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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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ADDITIONAL GUESTS

TARA MADISON AVERY
(Stacked Deck Press)

ICEMAN BLUE
(Lost Fantasy Hero)

PHIL JIMENEZ
(Wonder Woman, New X-Men)

MAIA KOBABE
(The Thief’s Tale)

AJUAN MANCE
(1001 Black Men)

ANDY MANGELS
(Wonder Woman ’77 Meets The Bionic Woman)

LEE MARRS
(Pudge)

CHRISTIE MARSTON
(granddaughter of William Moulton Marston)

STEVE ORLANDO
(Justice League of America)

MOLLY KNOX OSTERTAG
(Strong Female Protagonist)

JASE PEEPLES
(Square Zair Pair)

KATHRYN S. RENTA
(Wonder Woman ’77 Meets The Bionic Woman)

DAVID REDDISH
(The Passion of Sergius and Bacchus)

CHRISTOPHER RICE
(Ramses the Damned)

SONYA SATURDAY
(The Socially-Conscious White Ladies Coloring Book)

WILLIAM O. TYLER
(Quererbait)

TILLIE WALDEN
(The End of Summer, A City Inside)

…AND OTHERS TO BE ANNOUNCED!
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
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

1:30-2:30PM—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

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

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
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—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
10-11AM—GEKKING 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

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
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), LYNETTE 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 your 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

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

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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
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—STARC 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

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
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
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
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.
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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 your 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!
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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
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**

**THE CREATORS OF MOONSTRUCK**

**MATT LUCAS**
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**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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