

1:30-2:30 **CMX: Manga for the Masses**— Manga is one of the hottest areas in literature, and DC Comics' manga imprint, CMX, is right in the thick of it. Hear director of manga **Asako Suzuki**, CMX editor **Jim Chadwick**, and the CMX crewdiscuss the brilliance of their manga universe, including such books as *Crayon Shinchan*, *Astral Project*, *Steel Fist Riku*, *Dorethea*, *Go West*, *Two Flowers for the Dragon*, *Zombie Fairy*, and much, much more! **Room 8**

1:30-2:30 **Rogue Pictures**— Rogue Pictures presents select footage, key cast members, and filmmakers from its upcoming 2009 slate. Scheduled appearances include writer/director **Wes Craven**, discussing his suspense thriller *25/8*, and writer/director **David Goyer**, discussing his supernatural thriller *The Unborn*. **Ballroom 20**

1:30-2:30 **Manga Art for Kids**— eigoMANGA's artists behind manga hits *Rumble Pak* and *Sakura Pakk* provide beginner step-by-step tutorials and related resources on Japanese comic books and animation to help you learn how to draw and develop your own unique style of anime or manga. **Room 30CDE**

1:45-2:45 **Ghost Whisperer Season Four: The New Spirit Mythology of Melinda**— Be on hand for revelations about the mysteries that will unfold in the upcoming season of the hit television series, the introduction of a new cast member Jamie Kennedy, and an exclusive first look at video clips from the season premiere episode. Panel will feature **Jennifer Love Hewitt** ("Melinda"), **Jamie Kennedy** ("El" —a new series regular cast member in season four), and executive producers **Kim Moses**, **Ian Sander**, and **PK Simmons**. **Room 6CDE**

2:00-3:00 **The Secret Origin of Good Readers Breakouts**— This year's Secret Origin of Good Readers program offers an extended opportunity for attendees to learn and network through select breakout sessions following the main presentation. Participants will be able to choose from two intriguing options: "Promoting Tolerance with the *Scrypard Detectives*" with **Bill Galvan** (creator/artist) and **Dr. Robyn A. Hill** (teacher educator), and "Building Comics & Graphic Novels Collections in Classrooms and Libraries" with **Mimi Cruz** (Night Flight Comics). **Room 3**

2:00-3:30 **Starship Smackdown XI**— The legendary Comic-Con exclusive celebrates another year of stellar showdowns as the original and infamous *Starship Smackdown* returns. Ever wonder if the USS *Enterprise* could take out the ID4 mothership (hint: Kirk's can't)? Can the *Galactica* find Earth and destroy the *Yamato* (of course, it's a cartoon)? Can the *Serenity* outplay, outwit, and outlast the fully functional firepower of an Imperial Super Star Destroyer? You'll find out the answers to all of these questions and many more from the panel of expert spaceship-ologists, including **Robert Meyer Burnett** (*The Hills Run Red* producer), **Jeff Bond** (*Geek Monthly* editor), **Steve Melching** (*The Clone Wars* writer), **Daren Dochterman** (*GI Joe* production illustrator), **Mary Forest** (writer/comedian), and the Jeff Probst of the stars, moderator **Mark A. Altman** (*DOA: Dead Or Alive*, *Free Enterprise*). And it wouldn't be *Starship Smackdown* without a few surprises, so expect the unexpected. Those in the know, realize the *Smackdown* is the only way to close out your weekend the San Diego way! **Room 7AB**

2:00-3:00 **Indyfans and the Quest for Fortune and Glory**— Join the filmmakers of the documentary that focuses on Indiana Jones' legacy and the fans that follow him! There will be a Q&A regarding the progress of the documentary as well as a general discussion on all things *Indiana Jones*, and maybe even a few giveaways! **Room 24A**

2:30-3:30 **Sunday Conversation with Dan DiDio**— **Dan DiDio** and friends invite you to join an intimate Sunday afternoon chat to talk about your favorite comic book memories and why we all love this medium. All are welcome; no RSVP required! **Room 2**

2:30-4:00 **Pro/Fan Trivia Match**— The Purple Pros—**Len Wein** (Wolverine creator), **Mark Waid** (BOOM! Comics editor-in-chief), **Kurt Busiek** (*Astro City*), and **Robert N. Skir** (animated *X-Men*)—again take on the Black Ink Irregulars (**Tom Galloway**, **Terence Chua**, **David Oakes**, and **John Sardegna**), this time seeking to regain their youth by answering questions about young comics characters, those college age or below, including the convention theme Legion of Super-Heroes. This match is dedicated to longtime scorekeeper John Simpson, who passed away last October. **Room 4**

2:30-4:00 **Cover Story: The Art of the Cover**— It's our annual soul-searching question: whether or not you *can* tell a book by its cover. Moderator **Mark Evanier** interviews four of the top cover artists in comics (and all Comic-Con 2008 special guests): **Jim Starlin** (*Captain Marvel*, *Warlock*), **Bryan Hitch** (*The Ultimates*, *Fantastic Four*), **J.G. Jones** (*52*, *Final Crisis*), and **Ethan Van Sciver** (*Flash*, *Green Lantern*). Evanier presents examples of each artist's cover work and talks to them about the covers and the process of creating them. It's a fascinating look at what many regard as the most important part of any comic. **Room 5AB**

2:30-5:00 **Comic-Con 2008 Masquerade Playback**— Comic-Con Masquerade director **Martin Jaquish** reviews Saturday night's big costumeing event, answers questions, and presents a big-screen video of the show for those who missed it or who want a second look. *(Sorry, we cannot sell copies of the show.) Room 8*

2:30-3:30 **Comics Arts Conference Session #16: The Culture of Popular Things: Ethnographic Examination of Comic-Con**— **Matthew Smith** (*The Power of Comics*; Wittenberg University) and his students report on their observations of how popular culture is marketed to and practiced by the fans attending Comic-Con. The student presenters include: **Jessica Brewer** (Wittenberg University), **Sara McKiniss** (Wittenberg University), **Jacob Sigafoss** (Wittenberg University), **Christian Steinmetz** (Georgia State University), **Brian Swafford** (Ohio University), **Emily Elliott** (North Carolina State University in Raleigh), and **Ally Datz** (Lynchburg College). **Room 30AB**

2:30-3:30 **Making Flipbooks: The ABCs of Animation for Kids**— Children's illustrator and cartoonist **Mac McCool** will show children how to draw their first animation using small flipbooks. McCool will also explain simple animation techniques and present ways to build one's own flipbooks. Suggestion: bring a pencil or pen. **Room 30CDE**

2:45-3:45 **Sockbaby 4 World Premier!**— The web series that became an American kung-fu cult classic, *Sockbaby* was budgeted at \$300 an episode, yet generates over half a million viewers! Watch original three shorts played back to back, then stay for the world premiere of *Sockbaby 4* starring Doug Jones (*Hellboy 2*, *Pan's Labyrinth*) and Jon Heder. Panelists include **Jon Heder** (*Napoleon Dynamite*, *Blades of Glory*), **Dan Heder** (animator, *Monster House*), **Rob Schrab** (director, *Sarah Silverman Show*, *SCUD* creator), **Doug TenNapel** (writer/director, creator of *Earthworm Jim*, *Creature Tech*), and **John Soares** (co-director, actor, fight choreographer). **Room 6A**

2:45-4:15 **Fraggle Rock**— Help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of *Fraggle Rock* and learn more about this fall's newest DVD release! Join **Red**—making a personal appearance—as she sneak peeks the DVD special features and some other DVD surprises! **Room 6B**

2:45-3:45 **Virgin Comics: Grant Morrison and Deepak Chopra: The Spirit of the Superhero**— The tradition continues! As Virgin Comics gears up to launch the new animated on-line series *MBX*, series writer **Grant Morrison** (*New X-Men*, *Superman*, *Final Crisis*) once again teams with best-selling author and Virgin Comics co-founder **Deepak Chopra** (*The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success*, *Buddha: A Story of Enlightenment*) to talk...superheroes! Join the ongoing conversation investigating the id, ego, superego, and spirituality of the superhero—we're talking social theory with sound effects, four colors fused with existentialism. Two of the greatest minds of comics and culture talking comics and culture—this is not to be missed! **Ballroom 20**

3:00-4:30 **Milton Caniff's Steve Canyon TV Series 50th Anniversary**— **Harry Guyton** (Milton Caniff Estate), **Bob Hoy** (Sgt. Charlie Bergeron *Steve Canyon*), **Mrs. Frank Ball** (star Dean Frederick's daughter), and **John Ellis** (*Steve Canyon* DVD producer) present a discussion of what is quite possibly the most legendary long-lost (and now found) television series in history! Come delve into the mysteries surrounding the most expensive show on TV in 1958. Includes the first public screening of the restored 1959 *Steve Canyon* episode "Operation Big Thunder" in 48 years. **Room 3**

3:30-4:30 **Comic-Con Talkback II**— It's almost a wrap, but here's your chance to get in your last licks. Join Comic-Con management with your gripes, concerns, and high and low points of this year's event. **Room 2**

3:30-4:30 **Dave Gibbons**— He's the artist behind the cult classic *Watchmen*, one of the writers behind *Green Lantern: The Sinestro Corps War*, and the hidden genius behind countless other titles. We're talking about **Dave Gibbons**. Be front and center when Dave talks about his art, his writing, and his love for comics. Moderated by DC VP—sales **Bob Wayne**, this program is not to be missed! **Room 7AB**

3:30-4:30 **Star Wars: Imperial Costuming 101 (Dressing to Serve the Empire)**— This discussion talks about the basics and essentials for an individual to get into costuming in general but is specifically geared toward making costumes that would be eligible for membership in the 501st Legion. Panelists will discuss basic materials, costs, and time factors involved in building costumes of this nature, as well as provide some insight as to what motivates the members of the 501st to invest the time and energy required for such a hobby. They will also demonstrate some basic techniques that are applied in costuming as well as show the progression of donning the costume. **Room 30AB**

1:00-2:00 **Marvel: TV Writers of Marvel**— *Heroes*, *El*, *Stone*, *Carnival*, *Underworld*, and *Big Love*: You love these shows & films, but did you know the writers behind them are also at Marvel? Find out what's in store for some of TV, movies, and comics' biggest projects from the people behind them with **Leah Loeb** (*Ultimates*), **Aron Collette** (*Ultimate X-Men*), **Joe Pokaski** (*Secret Invasion: Inhumans*), **Marc Guggenheim** (*Amazing Spider-Man*), **Daniel Kraut** (*Iron Man*), **Kevin Greivoux** (*New Warriors*), and **Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa** (*The Stand!*) **Room 7AB**

1:00-1:30 **Friday the 13th**— Sneak a peek at the new movie retelling the original *Friday the 13th* about teenage summer camp counselors who are systematically slaughtered by a mysterious killer. **Ballroom 20**

1:00-2:30 **Comics Arts Conference Session #15: Capes, Tights and Gowns**— **Travis Langley** (ERICA Project) and **Randy Duncan** (*The Power of Comics*) present Henderson State University students reporting on research ranging fan behavior and self-image to the experience of creating their own workday comic book: **Danny Fingerh** (*Disguised as Clark Kent*; *White Now!*) provides a response. Student presenters include **Erica Ash**, **Tommy Cash**, **Carly L. Cate**, **Mark Head**, **Nick Langley**, **Robert O'Wale**, **Justin Poole**, **Thomas Sepe**, and **Nicholas Ward**. **Room 30AB**

1:15-2:30 **Cartoon Voices II**— It's another one of those panels where folks who do animation voice work demonstrate their craft and dazzle you with their talents. Co-hosts **Mark Evanier** and **Earl Kress** welcome **Chris Edgerly** (*Honey Birtom*, *Celebrity Deathmatch*), **Dee Baker** (*American Dad*, *SpongeBob SquarePants*), **Cheryl Chase** (*Bugtugs*, *All Grown Up!*), **Kate Leigh** (*Dungeons & Dragons*, *Totally Spies!*), **Billy West** (*Futurema*, *Ren & Stimpy*) and a few surprises. **Room 6B**

1:30-2:30 **30 Years of Pined Ear: Wendy and Richard Pina and Richard Pina and Elyquest**— Join **Wendy Pina** (*Elyquest*, *Mosque of the Red Beeth*) and **Richard Pina** (*Elyquest*, CEO Warp Graphics) for a visual presentation that includes Wendy's pioneering career as writer/artist, colorful stories about publishing *Elyquest*, current and upcoming projects and, quite possibly, a few surprises. Q&A for sure! Dare to ask anything! **Room 2**

1:30-2:30 **Magic, Mystery, and Missions: Huntik: Secrets & Seekers**— This animated TV adventures series will be taking over the airwaves in January 2009! Get a sneak peek at this new show—including footage never shown publicly before—and learn about the heroes, villains, and mythical creatures that make up this exciting story! Plus, while supplies last, each attendee will receive an exclusive *Huntik: Secrets & Seekers* gift! **Room 4**

4:00-5:00 **Buffy the Musical**— Let's end this show with a bang! The powers that be behind *Whedonpops.com* host a screening of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* musical episode "Once More With Feeling" as Comic Con 2008's big closing event! Many say this is the finest, funnest, most ingenious episode ever to come out of the Buffy-verses. But remember, the best part of the show is up to you! These eps were made for talking—back, that is—and singing and shouting and dancing in the aisles—with or without your dearie! Audience participation: it isn't just for *Rocky Horror* and mob riots anymore. For more details on the screening visit www.whedonpops.com, then show up for music, singing, and dancing crazy! **Ballroom 20**