

# THE GAY AGENDA!

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A NONPROFIT SUPPORTING  
LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER  
COMICS, CREATORS AND READERS.

## Comic-Con International is the largest comics convention in the world.

With so many panels, presentations, and multimedia events to choose from, we've had to narrow down the listing to material that we feel has the highest appeal for LGBT comic fans and their supporters. **Openly LGBT creators appear in bold type.**

For full panel listings and descriptions, please consult your Comic-Con Program. The Con also releases daily updates with corrections, cancellations and additions.

## THURSDAY

**10:30-11:30AM—DIVAS AND GOLDEN LASSOES: THE LGBT OBSESSION WITH SUPER HEROINES** Why do LGBT comic book fans, especially gay men, worship female superheroes? Going beyond just collecting the comics of Wonder Woman, Batgirl, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Donna Troy, Saturn Girl, and many more, LGBT fans intensely identify with and take great inspiration from these iconic heroines. To discuss this phenomenon, moderator **Charles "Zan" Christensen** (*Mark of Aeacus*) has assembled an esteemed panel featuring **Marc Andreyko** (*Manhunter*), **Phil Jimenez** (*The Essential Wonder Woman Encyclopedia*), **Andy Mangels** (founder, "Wonder Woman Day"), and **Michael Troy** (*The Blonde Squad*). **ROOM 8**

**10:30AM-NOON—COMIC BOOK LAW SCHOOL 101: START YOUR (CREATIVE) ENGINES!** The Comic Book Law School series returns to Comic-Con, brought to you by noted attorney **Michael Lovitz**, author of *The Trademark and Copyright Book*. This interactive lecture series provides a basic foundation for understanding copyright and trademark law. **ROOM 30CDE**

**1-2PM—WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH PICKETS COMIC-CON** The most evil super villains of the real world appear to picket Comic-Con for "worshipping idols"! PRISM cautions you **do not** under **any** circumstances engage in violence against them... but



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Stop by the Prism booth (#2146/2148/2049) for free prize drawings, autographs from the hottest LGBT comics creators, feedback on your work from the pros and great advice about applying for our annual Queer Press Grant.



**Featured Daily:** Charles "Zan" Christensen, Dave Davenport, Dylan "NDR" Edwards, Fanboys of the Universe, Justin Hall, Jeff Krell, Ed Luce, Steve MacIsaac, Jon Macy, Sean-Z Maker, Brad Rader

**Also Scheduled to Appear (stop by for exact days and times):**  
Brian Andersen, Iceman Blue, Paige Braddock, Howard Cruse, Abby Denson, Tim Fish, Nat Gertler, Tony Lawrence, Andy Mangels, Walter Meyer, Desmond Miller, Bob Schreck, Gail Simone, Michael Troy, William O. Tyler, Bill Williams

### Elsewhere at Comic-Con:

Marc Andreyko .....1915 (DC)  
Samuel R Delany.....AA2 (Saturday, 5:30-6:30pm)  
Sina Grace .....AA1 (Sunday, Noon-1pm)  
Phil Jimenez.....2329 (Marvel)  
Jim McCann.....2329 (Marvel)  
Carla Speed McNeil .....HH-09 (Artist's Alley)  
Dylan Meconis & Erika Moen.....M-9 (Small Press)  
Terry Moore (Strangers In Paradise) .....2109/2208 (Abstract)  
Dan Parent (Creator of Archie's Kevin Keller) .....F12/2400/2402 (Archie)  
Eric Shanower.....2008 (Hungry Tiger Press)  
Surge Of Power .....Jo5 (Small Press)  
Scott Thompson (Kids in the Hall).....AA11 (Saturday, 10am-Noon)

In addition to appearing on panels, Comic-Con Special Guests **Samuel R. Delany**, **Phil Jimenez** and **Howard Cruse** will be doing signings throughout the weekend. Check the Daily Comic-Con newsletter for more information and locations!

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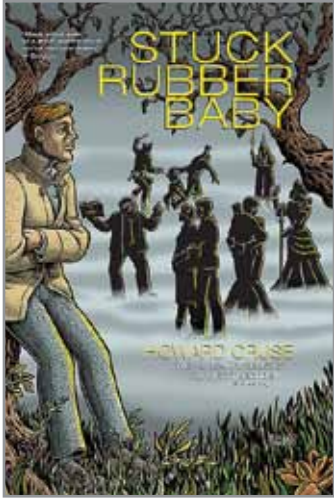
## The "first gay novel" is now a graphic novel masterpiece.

Jon Macy's **Teleny and Camille** adapts the anonymous erotic Victorian novel attributed to Oscar Wilde and his circle of poets and writers. For adult readers only, from Northwest Press.

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if you want to counter-protest with a funny sign, or a donation to PRISM, we would welcome that! **OUTSIDE THE CONVENTION CENTER**

**3:15-4:15PM—MARVEL: MONDO MARVEL** It's the panel about all things Marvel! Top talent will talk about all of your favorite heroes and villains, including **Jim McCann** (*Hawkeye & Mockingbird, Dazzler*) and others! **ROOM 6DE**



HOWARD CRUSE

**3:30-4:30PM—SPOTLIGHT ON HOWARD CRUSE** Comic-Con special guest **Howard Cruse**, author of the newly reissued *Stuck Rubber Baby*, the creator of *Barefootz* and *Wendel*, and the founding editor of *Gay Comix*, is interviewed by author Blake Bell, who profiled Howard's husband Ed Sedarbaum for Bell's 2002 book *I Have to Live with This Guy!* Questions from audience members will be welcome. **ROOM 8**

**4:5PM—ROBERT KIRKMAN** Join Image Comics for an in-depth discussion and Q&A with writing juggernaut Robert Kirkman. Moderated by **Sina Grace**. **ROOM 5AB**

**4:30-5:30PM—SPOTLIGHT ON PHIL JIMENEZ** Comic-Con special guest **Phil Jimenez** (*Astonishing X-Men*) wants to talk to you about comics. Join him for some one-on-one time, ask him questions, and then bring your own rolodex of answers as he tries to get to the heart of some questions he's been thinking about a lot

lately: "What do comic readers love about comics, and more importantly, why? What do they hate about reading them? And what would they change?" **ROOM 8**

**4:30-5:30PM—BEHIND THE MUSIC: COMPOSING FOR SCI-FI, HORROR, AND FANTASY FILM & TV** Award-winning composers are here to share a behind-the-scenes perspective on creating music for television and film. They include John Ottman (*Superman Returns*) and others, plus exclusive giveaways for attendees. **ROOM 24ABC**

**5:30-6:30PM—MANGA: LOST IN TRANSLATION** Long-time professional freelance translators, editors, and specialists in manga, anime, and related fields gather to answer questions, including **Shaenon Garrity** (*Skin Horse*) and others. **ROOM 3**

**6-7PM—WRITING QUEER: CREATING AND WRITING LGBT CHARACTERS** Creating genuine and well-rounded LGBT characters is a challenge for writers, as they must give voice to a population whose stories have been kept hidden for so long. How do writers, both queer and straight, as well as mainstream and independent, create narratives that reflect the diversity and humanity of LGBT individuals, as well as the obstacles they face? Moderator **Justin Hall** (*Glamazonia*, Prism Comics' Talent Chair) leads a spirited conversation with some of the best writers working in comics today: **Paige Braddock** (*Jane's World*), **Howard Cruse**



PAIGE BRADDOCK

(*Stuck Rubber Baby*), Gilbert Hernandez (*Love and Rockets*), Greg Rucka (*Detective Comics*), Gail Simone (*Wonder Woman*), and Judd Winick (*Pedro and Me*). **ROOM 32AB**

**7:30-8:30PM—DR. HORRIBLE'S SING-ALONG BLOG** Sing along with your fellow fans at this screening of the original three acts of *Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog*, starring **Neil Patrick Harris**. **ROOM 6A**

**8-11PM—BBC AMERICA: U.S. PREMIERE SCREENINGS OF DOCTOR WHO AND BEING HUMAN** Catch the all-new season opener of *Being Human*, starring **Russell Tovey**, and the two-part finale of *Doctor Who*. **ROOM 6DE**



DR. HORRIBLE

## FRIDAY

**10:30-11:30AM—NAPPY HOUR** An informal gathering of African American creators comes onto the stage for an hour of thoughts on how to make it in the comics biz, including **Ned Cato, Jr.** ([GeekRoundTable.com](http://GeekRoundTable.com)) and others. **ROOM 3**

**10:30-11:30AM—COMICS ARTS CONFERENCE SESSION #5: MOVING BEYOND THE COMIC BOOK** Comic-Con special guest **Phil Jimenez** (*Astonishing X-Men*) and others discuss how comics are creating new worlds across the mediascape. **ROOM 26AB**

**10:30AM-NOON—COMIC BOOK LAW SCHOOL 202: GREED IS GOOD...OR IS IT?** Noted attorney **Michael Lovitz**, author of the acclaimed *The Trademark and Copyright Book*, addresses some of the complicated issues surrounding marketing properties and creative ideas, including licensing, merchandising, and distribution agreements, and Hollywood. **ROOM 30CDE**

**NOON-1PM—ARCHIE COMICS: COOLER THAN EVER!**

It's been an exciting year for Archie Comics, and their panelists discuss multiple cool things, including their new gay character, Kevin Keller! **ROOM 24ABC**

**2-3PM—GRAPHIC NOVELS: THE PERSONAL TOUCH** Comics creator and journalist **Shaenon Garrity** (*Narbonic, Skin Horse*) talks to Comic-Con special guest **Howard Cruse** (*Stuck Rubber Baby*) and others about their very personal—and sometimes autobiographical—work. **ROOM 4**

**2-3PM—PEANUTS TURNS 60 Paige Braddock** (creative director of Charles M. Schulz's studio in Santa Rosa) and others present an in-depth foray into the work of Charles M. Schulz and what new things fans can look out for from Peanuts. **ROOM 25ABC**



ARCHIE COMICS' KEVIN KELLER



**2-3PM-COMIC BOOK LAW SCHOOL: HOT TOPICS** Attorneys discuss and debate today's most interesting and cutting-edge legal issues faced by the creative and business communities, led by moderator **Michael Lovitz**. **ROOM 32AB**

**3:15-4:15PM-SPARTACUS: BLOOD AND SAND** A new season of the Starz series which featured gay and straight gladiators gets previewed, with stars Andy Whitfield and Lucy Lawless (*Xena: Warrior Princess*) attending. **ROOM 6BCF**

**3:30-4:30PM-COMICS DESIGN** Six designers, including **Chip Kidd** (Random House), discuss what's involved in the process of comics design. **ROOM 26AB**

**5:15-6:15PM-TRUE BLOOD PANEL AND Q&A SESSION** Mixing romance, suspense, mystery, and humor, *True Blood* kicked off its 12-episode third season June 13 on HBO. Appearing to discuss the series are executive producer **Alan Ball** (creator of the Emmy-winning HBO series *Six Feet Under*), actor Nelsan Ellis as gay cook and drug dealer Lafayette Reynolds, and most of the cast. **BALLROOM 20**

**5:45-6:45PM-MARVEL: THE HEROIC AGE: AVENGERS** Earth's Greatest have assembled again, but what kinds of threats can his teams expect to face? Find out from creators **Jim McCann** (*Hawkeye & Mockingbird*), and others. **ROOM 6BCF**

**6-7PM-BBC AMERICA'S BEING HUMAN** Cast member **Russell Tovey** and others in the cast and creators for the *Being Human* series will be onstage. **ROOM 6A**

**8:30-11:30PM-WILL EISNER COMIC INDUSTRY AWARDS** Up for two awards each at the 22nd annual Eisner Awards, are creators **Eric Shanower** (*The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz*) and J.H. Williams III's Batwoman stories in *Detective Comics*. Admission is free to all Comic-Con attendees—just be sure to bring your badge. Doors open for pro and VIP seating at 7:30 and for attendees at 8:15. **INDIGO BALLROOM, SAN DIEGO HILTON BAYFRONT**

**9:30PM-2AM-HEROES VS. VILLAINS COMIC-CON DANCE PARTY** Face painting, a costume contest, go-go heroes and guys in spandex gear and super-hero costumes! \$10 cover (\$3 off with Con Badge). **RICH'S NIGHTCLUB (OFF-SITE), 1051 UNIVERSITY AVE. (619) 578-9055**



THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

## SATURDAY

**10:30AM-NOON-COMIC BOOK LAW SCHOOL 303: OH, AND ANOTHER THING...** Noted attorney **Michael Lovitz**, author of *The Trademark and Copyright Book*, returns to explore how copyright and trademark rights are enforced, how one's legal muscles may be flexed, and what to do when finding yourself in a legal minefield. **ROOM 30CDE**

**11:30AM-12:30PM-SHAZAM! THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL** Author/designer **Chip Kidd** (*Mythology, Bat-Manga, Rough Justice*) and others

discuss Kidd's upcoming fall release from Abrams ComicArts, *Shazam! The Golden Age of the World's Mightiest Mortal*. **ROOM 9**

**12:30-1:30PM-COMICS ACROSS ALL MEDIA** **Chip Kidd** (*Shazam! The Golden Age of the World's Mightiest Mortal*) and four other TV-comic-film superstars reunite for a discussion of all things nerd. **ROOM 24ABC**

**3-4PM-QUEER PRESS GRANT ROUNDUP** Prism Comics, the nonprofit organization promoting LGBT comics, creators, and fans, started an annual Queer Press Grant in 2005 to help queer cartoonists self-publish their comics. Five years and many thousands of dollars later, the QPG has helped out an impressive lineup of some of the best upcoming LGBT cartoonists and remains one of the only grants available for comics creators today. Prism will kick off the submission process for the 2010 Queer Press Grant at Comic-Con. Moderator **Roger Klorese** (Prism Comic's Publications Chair) and past recipients **Justin Hall** (*Glamazonia the Uncanny Super Tranny*), **Ed Luce** (*Wuvable Oaf*) and **Steve MacIsaac** (*Shirtlifter*) as they discuss applying for the grant, what they've been up to since winning it, and what's next for both their comics and the grant in 2010. **ROOM 3**



ED LUCE

**3:15-4:15PM-ABC'S NO ORDINARY FAMILY: EXCLUSIVE PREMIERE** Executive producer **Greg Berlanti** (*Broken Hearts Club, Green Lantern*) is joined by the stars and crew of the new superpowered ABC series *No Ordinary Family*. **ROOM 6A**

**4:15-5PM-THE VAMPIRE DIARIES SCREENING AND Q&A** The cast and creative team behind *The Vampire Diaries* return to take a bite out of Comic-Con! Including the stars and executive producer/writer **Kevin Williamson** (*Scream*). **BALLROOM 20**

**4:30-5:30PM-WELCOME TO THE FUTURE: ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO STAY?** Speculative fiction authors discuss visions of the future, dystopian and otherwise. Authors include **Samuel R. Delany** (*Dhalgren*) and others. **Room 4**

**5:45-7:15PM-GAYS IN COMICS: YEAR 23!** This all-star panel examines the rising diversity in the comics world today as the long-running "Gays in Comics" panel continues into its third decade at Comic-Con. As mainstream companies DC and Marvel continue to frontline gay characters such as Batwoman and Northstar and hire top-level gay or gay-friendly creators, independent publishers and creators are publishing unequivocal content spotlighting gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered characters, to the cheers of the thousands of fans who are out of the comic book closet. Welcome a top-level panel of GLBT and straight creators, who will give amazing insights and glimpses of surprises to come! Joining founding moderator **Andy Mangels**, the *USA Today* best-selling author of Star Trek novels and *Iron Man: Beneath The Armor*, are **Howard Cruse**, creator of *Stuck Rubber Baby* and *Barefootz*, founder of *Gay Comix*, and godfather of the gay comic movement; Geoff Johns, writer of *Green Lantern, Flash, Brightest Day*, and DC Entertainment's chief creative officer; Marjorie M. Liu, the New York Times bestselling author and writer of *Black Widow, X-23*, and co-author of *Dark Wolverine*; Daniel Way, writer of *Wolverine* and *Deadpool* and co-writer of *Dark Wolverine*; **Jim McCann**,



THE LINEUP FOR ANDY MANGELS' 23RD ANNUAL "GAYS IN COMICS" PANEL

writer of *Hawkeye & Mockingbird*, *Dazzler*, and *Return of the Dapper Men*; **Charles "Zan" Christensen**, co-creator of *Mark of Aeacus*, founding President of PRISM Comics, and new publisher of gay-themed Northwest Press; Dan Parent, writer and artist for *Archie* and *Betty & Veronica* and creator of Archie's new gay character, Kevin Keller; and **Tim Fish**, creator of *Cavalcade of Boys* and writer/artist for *X-Men: Nation X*, and *Iron Man: Designed Intelligence!* Plus, there's always a surprise or two! **Room 6A**

**7:15-8:15PM—GAYS IN COMICS MIXER AND SILENT AUCTION** Stick around after the Gays in Comics panel for the hourlong gay comics fan mixer/social, hosted by **PRISM Comics**, the nonprofit organization that supports gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender comics, creators, and readers. Mingle with comics fans and creators and surprise special guests! Plus stay for the special drawing of a "Comics Gift Basket" and the silent auction of hot comics items!

**8:30-10:30PM—WITH GREAT POWER: THE STAN LEE STORY** A screening of the feature length documentary on Marvel Comics icon Stan Lee, with Stan "The Man" Lee himself, executive producers **Tom DeSanto** (*X-Men*, *Transformers*), and others. **ROOM 6BCF**



PRIZE GIVEAWAY AT THE PRISM MIXER

## SUNDAY

### 10:30AM-NOON—COMICS ARTS CONFERENCE SESSION #13: QUEER COMICS

**Lien Fan Shen** (University of Utah), the artist of *I Will Be Your Paradise* traces the production process of her manga, reveals the author's struggles with the publisher, and examines the negotiations of her "queer" identity and Taiwanese identity since publication. Ben Bolling (UNC-Chapel Hill) looks at how the "truth" about Marvel's Northstar—who he is, whom he loves, whether he lives or dies—is not simply written by creators and handed down unilaterally to fans, but instead operates in an ongoing and often heated negotiation between creators and Northstar's gay fans. Harry Thomas (UNC-Chapel Hill) argues that rise of the Midnigher to "iconic, breakaway star" status in

the Wildstorm universe has been accomplished by the subtle but consistent feminization of his partner Apollo, curtailing the radical potential of a queer couple by coding them as a traditional male-female relationship. Mark Miner (Poet-at-Large) draws on the Greek tradition of underage partners and rhetorical competitions exemplified by Plato's Phaedros to understand Yun Kouga's manga *Loveless*, which features a similar same-sex, under-age partner relationship. **ROOM 26AB**

**11AM-NOON—ENTERTAINING ONE'S INNER CHILD** Creators discuss the thrills and challenges of creating memorable characters for the younger set. Panelists include **Sina Grace** (*Among the Ghosts*) and others. **ROOM 24ABC**

**12:30-1:30PM—THE FUNNY STUFF: HUMOR IN COMICS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS** There are a lot of great funny books out there, and the panelists include **Howard Cruse** (*Wendel*) and others. **ROOM 8**

**1:30-2:30PM—GLEE** One year after the cast and creators of *Glee* came to Comic-Con for the first time, the show has exploded with blockbuster ratings, number-one albums and a sold-out concert tour. Get an exclusive first look at what's in store for season 2 from executive producers **Ryan Murphy** and Brad Falchuk, along with stars **Chris Colfer**, Amber Riley, Jenna Ushkowitz, Kevin McHale, Mark Salling, Heather Morris, and Naya Rivera, as they share some never-before-seen footage, spill behind-the-scenes secrets, and take questions from the crowd. **BALLROOM 20**



THE CAST OF GLEE

**2-3PM—GROWING UP WITH ARCHIE PANEL** Archie Comics creative staff share inside perspectives on how Archie Comics has evolved, including the creation of new gay character Kevin Keller. **ROOM 32AB**

**4-5PM—BUFFY THE MUSICAL** The screening of the *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* musical episode "Once More With Feeling" is Comic-Con 2010's big closing event! **BALLROOM 20**

**5:30-8PM—COMIC BEARS AT THE HOLE** It's become a con tradition that comic bears and those who love them retire after the Con to The Hole for their famous outdoor beverage bust and barbecue. More than a few pros have been spotted there over the years as well, enjoying some r&r on the patio! **THE HOLE (OFF-SITE), 2820 LYTTON ST. (619) 226-9019**

## MONDAY

**NOON-5PM—BEACH PARTY A-GO-GO** All locals (and those not in a hurry to head home), can join the seventh annual post-Con decompression session at clothing-optional Black's Beach. For more information, talk to **David Maxine** at the Hungry Tiger Press booth (#2008), or **Charles "Zan" Christensen** at the Prism booth. **BLACK'S BEACH (OFF-SITE)**