

## **Leading Creator-Owned Comics Publisher Returns to New York Comic Con with Panels, Signings, Variants, and More!**

Berkeley, CA -- 12 October 2011 -- Next week on October 13th through Sunday, October 17th 2011, Image Comics will be returning to the New York Comic Con for their biggest appearance in the Big Apple ever! Image will be exhibiting at booth #1346, and promises something for everyone, with convention exclusives of hot new titles, big announcements, and signings featuring their most promising rising stars side-by-side with comics legends like Todd McFarlane and Robert Kirkman!

### **PANELS:**

#### **Friday, October 14th**

##### **Robert Kirkman Talks Creator-Owned Comics**

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: American Airlines Theater, 1A06

Image Comics partner and best selling writer Robert Kirkman (THE WALKING DEAD) is joined by Image Comics Publisher Eric Stephenson and some very special guests to discuss the exciting present and future possibilities of creator-owned comics. Be one of the first to hear some major announcements from the leading publisher of creator-owned comics.

#### **Saturday, October 15th**

##### **Skybound Panel**

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Location: 1B01

Things continue to look up for Skybound, Image COO Robert Kirkman's imprint at Image Comics. The premiere original WITCH DOCTOR has sold out nationwide, the all-ages hit SUPER DINOSAUR continues to soar, and Kirkman's team-up with Rob Liefeld, THE INFINITE, has been rocking fans to their core... what's next? Join Robert Kirkman as he discusses the future of the imprint with his stable of creators, including the creative teams behind WITCH DOCTOR, THIEF OF THIEVES, and more! Expect only AWESOMENESS.

##### **Image Comics Show**

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

Location: 1A15

Join Image Comics for a slew of exclusive announcements about upcoming projects, updates about ongoing projects, and a Q&A session with some of the best creators working in comics. Don't miss your chance to find out about what we're up to before anyone else does and ask questions of your favorite creators! Panelists include Joshua Williamson (XENOHOLICS), Justin

Jordan (THE STRANGE TALENT OF LUTHER STRODE), Landry Walker (DANGER CLUB), Joshua Hale Fialkov (ECHOES, LAST OF THE GREATS), G4's Blair Butler (HEART), and some surprise guests!

**McFarlane: The Devil is in the Details Panel Discussion**

2:30pm - 3:30 pm

Location: Room 1AO3

In a world of comic book icons, comic superstar Todd McFarlane, and his creation SPAWN, have clearly stood the test of time. Hear what McFarlane and his creative teams have in store for SPAWN and his newest title, HAUNT.

Find out the latest news and behind-the-scenes scoop on your McFarlane Toys' figures including THE WALKING DEAD TV & Comic, HALO, and NFL, MLB, NHL & NBA sports lines. Find out what's in store for this cutting-edge toy company! Also, get an exciting "first look" at McFarlane.com Collector's Club exclusives figures and resin statues, featuring franchise properties with worldwide name recognition.

**Top Cow: We Create... Franchises**

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: 1A15

Join Top Cow Publisher Filip Sablik, along with a host of creators including Tim Seeley (Witchblade), David Hine (The Darkness: Four Horsemen), Joshua Hale Fialkov (Echoes), Jeremy Haun (Artifacts), and Nelson Blake II (Magdalena). Be the first to get the full scoop on what is in store for the Top Cow Universe after the Artifacts event concludes and why it's the ideal jumping on point for the Top Cow Universe. Get the details on all of the Pilot Season 2011 titles and how YOU can take control. Plus surprise guests, exclusive announcements, and a free gift just for attending!

**Sunday, October 13th**

**Spotlight on Robert Kirkman**

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

Location: MTV Theater, 1A10

Kirkman, one of the most successful writers in comics today, best known for his work on THE WALKING DEAD, INVINCIBLE, HAUNT, IMAGE UNITED, ASTOUNDING WOLF-MAN, Marvel Zombies, the recent SUPER DINOSAUR and THE INFINITE will offer fans some insight into the genius behind their favorite hit comics. After becoming an Image Comics partner in 2009, introducing the internationally renowned hit TV show based on the comic, The Walking Dead on AMC, and recently announcing an upcoming video game adaptation of the same series from TellTale Games, he has proven to be an unstoppable creative force.

**SIGNINGS:**

**Thursday, October 13th**

5:00 - 7:00 Robert Kirkman (THE WALKING DEAD, THE INFINITE) - *This event will be ticketed. Tickets will be available at the Skybound side of booth #1346 on the day of the signing, from the opening of the doors until the allotted tickets run out.*

6:00 - 7:00 Scott Snyder, Attila Futaki & Scott Tuft (SEVERED)

5:00 - 6:30 Jeremy Haun (ARTIFACTS), Jason A. Hurley (Pilot Season: The Beauty) & Nelson Blake II (MAGDALENA)

**Friday, October 14th**

10:00 - 11:30 David Hine (BULLETPROOF COFFIN)

11:30 - 1:00 Scott Tuft & Attila Futaki (SEVERED)

12:30 - 1:30 Brandon Seifert (WITCH DOCTOR)

12:00 - 1:00 Joshua Hale Fialkov (ECHOES, THE LAST OF THE GREATS), Brent Peeples (THE LAST OF THE GREATS) & Rahsan Ekedel (ECHOES)

1:00 - 2:30 Todd McFarlane (SPAWN), Joe Casey (BUTCHER BAKER, THE RIGHTEOUS MAKER), Nathan Fox (HAUNT) - *This event will be ticketed. Tickets will be available at the Image booth #1346 on the day of the signing, from the opening of the doors until the allotted tickets run out.*

3:00 - 4:00 Ben McCool (MEMOIR), Nate Cosby (PIGS) & Katie Cook (PIGS NYCC variant cover artist)

3:00 - 4:00 Filip Sablik & John Mahoney (LAST MORTAL)

4:00 - 5:00 Enrique Carrion & John Upchurch (VESCELL)

5:00 - 6:00 Joshua Williamson (XENOHOLICS)

4:00 - 5:30 Justin Jordan & Tradd Moore (THE STRANGE TALENT OF LUTHER STRODE)

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6:00 - 7:00 Rodin Esquejo (MORNING GLORIES)

6:00 - 7:00 Ron Marz, Nelson Blake II & Keu Cha (MAGDALENA)

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10:00 - 11:00 Kurtis Wiebe (GREEN WAKE, INTREPIDS)

10:00 - 11:30 Justin Jordan & Tradd Moore (THE STRANGE TALENT OF LUTHER STRODE)

11:00 - 12:00 Szymon Kudranski (REPULSE, SPAWN)

11:30 - 12:30 Ron Marz, Whilce Portacio (SPAWN, ARTIFACTS) & John Tyler Christopher (WITCHBLADE, ARTIFACTS)

12:00 - 1:30 Ben McCool (MEMOIR), Nate Cosby (PIGS) & Breno Tamura (PIGS)

12:30 - 2:30 Robert Kirkman (THE WALKING DEAD, THE INFINITE) - *This event will be ticketed. Tickets will be available at the Skybound side of booth #1346 on the day of the signing, from the opening of the doors until the allotted tickets run out.*

12:30 - 1:30 David Hine (BULLETPROOF COFFIN)

1:30 - 2:30 Blair Butler (HEART) & Kevin Mellon (LOVESTRUCK, HEART) - *Only 100 copies of Heart #1 NYCC variants will be available for sale. Kevin Mellon will be also be selling Heart #1 cover A at artist alley table T7 while supplies last.*

2:30 - 3:30 Ron Marz, Nelson Blake II & Keu Cha (MAGDALENA)

2:30 - 4:00 Erik Larsen (SAVAGE DRAGON), Joe Keatinge (POPGUN), Ross Campbell (Wet Moon), Tim Seeley (HACK/SLASH), Rob Liefeld (YOUNGBLOOD) - *This event will be ticketed. Tickets will be available at the Image booth #1346 on the day of the signing, from the opening of the doors until the allotted tickets run out. Signing attendees will receive a free preview comic!*

3:00 - 4:00 Brandon Seifert (WITCH DOCTOR)

4:00 - 5:00 Tony Shasteen (NETHERWORLD)

4:00 - 5:30 Todd McFarlane (SPAWN, HAUNT), Jon Goff (SPAWN) & Szymon Kudranski (REPULSE) - *This event will be ticketed. Tickets will be available at the Image booth #1346 on the day of the signing, from the opening of the doors until the allotted tickets run out.*

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6:00 - 7:00 Ryan Bodemheim (RED MASS FOR MARS, HALCYON)

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1:00 - 2:00 Rob Liefeld (YOUNGLOOD) & Mark Poulton (AVENGELYNE)

1:00 - 2:00 David Hine (BULLETPROOF COFFIN) Jeremy Haun (ARTIFACTS) & Jason Hurley (PILOT SEASON: THE BEAUTY) - *First 50 attendees will receive limited edition DARKNESS print with art by Jeremy Haun.*

2:00 - 3:00 Erik Larsen (SAVAGE DRAGON), Michel Fiffe, Joe Keatinge, Kat Roberts & Rachel Freire (TWISTED SAVAGE DRAGON FUNNIES)

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### **VARIANTS:**

#### **HEART #1 NYCC Exclusive Variant**

story BLAIR BUTLER

art & cover KEVIN MELLON

\$2.99

Mixed Martial Arts and comics collide when an office drone named Oren “Rooster” Redmond follows his older brother into the fiercely competitive world of professional MMA. With nothing left to lose, Oren hopes to find his purpose in fighting – but does passion equal proficiency? Does Oren truly have the heart of a champion? Find out in the first chapter of this four-issue series.

*(Available for sale at Image Comics booth #1346 during the Saturday 1:30 - 2:30 ticketed signing and Kevin Mellon's artist's alley table #T7 while supplies last.)*

**PIGS #1 NYCC Exclusive Variant**

story NATE COSBY & BEN McCOOL

art BRENO TAMURA

cover KATIE COOK

\$2.99

**ISSUE ONE: HELLO, CRUEL WORLD** A KGB sleeper cell has been in Cuba since 1962. And now they're coming to kill you. Nate Cosby (MARVEL), Ben McCool (CHOKER, MEMOIR) and hotshot newcomer artist Breno Tamura present PIGS, an ongoing series set to join Image's elite ranks. Terrorists have descended on America, assigned to destroy everything in their path...but why, and why now?

*(Available for sale at Image Comics booth #1346 during the Friday 3:00 - 4:00 pm and Saturday 12:00 - 1:30 pm signings while supplies last.)*

**CBLDF LIBERTY ANNUAL 2011 NYCC Exclusive Variant** story by MATT WAGNER, J. MICHAEL STRACZYNSKI, KAZIM ALI, DARA NARAGHI, J.H. WILLIAMS III, MARK WAID, CARLA SPEED MCNEIL, AJ LIEBERMAN, MICHAEL BRAMLEY, STEVE NILES, BRANDON MONTCLARE, JUDD WINICK, RICHARD STARKINGS art by MATT WAGNER, KEVIN SACCO, CRAIG THOMPSON, CHRIS MITTEN, J.H. WILLIAMS III, JEFF LEMIRE, CARLA SPEED MCNEIL, RILEY ROSSMO, FRANK QUITELY, SHANE DAVIS, FRED HEMBECK, MICHAEL MONTENAT & JACK PURCELL, JOËLLE JONES, GREG LAND, GREG HORN, THIAGO MICALOPULOS & RODNEY RAMOS, DUSTIN NGUYEN, DAVE COOPER, IVAN REIS, SHAKY KANE \$4.99

A COMIC BOOK LEGAL DEFENSE FUND BENEFIT BOOK! Stand Up For Your Rights! Censorship is the ultimate form of bullying. Censors want to take away the power people have to think, speak, or create freely. In CBLDF LIBERTY ANNUAL 2011, Legendary Editor BOB SCHRECK gathers an all-star line-up of comics creators to stand up to those censoring bullies with 48 powerful pages of ALL NEW story and art about standing up for your rights! All proceeds from this book benefit the important First Amendment work of the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, who've been fighting censorship in comics for 25 years!

This year's Liberty Annual includes incredible contributions, including all-new original stories by superstars J. MICHAEL STRACZYNSKI, FRANK QUITELY, J.H. WILLIAMS III, STEVE NILES, JUDD WINICK, MARK WAID, and CARLA SPEED MCNEIL. Plus, new tales featuring GRENDAL by MATT WAGNER, COWBOY NINJA VIKING by AJ LIEBERMAN & RILEY

ROSSMO, and ELEPHANTMEN by RICHARD STARKINGS & SHAKY KANE. Plus a massive, and first ever color story from indy comics master CRAIG THOMPSON! Even Marvel and DC have stepped up to show their support all-new pin-ups including BATMAN by DUSTIN NGUYEN, X-MEN by GREG LAND, GREEN LANTERN by IVAN REIS, and THE AVENGERS by GREG HORN!

All proceeds from CBLDF Liberty Annual 2011 will benefit the important First Amendment legal work of the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of the First Amendment rights of the comics art form and its community of retailers, creators, publishers, librarians and readers.

*(Available for sale at the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund's booth #1158 while supplies last.)*