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...AND OTHERS TO BE ANNOUNCED!

ELSEWHERE AT COMIC-CON

PAIGE BRADDOCK	**1635**
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PORTFOLIO REVIEW

Justin Hall (*No Straight Lines*) will be offering constructive reviews. Ask at the booth for days and times.

ON THE COVER

Top left of "3" down: Molly Knox Osterag, Iceman Blue, *Pride High* (Roddy, Hippensteel, Van Marle), Jeff Krell, Tee Franklin

Top left of "0" clockwise: Joe Phillips, Dylan Edwards, Elizabeth Beier, *Young Protectors* (Dekraker and Woolfson), Howard Cruse, Steve MacIsaac, Ed Luce, Alison Bechdel

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COMIC-CON INTERNATIONAL: SAN DIEGO IS THE LARGEST COMICS CONVENTION IN THE WORLD! With so many panels, presentations, & events to choose from, we've had to narrow down these program listings to ones we feel will have the highest appeal for LGBTQ comic fans and their allies. For full schedule & descriptions, consult the Comic-Con Program. The Con releases daily updates with corrections, cancellations and additions. Openly LGBTQ creators appear in **BOLD TYPE**.

THURSDAY
JULY 20, HALL OPEN 9:30AM-7PM

10-11AM—CODE SWITCH: DIVERSITY BEHIND THE SCENES
African American, veteran, LGBTQ, and female creatives in the science fiction, fantasy, and gaming industry discuss diversity of background and thought. Learn how obstacles overcome, stereotypes broken, and glass ceilings shattered have fueled creative magic! **ROOM 25ABC**

10-11AM—CREATORS, LIBRARIES, AND LITERACY
Some of your favorite comics creators discuss why librarians and libraries are important to them, including **MOLLY OSTERTAG**. **SHILEY SPECIAL EVENTS SUITE, SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY**

10-11AM—JAWS WILL DROP, SIDES WILL ACHE… SUPER WEIRD HEROES!
IDW and Yoe Books editor Craig Yoe presents a fun multimedia show of the kookiest, kraziest, most bizarro leotard-clad heroes of the Golden Age of comic books, including Madam Fatale, the first cross-dressing superhero! **ROOM 28DE**

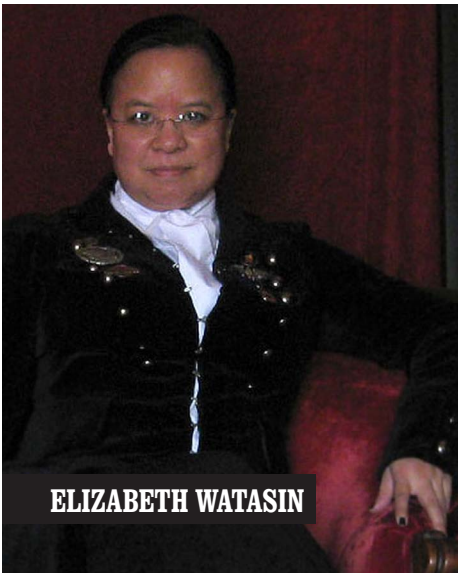
10:30-NOON—COMIC BOOK LAW SCHOOL 101: HELP ME UNDERSTAND
Noted IP attorney **MICHAEL LOVITZ** and others focus on the basics and provides attendees with the foundation needed for understanding the various intellectual property rights available to creators and business owners. **ROOM 11**

11-11:50AM—ANYTHING GOES WITH JOHN BARROWMAN
Join actor and entertainer **JOHN BARROWMAN** for his outrageously entertaining one-man show! **INDIGO BALLROOM, HILTON SAN DIEGO BAYFRONT**

11AM-NOON—BATMAN: THE ANIMATED PODCAST LIVE!
A live episode of the hit podcast with a 25th anniversary celebration of the legendary cartoon *Batman: The Animated Series* features an interview and Q&A with **KEVIN CONROY** (the voice of Batman)! **NEIL MORGAN AUDITORIUM, SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY**

11-NOON—IDW PUBLISHING: FOCUS ON GRAPHIC NOVELS
IDW hosts a discussion of the stunning graphic albums coming from IDW this year, including creators such as **JIM MCCANN** (*Return Of The Dapper Men*), and others. **ROOM 28DE**

MOLLY OSTERTAG


ELIZABETH WATASIN

NOON-1PM—BE YOUR OWN SUPERHERO: INTERSECTIONAL FEMINISM IN COMICS

Representation matters, both on and behind the page. Creators chat about the strides made in representation of race, gender, and sexuality in comics-and how everyone can do better. **ROOM 32AB**

NOON-1PM—CBLDF: STATE OF CENSORSHIP 2017

Get a global look at comics censorship from CBLDF! See how the new political climate is affecting free speech in the U.S., with an abundance of local challenges to comics addressing diversity and equality. **ROOM 11**

NOON-1PM—ELFQUEST: AN INTIMATE CONVERSATION

An intimate conversation with Wendy Pini and Richard Pini as they discuss the origins, evolution, and influences behind this perennial comic classic. **NEIL MORGAN AUDITORIUM, SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY**

NOON-1PM—THE PITCHING HOUR

Producers and writers, including Grace Ellis (writer, *Lumberjanes*, *Moonstruck*), will take an idea from conception through production for various media. **ROOM 7AB**

12:30-1:30PM—A BUNCH OF JEWS (A MINYEN YIDN)

Creators including **ELIZABETH WATASIN** discuss the creation of the anthology *A Bunch Of Jews (A Minyen Yidn)* and portraying Jewish characters from within and outside of the culture. **ROOM 24ABC**

12:30-1:30PM—JUSTICE LEAGUE ACTION VIDEO PRESENTATION AND Q&A

Producers and members of the voice cast of *Justice League Action*–including Batman voice **KEVIN CONROY**–will be on hand to screen an all-new episode and a Q&A. **ROOM 6A**

1-2PM—DISCOVER THE IMPACT OF THE WEB ON MAINSTREAM COMICS

Some creators who got their start making webcomics have been able to cross over and work on mainstream print titles, including **MOLLY OSTERTAG** (*Strong Female Protagonist*), and more. **ROOM 28DE**

1-2PM—HEROES AT THE MIC

Learn how this panel of top geek broadcasters built their shows, overcame obstacles, and had a grand time bringing you the scoops on comics, films, books, and gaming! Includes **KEITH LANE** (*Two Gay Geeks*) and others. **NEIL MORGAN AUDITORIUM, SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY**

1:30-2:30PM—EDITING COMICS

A discussion of how professional editors from the industry's most prestigious publishers work with authors to make awesome comics and graphic novels, including **SHANNON WATTERS** (BOOM! Studios). **ROOM 4**

2-3PM—DIVERSITY IN COMICS: A LIBRARIAN'S PERSPECTIVE

How do library professionals face diversity and inclusion-or the lack thereof-in their comic collection development and programming? Find out from this panel of librarians! **SHILEY SPECIAL EVENTS SUITE, SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY**

2-3PM–IMAGE COMICS: CREATING THE FUTURE OF COMICS

How do you make comics the Image Comics way? Creators including **CAT STAGGS** (*Crosswind*) tell us. **ROOM 23AB**

2-3PM–TEEN WOLF

Teen Wolf cast and crew–probably including actor **CHARLIE CARVER**–will be on hand to reminisce about the beloved series. **HALL H**

2:15-3:15PM–DC UNIVERSE ORIGINAL MOVIES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

A decade of animated DC Entertainment-infused films are celebrated with a panel that includes **KEVIN CONROY** (*Batman And Harley Quinn*), and others. **ROOM 6BCF**

3-4PM–YOUR STAR TREK PODCAST HQ: SOCAL

Nationally known Trek podcasters from SoCal to talk about the recent boon of diversity and the role that podcasts and Internet radio play in keeping Trek alive, including **AARON HARVEY** (*Saturday Morning Trek*, Trek.fm), and others. **NEIL MORGAN AUDITORIUM, SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY**

4:15-5:15PM–BATMAN: MASK OF THE PHANTASM, REMASTERED AND READY FOR BLU-RAY

The 25th anniversary of *Batman: The Animated Series* brings a look back at the landmark animated theatrical release, *Batman: Mask Of The Phantasm*, with legendary Batman voice **KEVIN CONROY**, and others. **ROOM 6A**

5-6PM–MOONLIGHT & MAGIC: BLACK LGBTQ CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCI-FI, FANTASY, COMICS, & GENRE

The Black LGBTQ experience has brought unique and significant intersectional perspectives to our society and popular media: Black Lives Matter was founded by three black queer women; Black LGBT authors Octavia Butler and Samuel Delany created legendary works; bisexual writer Roxane Gay brought Marvel's *Black Panther* to deep critical acclaim; and *Moonlight* won the Oscar for Best Picture. Join Prism Comics with moderator **FAITH CHELTENHAM** (BiNet USA VP, Tor.com co-creator) and panelists **VIKTOR KERNEY** (Prism board member, GayMediaSoWhite creator), **AJUAN MANCE** (8-rock.com), **SEAN Z. MAKER** (Bent-Con), **MONICA ROBERTS** (TransGriot, National Transgender Advocacy Coalition), **WILLIAM O. TYLER** a.k.a. **WOT** (*Queerbait*), and **ELIOT SUTLER**, Esq. (BiWoCC) as they discuss the power of the Black LGBTQ experience and its positive effect not only on popular media but on society and the world at large. **ROOM 28DE**

5-6PM–THE SECRETS OF IMMERSIVE WORLDS

The best comics lure you into their worlds with magic, myth, minutiae, and more. Worldbuilding secrets with master storytellers including **ROXANE GAY** (*Black Panther: World Of Wakanda*), **MARGUERITE BENNETT** (*Insexts*), and more. **ROOM 9**

5:30-6:30PM–DARE TO BE DYNAMITE: LICENSING ADVENTURE

For over a decade, Dynamite Entertainment has brought the best in movies, television, and gaming to comics. Today, publisher Nick Barrucci takes the stage alongside an all-star cast of writers and artists to discuss the past, present, and future of licensed comics and graphic novels from Dynamite. Special guests include **ANDY MANGELS** (*Wonder Woman '77 Meets The Bionic Woman*). **ROOM 8**

MONICA ROBERTS

6-7PM–LGBTQ GEEK YEAR IN REVIEW

The past year has been filled with key moments in comics, TV, movies, animation, and games that every queer geek should know about. The panel will discuss the significance of these events to the greater LGBTQ community. Hosted by Prism Comics and moderated by **P. KRISTEN ENOS** (Prism Comics, Active Voice the Comic Collection), the panel includes **DIANE ANDERSON-MINSHALL** (editorial director, *The Advocate*, *Plus Magazine*, and *Tiny Living Chic*), **NICK ADAMS** (director of programs, GLAAD's Transgender Media), **MIKE CIRIACO** (*LA Weekly*, WeHoTV News), **AMBER GARZA** (director of international licensing, Sequential Rights; West Coast coordinator, Geeks OUT!), **CHELSEA STEINER** (*AfterEllen.com*, *Autostraddle.com*), and **AMELIA VAUGHN** (*Huffington Post*, Riptide Publishing). **ROOM 28DE**

6-7PM–WOMEN OF COLOR IN COMIC: RACE, GENDER, AND THE COMIC BOOK MEDIUM

The Women in Comics Collective is an international organization that highlights the merit and craft work of women working in the comic book and multimedia industries. Hear about them from panelists including **JAY JUSTICE** (cosplayer, activist) and others. **ROOM 32AB**

7-8PM–ADAM WEST CELEBRATION

Come together to celebrate Adam West's beloved Batman performance and the 50+ years that followed with video footage and personal anecdotes. Join producer **JAMES TUCKER** (*Batman: Return Of The Caped Crusaders*), and others. **ROOM 6DE**

7-8PM–FEMME MAGNIFIQUE: AMAZING WOMEN IN COMICS

Learn about the groundbreaking women featured in the new anthology Femme Magnifique and the creative teams that turned the real-life adventures of these women into comic book stories, including **PAIGE BRADDOCK** (*Jane's World*) and more. **ROOM 2**

7-8PM–PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY: SELLING COMICS TO A DIVERSE AUDIENCE

As more children, women, people of color, and queer readers discover comics-and more work is created for these audiences-reaching out on a retail level is even more important. A talk with comics retailers and booksellers about expanding the readership and standing up for representation. **ROOM 23ABC**

7:30-8:30PM–IT GETS GEEKIER: WHY QUEER REPRESENTATION MATTERS

JOSHUA YEHL (IGN Comics) brings It Gets Geekier back to discuss the importance of including LGBT+ characters in comic books, TV shows, and movies. Host **BRYAN PITTARD** (*Flame On! Podcast*) will lead the talk including **SINA GRACE** (*Iceman*), **KRIS ANKA** (*All-New X-Men*), **MEGAN TOWNSEND** (GLAAD), **MARIKO TAMAKI** (*Supergirl: Being Super*), and others. **ROOM 24ABC**

9PM-MIDNIGHT–PRISM COMICS HOT COMICS DRINK & DRAW

Draw Hot Models! Win Prizes! Artists Materials available for donation. Featuring Comics Artist **ICEMAN BLUE**, models **MATTHEW JENSEN** (Mr. Regiment 2017) and models from **CHRIS RILEY** (@CapLucky) Male Cosplay Pinups… and more! Supporting Prism Comics. **PECS, 2046 UNIVERSITY AVE**

FRIDAY
JULY 21, HALL OPEN 9:30AM-7PM

10-11AM—GEEKING OUT ON SECRET LOVES: WHEN PERSONAL TALES FILL THE PAGE

The Secret Loves Of Geek Girls is the newest anthology about love, sex, and dating, with stories from creators of all genders, orientations, and cultural backgrounds. **ROOM 25ABC**

10:30-11:30AM—LASSOING THE TRUTH: MARSTON VERSUS WERTHAM IN THE WONDER WOMAN WAR

Psychologist William Moulton Marston created the world's most famous female superhero. Wonder Woman creators and historians will talk about her history, including **PHIL JIMENEZ** (*Wonder Woman*), Mike Madrid (*The Supergirls*), **ANDY MANGELS** (*Wonder Woman '77 Meets The Bionic Woman*), and more! **ROOM 26AB**

10:30AM-NOON—COMIC BOOK LAW SCHOOL 202: HELP IS ON THE WAY

Noted attorney **MICHAEL LOVITZ** and others tackle a group of more advanced issues facing creators (and the businesses that they work with) as they seek to monetize their creative capital, licenses, Hollywood, distribution agreements, and more. **ROOM 11**

SINA GRACE

11AM-NOON—CARTOON NETWORK: STEVEN UNIVERSE

CN is bringing the queer-inclusive *Steven Universe* characters back to the ballroom! **INDIGO BALLROOM, HILTON SAN DIEGO BAYFRONT**

11AM-NOON—DIVERSITY IN COMICS

Creators discuss the shifting landscape of diversity in modern comics. **ROOM 9**

11:15AM-12:15PM—AMC'S FEAR THE WALKING DEAD

The horror series shares the spotlight in this panel, which includes **COLMAN DOMINGO**, who plays a lead gay character. **HALL H**

12:15-1:15PM—AMC'S THE WALKING DEAD

Even more horror as this queer-inclusive show features gay Jesus and other LGBT characters! **HALL H**

1-2PM—READ LIKE A GIRL: MIDDLE-GRADE FICTION FOR GIRLS (AND BOYS)

The authors behind some of your favorite middle-grade graphic fiction discuss creating stories with strong, positive female characters. Includes **MOLLY OSTERTAG** (*The Witch Boy*), and others. **SHILEY SPECIAL EVENTS SUITE, SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY**

1-2PM—SPOTLIGHT ON MARGUERITE BENNETT

Do you like sassy broads in good dresses mouthing off about storytelling? A focus interview with **MARGUERITE BENNETT** (*DC Comics: Bombshells*, *Batwoman*, *Josie and the Pussycats*, *A-Force*, *Animosity*) on comics, craft, work ethic, process, representation, feminist wrath, queer culture, comedy, kissing, storytelling, and more! **ROOM 28DE**

1:45-2:45PM—DC'S DARK NIGHTS: METAL AND DARK MATTER

The team behind Dark Nights: Metal, including contributors **STEVE ORLANDO**, **JAMES TYNION IV**, and others speak in this revealing session. **ROOM 6DE**

2-3PM—BISEXUALITY AND BEYOND: DEADPOOL MADE US DO IT (AGAIN AND AGAIN AND…)

Definitions of gender and sexuality are becoming more and more open in popular media as comics, film, and television creators are telling stories with bisexual characters and affirming role models who are not limited to one definition. Join Prism Comics with moderator **FAITH CHELTENHAM** (BiNet USA) for a spirited discussion of the present and future of sexuality in media with the real-life bisexual creators who draw, write, and perform these roles: **TARA MADISON AVERY** (*Gooch*, *Anything That Loves*), **R. J. AGUIAR** (YouTube's TheNotAdam, *NotAdamAndSteve.com*), **LYNNETTE MCFADZEN** (BiNet USA), and **ELIOT SUTLER**, Esq. (BiWoCC). **ROOM 28DE**

3-4PM—COMICS AS A FORCE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Panelists discuss the importance of comics in today's turbulent political landscape and how comics authors and illustrators can foster social change both by creating work that gives underrepresented communities a voice and bring new diverse talent into the spotlight as well as by using their influence to shake up the culture and norms of the literary world. **ROOM 29AB**

3-4PM—COMICS ON COMICS: LIVE!

This panel brings together podcast hosts to talk about the big topics this geek season: Wonder Woman and the diversity initiatives in comics. **NEIL MORGAN AUDITORIUM, SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY**

4-5PM—THE GIFTED EXTENDED SNEAK PEEK

Fox and Marvel bring the X-Men TV series *The Gifted*, directed by **BRYAN SINGER**. **BALLROOM 20**

4-5PM—SUPERSTARS IN CHILDREN'S FICTION

Meet children's book and graphic novel superstars as they discuss how they create the heroes, characters, and books that kids love, including **MOLLY OSTERTAG** (*The Witch Boy*). **ROOM 23ABC**

7-8PM—QUEER FEAR

The LGBTQ community has had a long history with the horror genre, from **JAMES WHALE**'s *Frankenstein* to the oft-cited "gayest movie of all time, *A Nightmare On Elm Street 2*. Does a gay horror genre exist, and if so, what makes it different from mainstream horror? Furthermore, how does the current political climate alter the lens through which viewers celebrate and connect to the macabre? Join Prism Comics and moderator/screenwriter **MICHAEL VARRATI** (*Tales Of Poe*, *Darkest Night*) and an array of panelists, including **CHRISTOPHER RICE** (*A Density Of Souls*, *Ramses The Damned*), **JACLYN CHESSEN** (*Shock Attack*), **GEORGE AARON CLIMER** (*Bear Creek*), **GARY ENTIN** and **EDMUND ENTIN** (*Seconds Apart*, the *Rest Stop* series), **MARIA OLSEN** (*Paranormal Activity 3*, *Starry Eyes*), and **IRA MADISON III** (pop culture writer, *The Daily Beast*). **ROOM 28DE**

7-9PM—WORLD PREMIERE OF BATMAN AND HARLEY QUINN

Batman And Harley Quinn finds the Dark Knight and Nightwing having their patience tested to the limit when they take a road trip with Harley Quinn to track down her old pal, The panel features the voice of Batman **KEVIN CONROY**, and others. **BALLROOM 20**

8-9PM—WRITING THE WRONG

Hollywood experts will reveal their "what not to do" lists for writers and share advice on how you can advance diversity and social change with your scripts. **ROOM 32AB**

8-10:30PM—SYFY PRESENTS THE WILL EISNER COMIC INDUSTRY AWARDS

The 29th annual Eisner Awards (the "Oscars" of the comics industry) honor comics creators and works in 30 categories. See tonight whether queer-themed or queer-created works *Kim And Kim*, *Love Is Love*, or *Bandette* win any awards! **INDIGO BALLROOM, HILTON SAN DIEGO BAYFRONT**

10PM-2AM—OTAKU: A CELEBRATION OF ANIME & NIGHTLIFE CULTURE

NED CATO JR and Geek Knight Productions (in conjunction with Rich's Nightclub) present **Otaku: A Celebration Of Anime & Nightlife Culture**. Come show us your Best Cosplay and enter the The Cosplay contest hosted by drag geekstress Kickxy Vixen-Styles for Cash and Prizes. Body Painters will help turn you into you favorite anime character all night for free! Dancing all night with DJ Moody Rudy, DJ K-Swift and sexy anime go-gos. Special performance by Kickxy and her Boylesque Boys to keep you entertained! Free if you come in costume OR if you have a Comic Con badge! **RICH'S SAN DIEGO, 1051 UNIVERSITY AVENUE**

SATURDAY
JULY 22, HALL OPEN 9:30AM-7PM

10-11AM—DC'S JUSTICE FOR ALL

Be here as the creative folks behind your favorite Justice League characters take center stage, including **STEVE ORLANDO** (*Justice League Of America*), and more. **ROOM 6DE**

10:30-11:30AM—SPOTLIGHT ON ROXANE GAY

New York Times bestselling author **ROXANE GAY** (*Black Panther: World Of Wakanda*, *Bad Feminist*, *Difficult Women*, *Hunger*) comes to Comic-Con as a special guest! Roxane will discuss her skyrocketing career and literary stardom and will field some questions from the audience. **ROOM 5AB**

10:30AM-NOON—COMIC BOOK LAW SCHOOL 303: A HELPING HAND

For the third (and final) destination in this year's Law School series, noted attorney **MICHAEL LOVITZ** leads a panel of legal experts will shed light on legal issues for fan creations (fan fiction, fan art, fan films, etc.), and more. **ROOM 11**

11-11:45AM—RIVERDALE

The CW series features Casey Cott as gay character Kevin Keller, and is produced by **GREG BERLANTI**. See a special video presentation followed by a Q&A with series stars and producers. **BALLROOM 20**

11:30AM-1:30PM—WARNER BROS. PICTURES PRESENTATION

A sneak peek at some of the studio's upcoming highly anticipated releases, including *Justice League* with cast and crew including The Flash (**EZRA MILLER**). **HALL H**

NOON-1PM—CBLDF: COMICS CHANGE THE WORLD, THE HISTORY OF ACTIVISM IN COMICS

CBLDF deputy director Alex Cox brings you on an image-filled march through more than a century of comics activism, revealing the history of how comics can change the world! **ROOM 11**

EZRA MILLER

MELANIE GILLMAN

NOON-1PM—LICENSED! OVERSTREET LOOKS AT LICENSED COMICS

Licensed comics from film, television, and music have long been an important part of the tapestry of the comics industry, and a panel of experts shares stories, including **ANDY MANGELS** (*Wonder Woman '77 Meets The Bionic Woman*). **ROOM 9**

1-2PM—ARCHIE COMICS FOREVER: RIVERDALE AND BEYOND

Celebrate the new era of Archie Comics with news and announcements about your favorite Archie titles and The CW's hit *RIVERDALE* TV show. With **ROBERTO AGUIRRE-SACASA**, and others. **ROOM 4**

1-2PM—FOCUS ON ERIC SHANOWER

Special guest **ERIC SHANOWER** is the award-winning cartoonist of the graphic novel series *Age Of Bronze*, a retelling of the story of the Trojan War. With cartoonist Skottie Young, he adapted six of L. Frank Baum's Oz books to a series of *New York Times* bestselling graphic novels. He wrote the Eisner Award-winning comics series *Little Nemo: Return To Slumberland* with art by Gabriel Rodriguez. Shanower will elucidate the historical research and creative choices involved in crafting his comics. **ROOM 26AB**

1-2PM—THE OFFICIAL IMAGE COMICS PANEL

Come listen to **SINA GRACE** (*Nothing Lasts Forever*), and others discuss their work, the industry, and more. **ROOM 7AB**

1:30-2:30PM—UNCONVENTIONAL COMICS

MELANIE GILLMAN (*As The Crow Flies*) and others discuss how they were inspired to write their unconventional books and why the comics format was right for their work. **ROOM 8**

1:50-2:50PM—LUCIFER

Fox's bisexual lead character series *Lucifer* gets a special video presentation and Q&A with creators and cast. **INDIGO BALLROOM, HILTON SAN DIEGO BAYFRONT**

2-3PM—SUPERHERO IRL: END BULLYING!

Join in for this intersection of pop culture and social justice with Pop Culture Hero Coalition as they discuss knocking out bullying, racism, misogyny, LGBTQIA-bullying, cyberbullying, and other forms of hate. **ROOM 28DE**

2-3:30PM—CAC: THE POSTER SESSION

The CAC's poster session gives attendees the opportunity to interact directly with presenters. In one session, Jeffrey Goodwin discusses how *Sabrina The Teen-Age Witch* queers the Archie Universe by setting itself up in opposition to capitalist, patriarchal society. **ROOM 26AB**

2:30-3:15PM—STAR TREK: DISCOVERY

With a lead gay character in science officer Lt. Stamets (**ANTHONY RAPP**) Star Trek TV finally catches up to the books in queer representation. Come see a preview of this fall's *Star Trek: Discovery*, and meet the cast and crew. **BALLROOM 20**

2:50-3:50PM—GOTHAM

Fox's *Gotham* enters its fourth season with a gay Penguin (**ROBIN LORD TAYLOR**), and you can watch a special video presentation followed by a Q&A with series stars and producers. **INDIGO BALLROOM, HILTON SAN DIEGO BAYFRONT**

3-4PM—LIVING IN THE FUTURE

Panelists share their future visions of our planet and others, humans, robots, and more, led by **CHRISTOPHER RICE** (*Ramses The Damned*) and others. **ROOM 23ABC**

3:30-4:10PM—SUPERGIRL

The CW's *Supergirl* is headed for its third season with a change to its leading characters' lesbian romance. From producer **GREG BERLANTI**, join the series' cast and creative team for a special video presentation followed by a discussion of the new season. **BALLROOM 20**

3:30-4:30PM—DOCTOR WHO AND TORCHWOOD COMICS

Get your fix of all things Whovian—including a very special message from *Torchwood*'s bisexual Captain Jack himself—as upcoming plans for Titan's *Doctor Who* comics are revealed! **ROOM 5AB**

4-5PM—NEW STORIES IN OLD UNIVERSES

Creators discuss how to make exciting and new stories in worlds that comic readers are so familiar with, including **MARGUERITE BENNETT** (*Dc Bombshells*), and others. **ROOM 23ABC**

4:15-4:50PM—DC'S LEGENDS OF TOMORROW

CW's time-travelling heroes are back with bisexual White Canary–and could we see the return of out actor Wentworth Miller's Captain Cold?–in this **GREG BERLANTI**-produced series. Join the cast and creative team behind the hit superhero team-up series for more info. **BALLROOM 20**

4:30-5:30PM—FROM ACCLAIMED GRAPHIC NOVEL TO DARING NEW FILM: MY FRIEND DAHMER

Before Jeffrey Dahmer became one of the most notorious serial killers of all time, he was a shy kid, a teenage alcoholic, and a goofball who never quite fit in with his classmates. This is the haunting, sad, funny, true, origin story of Dahmer adapted from a graphic novel for the big screen. **HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 4TH AVE**

4:50-5:50PM—BLACK LIGHTNING

The CW brings an old DC hero to new life with *Black Lightning*, produced by **GREG BERLANTI**. Will the show follow the comics and have super-powered daughter Anissa as a lesbian? Watch a brief video and Q&A with cast and producers for more! **BALLROOM 20**

5:10-5:50PM—THE FLASH

The CW's highest-rated series hits its fourth season running, produced by **GREG BERLANTI**, and featuring queer characters. Check in for video and a cast and crew Q&A. **BALLROOM 20**

5:30-6:30PM—DISCOVER WHY YA IS THE FUTURE OF COMICS

Some of the most popular new voices in comics discuss the importance of YA (Young Adult), how to bring new readers to comic books, and the bright, diverse future of entertainment, including **SHANNON WATTERS** (*Lumberjanes*), and others. **ROOM 7AB**

5:50-6:30PM—ARROW

The sixth season of the CW's gritty superhero series, produced by **GREG BERLANTI**, should still include gay character Mr. Terrific, and other LGBT characters… if they survived the cliff-hanging season-ender. See a special video presentation and cast and crew Q&A. **BALLROOM 20**

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6-8PM—GAYS IN COMICS, OUT IN COMICS: A 30TH YEAR CELEBRATION

The comic world's longest-running panel celebrates its 30th year with an all-star panel and celebration that will spotlight creators, comics, and fans from 1988 to the present. What a difference 30 years makes! "Diversity" has become a rallying cry in the comics world today. Almost every comic company is looking toward LGBTQ or LGBTQ-friendly creators for work that reflects the world around us today-gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender characters as well as people of color, other cultures, and more. This year, founding moderator and bestselling author **ANDY MANGELS** (*Wonder Woman '77 Meets The Bionic Woman*, *Star Trek* books) returns to chair the panel and welcomes **TARA MADISON AVERY** (*Anything That Loves*, *Gooch*, *Alphabet*), **ROXANE GAY** (*Black Panther: World Of Wakanda*, *Bad Feminist*, SDCC special guest), **SINA GRACE** (*Iceman*, *Self-Obsessed*, *Burn The Orphanage*), **PHIL JIMENEZ** (*Superwoman*, *Wonder Woman*, *Infinite Crisis*), **STEVE ORLANDO** (*Midnighter And Apollo*, *Supergirl*, *Justice League Of America*), and **MOLLY OSTERTAG** (*Shattered Warrior*, *Strong Female Protagonist*, *The Witch Boy*). Showcased throughout will be special video messages from an array of Hollywood and comic book celebrities sending special 30th anniversary messages to their LGBTQ fans and allies, plus a Prism Comics Fan Mixer including cool swag giveaways and a silent auction of incredible comics items! **ROOM 29AB**

6:30-7:30PM—HOW TO KICKSTART YOUR COMIC LIKE A PRO

Want to know how to run a successful Kickstarter campaign? Amy Chu (Alpha Girl Comics) will moderate this all-star panel of Kickstarter experts, including Hope Nicholson (Bedside Press), Jimmy Palmiotti (PaperFilms), and **CHARLES "ZAN" CHRISTENSEN** (Northwest Press). They will share all their best tips and secrets for planning, running, and shipping a successful Kickstarter campaign. **ROOM 26AB**

6:30-7:30PM—LEGENDARY'S CURSED

Legendary Comics hosts **JOHN BARROWMAN** and others to talk about *Cursed*, their new Scottish comic series. **ROOM 7AB**

7-8PM—ELFQUEST: COUNTDOWN TO FINAL QUEST

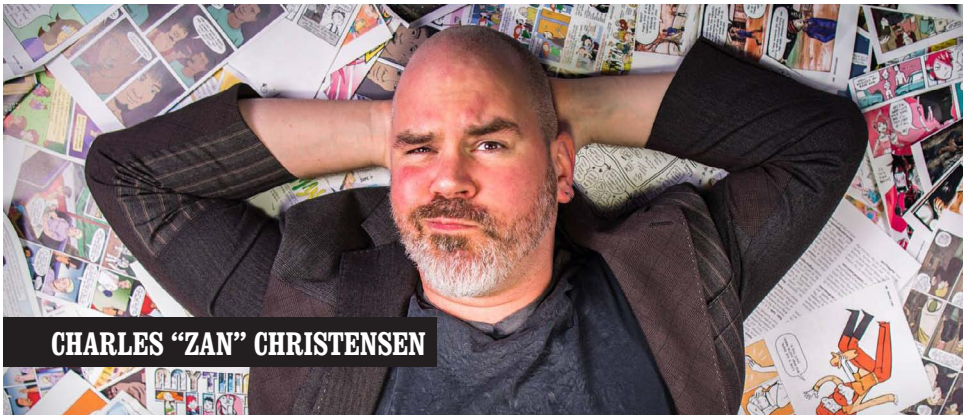
WENDY PINI (*The Complete Elfquest* series, *Elfquest: Final Quest*) and Richard Pini talk about ElfQuest's 40-year journey from 1978 indie comic to the epic wrap-up planned for 2018! **ROOM 5AB**

7:30-8:30PM—BEHIND THE PLASTIC: HOW YOUR FAVORITE ACTION FIGURES AND COLLECTIBLES GET MADE

Toy licenses, the direct market, where and how toy decisions are made, and more are discussed by panelists including **KEVIN KINIRY** (vice president, DC Collectibles), and others. **ROOM 8**

8-9PM—INCLUSIVE SPECULATIVE FICTION

Harper Voyager is proud to announce a new universe of possibility inhabited by a broadly inclusive array of speculative fiction. Join in for a presentation of the diverse voices in fiction that readers have been calling for! **ROOM 9**



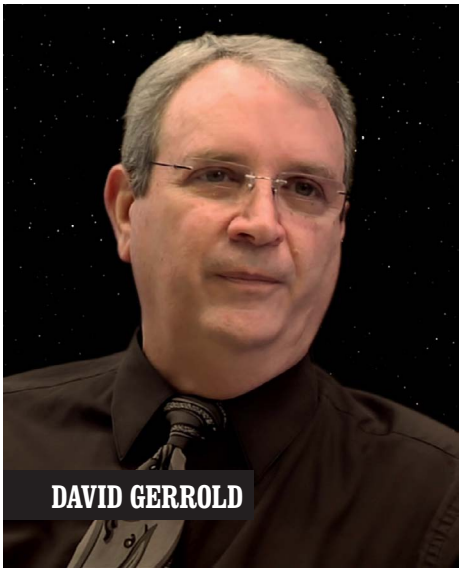
CHARLES "ZAN" CHRISTENSEN

2-5PM—CLOSET SMASH!, AFTERNOON TEA AT SDCC

Be out & proud with other LGBTQ creators & fans at Harbor House Restaurant (behind the Manchester Grand Hyatt). Enjoy free food, drinks, and entertainment with special guests and your new best friends! Hosted by Geeks Out with Skybound Entertainment. **HARBOR HOUSE, 831 W HARBOR DR**

10PM-2AM—THE 13TH ANNUAL HEROES VS. VILLAINS PARTY

NED CATO JR and Geek Knight Productions (in conjunction with Rich's Nightclub) present The 13th Annual Heroes vs. Villains Party. San Diego's largest geek party returns! Dance all night with DJ Moody Rudy, DJ K-Swift and sexy go-go heroes and villains. Special performance by Kickxy and her Boylesque Boys. Body painters will help turn you into you favorite hero or villain all night for free! Enter the cosplay contest hosted by drag geekstress Kickxy Vixen-Styles for cash and prizes or just pose for pictures with your favorite hero or villain. Free if you come in costume or if you have a Comic Con badge! **RICH'S SAN DIEGO, 1051 UNIVERSITY AVENUE**



DAVID GERROLD

SUNDAY

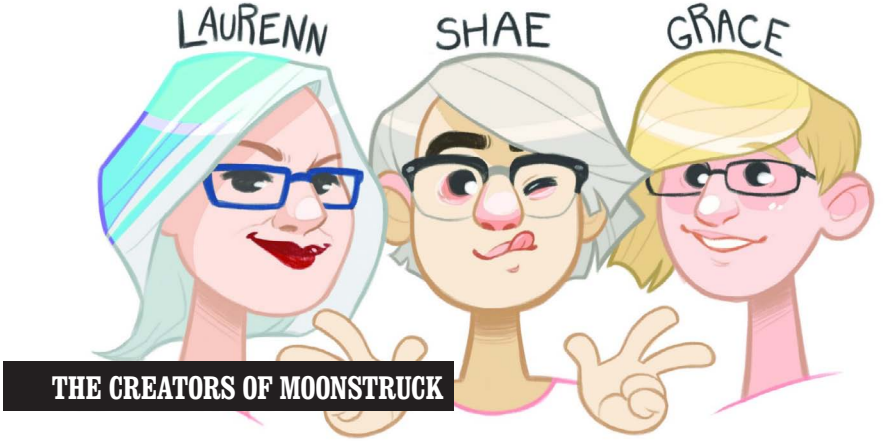
JULY 23, HALL OPEN 9:30AM-5PM

10-11AM—FRIENDSHIP TO THE MAX WITH LUMBERJANES!

The queer-friendly *Lumberjanes* is entering its fourth year, plus a new series of novels, and creators including **SHANNON WATTERS** discuss the future! **ROOM 25ABC**

10:30-11:30AM—HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN NOVEL: FROM THE FIRST IDEA TO PUBLISHING AND WHAT YOU NEED TO SELL YOUR WORK TO TV AND FILM

Authors explain how to create your own novel step by step, from building your universe to overcoming writer's block to the different paths to publishing. Included are **DAVID GERROLD** (Nebula and Hugo Award-winning author, screenwriter, *The Martian Child*, *Star Trek*, *Land Of The Lost*), and others. **ROOM 8**



THE CREATORS OF MOONSTRUCK

11:15AM-12:15PM–MARVEL: RESURRXION

The X-Men have been catapulted back to the forefront of the Marvel universe, and creators including **SINA GRACE** (*Iceman*), discuss the past, present, and future of all things X-Men! **ROOM 5AB**

11:30AM-12:30PM–A CONVERSATION ABOUT INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY IN COMICS AND THE COMICS MARKET

Hear a diverse mix of creators and booksellers discuss diverse characters in comics, finding and audience for them, and the impact that the push for inclusiveness has had on the comics both creatively and financially. **ROOM 8**

NOON-1PM–DIY REBOOT: THE RESTORATIVE POWER OF FANFIC

Panelists explore fanfic's roots in 'zine and queer culture, variations across decades and fandoms, sexism concerning how fan works are perceived by the general public, and more. Grand 1 & 2, Marriott Marquis San **DIEGO MARINA**

1:45-2:45PM–IMAGE COMICS: YOUR NEW FAVORITE SERIES

What's your favorite book from Image Comics? Panelists include **GRACE ELLIS** (*Moonstruck*), and **SHAE BEAGLE** (*Moonstruck*) and more. **ROOM 5AB**

2-3PM–COLORED PENCIL 101 WITH MELANIE GILLMAN

In this workshop, **MELANIE GILLMAN** (*As The Crow Flies*) will walk you through the basics of drawing comics in colored pencil! **ROOM 28DE**

2-3PM–DOCTOR WHO: BBC AMERICA OFFICIAL PANEL

BBC America's *Doctor Who* returns to San Diego Comic-Con for the final Hall H panel with star Peter Capaldi, including Pearl Mackie (as lesbian companion Bill), and actor **MATT LUCAS**. **HALL H**

3:30-4:30PM–PRO/FAN TRIVIA MATCH

It's comic creators against fans, including **PETER SVENSSON**, in a clash of trivia titans and the best trash talk this side of Goody Rickles! **ROOM 26AB**

MATT LUCAS

PRISM COMICS

Prism Comics is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization supporting LGBTQ and LGBTQ-friendly comic books and graphic novels, comics creators and fans.

Founded in 2003, Prism provides a welcoming community of diversity in comics and popular geek culture. Prism is one of the only organizations in the comics field which gives an annual financial grant to aspiring comics creators to help publish their work: **The Prism Comics Queer Press Grant**. Prism presented the very first annual **Prism Awards** in partnership with the Queer Comics Expo in San Francisco to recognize excellence and diversity in the LGBTQ comics, graphic novels and web comics.

Please visit **PRISMCOMICS.ORG** to get involved, donate, and volunteer!

BEST SHORT FORM COMIC
Nothing Wrong With Me, Dylan Edwards

BEST WEBCOMIC
Villainette, Scout Tran-Caffe

BEST COMIC FROM A SMALL TO MIDSIZE PRESS
Short Gay Stories, H-P Lehkonen

BEST SINGLE ISSUE FROM A MAINSTREAM PUBLISHER
The Backstagers #1, James Tynion IV (writer), Rian Sygh (artist), BOOM! Studios

BEST ANTHOLOGY
Power & Magic: The Queer Witch Comics Anthology, Joamette Gil (editor)

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