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STUMP TOWN



**COMICS
FEST!**



MAYOR TOM POTTER RECENTLY - AND OFFICIALLY - DECLARED APRIL TO BE "COMICS MONTH" IN THE CITY OF ROSES.

Whereas, PORTLAND HAS COME TO BE KNOWN AS A MODERN COMICS MECCA....

POTTER'S RIGHT - YOU CAN'T THROW A CROWQUILL PEN IN THIS TOWN WITHOUT HITTING A CARTOONIST!

OW! BUY MY MINI-COMIC!

SPANG!

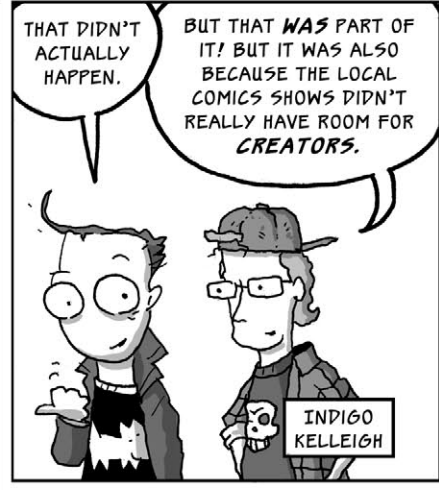
AND FOR ALL THOSE CREATORS AND FANS, "COMICS MONTH" ENDS THIS WEEKEND - WITH A VERY SPECIAL EVENT CALLED THE ...

Stumptown Comics Fest 2008

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THE STUMPTOWN COMICS FEST WAS FOUNDED IN 2004 BY CARTOONIST **INDIGO KELLEIGH**. I LIKE TO IMAGINE HE WAS AT THE SAN DIEGO COMIC-CON WHEN THE IDEA HIT HIM....



A CORE GROUP OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN PLANNING AND ORGANIZING THE FIFTH-ANNUAL STUMPTOWN SINCE NOVEMBER. BY THE WAY, IF YOU'RE EVER AT ONE OF THESE MEETINGS, DON'T SAY THIS ...



SO WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO SEE AT STUMPTOWN?

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO, INDIGO?

THE GUEST PANELS. WE'VE REALLY GOT A WIDE DIVERSITY OF CREATORS THERE.



BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
("ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN")



RAINA TELGEMEIER
("THE BABY-SITTER'S CLUB")



CRAIG THOMPSON
("BLANKETS")



NICHOLAS GUREWITCH
("THE PERRY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP")



SCOTT MC CLOUD
(NOTED COMICS THEORIST)



MIKE RICHARDSON
(HEAD HONCHO, DARK HORSE COMICS)

PLUS! Derek Kirk Kim! Steve Lieber! Tara McPherson! Larry Marder!



ENDNOTES:

1. The Stumptown Comics Fest is set for Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree (1000 N.E. Multnomah).

The **Stumptown Trophy Awards** and the infamous **Comic Art Battle** are set for Saturday, April 26, at Cosmic Monkey Comics (5335 N.E. Sandy Blvd.).

For a complete list of events, guests and exhibitors, visit www.StumptownComics.com.

A list of citywide Comics Month events can be found at www.StumptownComics.com/comicsmonth.

BOY. YOU CAN'T REALLY SUM UP THEIR WORK IN A SINGLE COMPOSITE CHARACTER, CAN YOU?

NOPE!



I'M A SAD ROMANTIC SUPERHERO BABY SITTER WHO TELLS MORBID AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL JOKES ABOUT SEQUENTIAL-ART THEORY.

I TEND TO VIEW COMICS AS A MEDIUM, NOT A GENRE.

I HAVE JUST AS MUCH RESPECT AND INTEREST IN COMICS THEORISTS AS I DO IN AUTOBIO COMICS AND SUPERHERO STORIES. I THINK THEY'RE ALL EQUALLY VALID!

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THWIP!

ON THE MAIN EXHIBITOR FLOOR, CREATORS AT ALL LEVELS - FROM SOLO WEB CARTOONISTS TO MAJOR PORTLAND-BASED PUBLISHERS, INCLUDING DARK HORSE, ONI PRESS AND TOP SHELF - ARE CRAMMED TOGETHER, SELLING BOOKS AND TALKING TO FANS.

ONE COMICS WRITER DESCRIBED IT TO ME AS "A GIANT CARTOONIST PETTING ZOO."



2. I think the artist I'm most excited to meet at Stumptown isn't actually visiting in any official capacity: The great **Kate Beaton** (above) - who does hilarious autobiographical and history-themed comics at KateBeaton.com - is apparently flying down from Canada to check out the show. On her LiveJournal (beatonna.livejournal.com), she offers this helpful drawing so we can spot her in the Stumptown crowd:



PORTFOLIO REVIEWS!
PROFESSIONAL EDITORS APPRAISE YOUR WORK!

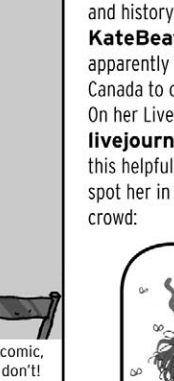
YOU MIGHT CONSIDER LEARNING TO DRAW FEET.

DARK HORSE EDITORS WILL BE LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE COMPANY'S MYSPACE COMICS PAGE!



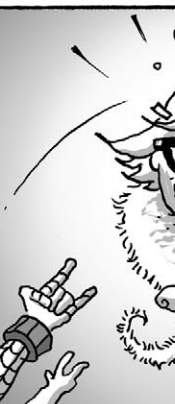
WORKSHOPS! FULL DISCLOSURE: I'M LEADING ONE OF THESE - A LOW-KEY PRESENTATION ON HOW TO MAKE MONEY FROM YOUR WEB COMIC.

YOU CAN'T!



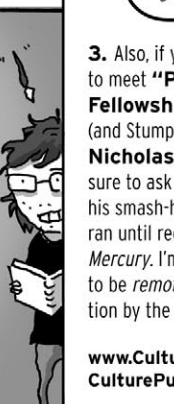
But can you make money from the stuff surrounding the web comic, including ads and merchandise? Find out Sunday, April 27! Or don't!

THE COMIC ART BATTLE! APRIL 26, 8 P.M., COSMIC MONKEY COMICS!



PROS COMPETE IN A HIGH-STAKES GAME OF COMBAT PICTONARY!

THE STUMPTOWN TROPHY AWARDS! SELECTED BY ATTENDEES!



3. Also, if you get a chance to meet "Perry Bible Fellowship" cartoonist (and Stumptown special guest) **Nicholas Gurewitch**, be sure to ask him why he retired his smash-hit comic strip, which ran until recently in the *Portland Mercury*. I'm sure he isn't going to be remotely sick of that question by the end of the weekend.

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