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It's that time of the year again! Put the finishing touches on your cosplay outfit and grab your deodorant because [San Diego Comic-Con](#) is here! TOP COW is celebrating its 21st anniversary with numerous signings, portfolio reviews, Comic-Con Exclusives, exciting news about upcoming projects throughout various Medias, and giving much deserved appreciation to the fans that have kept our company alive and kicking to this day.

Cosplayers! Don't forget that if you are dressed as one of our characters, stop by our booth (#2629) to get your photo taken, for the chance to appear in an upcoming Top Cow comic book. Writers and artists, details of our TOP COW 2013 TALENT HUNT will be announced at our 21 YEARS OF TOP COW PANEL on Saturday, July 20, from 11am-Noon in Room 9!

Our "Mad Scientist" artist himself, all the way from Croatia, Stjepan Sejc makes his return to SDCC, having not been in attendance since 2009! He and writer Matt Hawkins will be meeting and greeting fans at the Top Cow Booth, signing and sketching, along with returning Witchblade writer, Ron Marz! The legendary Marc Silvestri will be in attendance as well, sketching a very limited number per day, along with Stjepan. This means, if you want a sketch from the two immensely talented artists, the ONLY way for you to get one is to set your thrusters to "turbo" and haul butt over to our booth (again, #2629) early each morning to purchase one of these super limited sketch covers.

If all of this is too much information, then expand your mind by picking up the ultra-limited THINK TANK Volume 1 Hardcover. WARNING: Reading this book WILL make you smarter! We were only able to smuggle 1,000 of these out from the Pentagon, with the first 100 fans treated to an added bonus of a limited edition book plate inside! And be sure to visit the booth after you pick yours up to get Matt Hawkins and artist Rahsan Ekedal to sign it.

For those fans attending our Top Cow Panel, celebrating 21 years with us, be sure to arrive early! Available to only the first 200 attendees is a limited edition mini-lithograph featuring the amazing and beautiful artwork of Marc Silvestri, Rahsan Ekedal, and Stjepan Sejc! Everyone there will also be privy to some really great announcements about the future of Top Cow,

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including movie, comic, and videogame news! Don't be that person that reads about it on the internet later, when you're exhausted in your hotel room and sick from too many pretzel-dogs. Attend!

Our full list of attending Top Cow creators, signing times, portfolio reviews, panel information, exclusives, and more can be found on the schedule below. We look forward to seeing you at the show!

Top Cow Creators' Signing & Portfolio Review Schedule:

*Signings are subject to change, check back for more updates!

Wednesday:

Stjepan Sejic - 6pm-9pm

Matt Hawkins - 7:30pm-8:30pm

Thursday:

Matt Hawkins & Stjepan Sejic - 10am-12:30pm

Ron Marz - 11am-12:30pm

Marc Silvestri & Stjepan Sejic - 1pm-5pm

Portfolio Review with Matt Hawkins - 2:30pm-3:30pm

Rahsan Ekedal - 4pm-5pm

Tim Seeley - 5:30pm-6:30pm

Friday:

Portfolio Review with Matt Hawkins - 10:30am-11:30am

Larime Taylor - 11am-12pm

Tim Seeley - 1pm-2pm

Matt Hawkins & Rahsan Ekedal - 2pm-3pm

Marc Silvestri - 1pm-5pm

Ron Marz & Stjepan Sejic - 2pm-3:30pm

Rick Basaldua - 5pm-7pm

Saturday:

Top Cow Panel - 11am-12pm

Rick Basaldua - 11am-1pm

Rahsan Ekedal - 1:30pm-2:30pm

Marc Silvestri - 1pm-5pm

Stjepan Sejic - 1pm-5pm

Ron Marz - 2:30pm-3:30pm

Portfolio Review with Matt Hawkins - 4pm-6pm

Larime Taylor - 5pm-6pm

Sunday:

Rick Basaldua - 11am-1pm

Larime Taylor - 11:30am-12:30pm

Marc Silvestri & Stjepan Sejic - 1pm-4pm

Panel Schedule:

How To: Kickstarter Panel

Thursday

6pm-7pm

Room 2

Want to make your own movie, comic, or album? Don't have the money and plan to use a site like Kickstarter to help bring your dream project to life? Attend the How-To Kickstarter panel to hear how some talented folks were able to reach their goals. They'll tell you the pros, the cons, things they've learned, how to make appealing prizes, and help steer anyone in the right direction that aims to use this fantastic site's resources to make their dream project into a reality. **Moderator: Siike Donnelly Panelists: Jon Schnepf, Olivia Peterson, Josh Levy, and Matt Hawkins.**

Rocket Ships, Laser Guns, and Dystopias

Friday

12pm-1pm

Room: 23ABC

Science fiction runs the gamut from splashy space opera to dusty dystopias, and Image Comics has been on the forefront of releasing the newest and most exciting visions of the future in the market. Join some of Image's finest futurists to hear about how they develop worlds and technology in comics like East of West, Great Pacific, Rocket Girl, Think Tank and Aphrodite IX. **Moderator: Ron Richards Panelists: Nick Dragotta, Joe Harris, Amy Reeder and Brandon Montclare, and Matt Hawkins.**

21 Years of Top Cow!

Saturday

11am-12pm

Room: 9

Celebrate 21 years of Top Cow with Founder **Marc Silvestri** and President **Matt Hawkins** along with a bevy of Top Cow Creators and special guests! Be the first to hear exclusive information about the future of Cyber Force, Aphrodite IX, Witchblade, and the rest of the Top Cow Universe – both in the printed comics and other media! Get the inside scoop on the books that will comprise the next wave of Top Cow's Minotaur Press imprint to follow in the wake of the smash hit, Think Tank. And for those itching to break into comics and make a name for his-or-herself, announcements concerning Top Cow's 2013 Fall Talent Hunt will be unveiled. **And if all of that wasn't enough, as an added bonus, first 200 attendees will receive a special limited-edition mini-lithograph!**



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Exclusives List: Aphrodite IX #1 SDCC Exclusive Sketch Variant Matt Hawkins (THINK TANK) and Stjepan Sejic (RAVINE, ARTIFACTS) have teamed up to bring back the fan-favorite green-haired, amnesiac assassin. Aphrodite IX awakes to find she must navigate an unrecognizable Earth that is being contended over by warring factions of the cybernetically enhanced and genetically enhanced.

Price: \$20

Production Run: Limited to 200 copies

Note: 10 copies of the Sketch Variant will be sold on Preview night. 20 copies of the Sketch Variant will be sold each day, Thursday- Sunday. This is your only chance to get a sketch by Stjepan Sejic. 1 per customer, arrive early. Signatures are free of course!



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MATT HAWKINS, STJEPAN SEJIC

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Cyber Force #1 SDCC Exclusive Sketch Variant

Top Cow founder Marc Silvestri returns to his first Image series as co-writer, art director, and cover artist. Co-writer Matt Hawkins, and artist Khoi Pham join Silvestri to bring you a contemporary reimagining rooted in cutting edge, real world technology.

Price: \$20

Production Run: Limited to 100 copies

Note: 10 copies of the Sketch Variant will be sold each day, Thursday- Sunday. This is your only chance to get a sketch by Marc Silvestri. 1 per customer, arrive early. Signatures are free of course!



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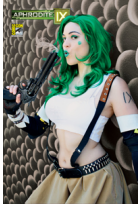
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Aphrodite IX #3 Cosplay SDCC Exclusive Variant Cover

Aphrodite IX was created for a purpose, but she does not know what it is. Torn between two factions in a hostile, new world, she's forced to choose sides in a war that she wants no part in.

Price: \$10

Production Run: Limited to 1000 copies



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Aphrodite IX Exclusive SDCC Print

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Production Run: Limited to 50



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Limited Edition Think Tank Hardcover

Price: \$20

Production Run: Limited to 1000

Note: First 100 customers who purchase Think Tank Volume 1 Hard cover will receive a limited edition book plate.



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