will Dennis for a look inside the mind of this prolific and powerful creator.

Chaotic: The Future of Trading Card Game Play

Join top executives from 4Kids Entertainment - the company that introduced Pokemon and Yu-Gi-Oh! to the world outside of Asia - for a panel discussion that will include the highly anticipated and ground-breaking entertainment property CHAOTIC, which unites the worlds of immersive story-telling, role-playing and on-line digital technology. Hear how this revolutionary trading card game brings together an animated TV Series, in-person trading card play and free on-line game portal this spring.

China Mieville Spotlight

Internationally renowned and multiple award-winning fantasy author China Mieville discusses classic children's literature, illustrated fiction, heroes, heroines, sidekicks, and his first young adult novel, Un Lun Dun.

Comic Strips & Syndication

Most comic strip artists dream of getting picked up by a big syndicate that then gets their comic strip published in newspapers around the world. But in the era of webcomics, alternative newspapers and declining circulation among large paid dailies, is traditional syndication still the best route for an aspiring comic strip artist? And given the increased selectivity of the big syndicates, do you even have a choice of deciding between a traditional syndication deal and going it alone? These topics and others will be discussed with comic strip professionals who have gotten their strips published in newspapers nationwide through non-traditional means.

DARK HORSE COMICS Q&A

Please join Dark Horse Editor Randy Stradley, Publicist Jeremy Atkins and some surprise guests for a peek into Dark Horse's future, as the maverick Publisher enters it's third decade on the cutting edge.

Degrassi Spotlight

Join us for the Degrassi discussion panel and find out how the highest-rated teen show on American cable television is being translated into a series of original graphic novels. Panelists will include J. Torres, author of the Degrassi: Extra Credit graphic novels, Ramón Pérez, illustrator of the second volume in the series, and Jake Epstein, who plays Craig Manning, one of the most popular characters on the long-running television show, Degrassi: The Next Generation. The panelists will discuss the challenges and benefits of creating graphic novels that are drawn from a property that's already well-established on television; how plotlines and character development from the television show are handled in the graphic novels; fan reaction to both the show and the books; and how these two distinct components complement each other. Also up for discussion will be the success of the television show and the graphic novels in foreign markets, the challenge of working with different illustrators in a continuity series, and the creation of other Degrassi projects spun-off from Degrassi: Extra Credit.

George R.R. Martin Spotlight

George R.R. Martin is the New York Times bestselling author of the Song of Ice and Fire series, which has just been optioned by HBO for a dramatic series.. Join him for a look at what's ahead!

Ghost in the Shell: Solid State Society (Premiere)

Elite intelligence agency Section 9 is baffled by the mass kidnapping of over 20,000 children and a series of high-ranking suicides. As its agents try to solve both these cases, they come to realize they're closely and dangerously related. Worse, their search brings them face-to-face with a former comrade -- cyborg detective Motoko Kusanagi. (Bandai / Manga)

How to Draw Retro Style Cartoons: A beginners Primer

Based on Chris Hart's new book, Cartoon Cool: How to Draw New Retro Style Characters. Bring your sketchpad and pencil, because when the bug hits you, you'll be able to start drawing. America's leading author of How-to-Draw art technique books is offering a beginner's class in drawing the new "retro" style of cartoons. You'll begin with a brief intro to Chris's

background, book series, and discussions of the various styles his extensive book series covers: Then we'll turn to the new retro style of cartooning. What is "retro?" And why is it so popular? Examples are "Fairly Odd Parents," "Sponge Bob," "Jimmy Neutron," "Kim Possible," and so many others.

Karas

As mankind loses its fear of the creatures of the night, man's ultimate weapon against monsters and demons -- Karas -- abandons his sword. Now, a humanity that no longer fears the shadows is defenseless against ancient, unstoppable evil. Can a new Karas rise before all the Earth sinks into darkness? (Manga)

Living to Tell the Tale: Graphic Novel as Memoir

Graphic novels are becoming the most powerful and acclaimed style in the memoir genre. What is it about the form, and the stories it allows authors to tell, that makes today's graphic novels the most moving memoirs in the field? You'll hear from Alison Bechdel, Adrian Tomine, Jessica Abel, Miriam Katin as they examine this growing phenomenon. Bill Kartalopoulos will lead the discussion.

MARVEL: Prize or No Prize

The hit of the con season returns! Think you know Marvel comics? Want to prove it and win cool prizes? Join Marvel's Tom Brevoort and your fellow Marvel zombies for a rousing round of trivia and fun! Who will be the last hero standing? It could be you, but only if you're here...

Media Blasters: Old-School, New-School, and Everything In Between

From "Invader Zim" to "Voltron," Media Blasters knows pop culture. Listen as the company's founder, John Sirabella, talks about what it takes to be on the bleeding edge of pop, kitsch, niche, retro, and cool. What's next for the masters of anime, yaoi, samurai cinema, and schlocky horror?

My-HiMEBy day

Fuka Academy is a prestigious, private school. By night, it becomes a battleground for the HiME, a cabal of girls capable of pulling weapons

and monsters from thin air. The HiME fight, unaware of their origins, until the secret behind their war shakes Fuka Academy to the ground. (Bandai)

Nick Presents: El Tigre

His father is a super-hero. His grandfather is a super-villain. Some day, Manny Rivera will have to choose which side he's on. Until then, he'll use his powers for good, for bad... and mostly for fun. He is El Tigre!

Nickelodeon Comic Carousel with 3-D!

Interactive cartoon slideshows hosted by editors, Chris Duffy and Dave Roman, with R. Sikoryak. Featuring comic strip makers: Sam Henderson, Karen Sneider, Bill Alger. Plus Michael Kupperman with a special 3D comic! Plenty of gags, goofiness, audience participation! Definitely forkids and alt-comics-loving adults. Free 3-D glasses and magazines!

Noein

Fifteen years in the future, the world faces extinction unless a soldier can travel back in time to prevent the coming apocalypse. However, to succeed, he'll have to defeat an adversary who knows his every thought and move -- his other self. (Manga)

NYCC Comics School: Computer and Comic Art

Join Dennis Calero for an intensive 2 hour workshop featuring covering, drawing, inking and coloring in Photoshop.

NYCC Comics School: Form vs. Function

How do you take color art beyond the literal and make it a vital factor of comics storytelling? Acclaimed artist Jose Villarrubia (New Avengers, Promethea) discusses the fundamentals of expressive digital color art for comics, and unlocks the secrets for making color a key element of great comics storytelling.

NYCC Comics School: JMS on writing

If you want to make it as a writer, you've got to be good, you've got to be fast, and you've got to be fearless. J. Michael Straczynski's career shows that he's got all of these qualities in spades. Join him for this intimate,

hands on look at the art of writing.

NYCC Comics School: Writing Under Pressure

Writing comics is much more than having a good story. This panel examines how to write for the visual medium under deadline with prolific writers Peter David, Christos Gage and Stuart Moore with Danny Fingerroth as your guide.

NYCC's Behind the Panels: Looking back at the VALIANT Universe

A frank and passionate session where the artists, writers, editors and production crew of VALIANT Comics will be reunited to discuss how VALIANT achieved its success, what exactly led to the company's demise, and what they hope will be in store for the future of the VALIANT characters. Organized by John Rosas and moderated by former Valiant editor Jeff Gomez. Authors and artist include: Joe St Pierre, Rodney Ramos, Anthony Castrillo, Mike McGuire, Stu Suchit, Sean Chen, Bernard Chang, Tommy Lee Edwards, Jeff Gomez and Yvel Guichet.

Pokémon and the Temple of the Sea Voice Actor Panel

See a sneak peak of the upcoming Pokémon DVD release "Pokémon and the Temple of the Sea." You'll get a chance to meet the voices behind your favorite Pokémon characters: Sarah Natochenny (Ash Ketchum); Bill Rogers (Brock); Michele Knotz (May) and ask them questions about their roles. Pokémon Brand Manager, Lawrence Neves, will also be on hand to help answer all of your questions!

Political Cartoons: The Next Generation

So long, donkeys and elephants! A brash new posse of Political Cartoonists, influenced by comic strips and books, is transforming an old form into work that's fresh and subversive. Join Ted Rall, Ruben Bolling, Mikhaela B. Reid, and other "Attitude" anthology cartoonists for a Crossfire-style discussion of editorial cartooning and the state of the nation.

Read Different: The New York Comic-Con Debut of Vertical Inc.

Independent and avant garde Japanese manga and novel publisher Vertical Inc. makes its New York Comic-Con debut. For Vertical, bringing

the works of Osamu Tezuka and Koji Suzuki's original "Ring" books to America was just the start. Learn what Vertical plans for this year and why you should read different.

Remembering Dave Cockrum

Fond recollections of artist Dave Cockrum and his impact upon the industry.

Superheroes: Not Just For Comic Books

Superheroes area leaping across the comics page and into the world of literary fiction. Chip Kidd moderates a discussion of this hip lit trend with newcomer Austin Grossman, author of this summer's *Soon I Will Be Invincible*, Tom De Haven, author of *It's Superman! A Novel* and Paul Dini author of *The World's Greatest Super Heroes*.

The Chiodo Bros.: One Frame at a Time: Our Life in Stop-Motion

The world of animation has changed dramatically since the entry of computers into the entertainment industry. Digital techniques have overtaken the roles once filled by stop-motion animation as visual effects tools but stop motion continues to flourish as a valid filmmaking technique. Throughout all this change, the Chiodo Bros. have managed to keep the stop-motion technique alive - as both a visual effects tool and a source of creative expression for storytelling purposes. The Bros. will discuss how they've embraced the digital age alongside their more traditional techniques and illustrate this new style of Digital Stop Motion with examples of their work.

The Darkness Video Game

Get the scoop on the upcoming video game of *The Darkness* coming in the Spring for both X-Box 360 and Playstation 3. Included will be an inside look at the making of the game and what fans can expect from game play plus more! Featuring panelists Anthony DeLuca (producer of *The Darkness* video game), and Matt Hawkins

The History of Comic Book Movies

Comic books started out modestly seven decades ago printed on pulp

paper and appealing to a very young audience. Today, comics have become American mythology with a broad ranging audience, with legendary characters and stories that have transcended time and inspired generations of readers and artists in all different mediums. With movie companies now issuing bonds in order to finance the purchase of rights to comic book characters, comic book movies have become an international multi-billion dollar industry. Through clips and discussion, Arie Kaplan and Eddy Friedfeld will analyze the history of the comic book movie, from the innovative Fleischer animated Superman cartoons and the Columbia Batman and Superman serials of the 1940's to George Reeves and Christopher Reeve's *Men of Steel*, to the modern collection of Keaton, Kilmer, Clooney and Bale Batmans, *Superman Returns*, the Spiderman trilogy, and the upcoming *Ghost Rider*, *Wonder Woman*, and *Iron Man*.

The Jewish Side of Comics

Rabbi Simcha Weinstein (*Up Up and Oy Vey*) will present Biblical "superhero" archetypes; Danny Fingerth (*Disguised As Clark Kent: Jews, Comics, And the Creation of the Superhero*) will discuss Jewish comics creators and the superheroes they dreamed up; Stan Mack (*Story of the Jews*) will talk about the series of Jewish historical fiction graphic novels for teens which he is working on; Neil Kleid (*Brownsville, "Rabbi Ninja", Stable Rods, Pilgrimage*) will share his thoughts on writing & illustrating his cartoon memoir about an Orthodox teen living with a disability; and Josef Rubinstein will talk about working on such projects as *Mendy and the Golem*, *Journeys: The Collected Edition* and *Balm in Gilead*. Moderated by librarian Steven Bergson, who runs the Jewish comics blog at <http://jewishcomics.blogspot.com>

The Making of a Del Rey Manga

How does a manga make its way to the USA? If you'd like to know, join *Del Rey Manga* as it discusses the making of a manga from acquisition, to translation, to production, to marketing. Also, be the first to hear some exciting *Del Rey* news!

THE TRIPPER - Exclusive Preview - Presented by After Dark Films

"*The Tripper*" is a political horror film about a group of friends who escape to a modern-day Woodstock concert for a weekend of debauchery, only

to be stalked by a fanatical, Reagan-obsessed killer determined to finish what he started years earlier. Join Writer/Director David Arquette and co-star Paul Reubens in a lively discussion about the making of the film and catch a sneak preview of part of the film. Also, After Dark Films will feature an exclusive preview of their newest film - HORRORFEST 2.

TOKYOPOP Authors and Artists Roundtable

TOKYOPOP's proud to present Eric Wight, Stuart Moore, Shannon Denton, Dan Hipp, June Kim, and Pop Mahn -- the creators of "My Dead Girlfriend," "Earthlight," "Zapt!," "Gyakushu!," "12 Days," and "Blank." Meet this group of creators leading the manga revolution, and find out if you've got what it takes to join the charge.

Translating Art Into Animation: J.J. Sedelmaier

You've seen his work on Beavis, SNL, Letterman, The Daily Show, etc. Join J.J. Sedelmaier for 50 minutes of animation and Q&A addressing the translation of illustration technique into film. This presentation explores how each design style Sedelmaier uses (and he and his studio have an unlimited library to choose from), goes through analysis and development before it becomes a "cartoon."

What's New at Newtype USA?

Meet the editors of "Newtype USA" and learn what it takes to put the magazine together. They'll be taking questions, giving out free subscriptions, and, if you come in cosplay, putting your picture in an upcoming issue.

WildStorm/CMX: 'Gon' Wild!

The WorldStorm is upon us! Come see what's coming up that's sure to amaze. Also, the ever-popular CMX line of manga books including GON, MEGATOKYO and more, is spotlighted here for your pleasure.