

“In last year’s third convention more than 5.000 visitors experienced in  
Comicdom Con Athens,  
the magic world of the 9<sup>th</sup> Art”

The Greek celebration of comics that Bill Tucci, the famous American artist characterized as “the greatest ‘small’ comics convention in the world” comes back for fourth year in a row.

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# COMICDOM CON athens2009

**A SUPERHERO EVENT!**

**April 11 & 12. Massalias 22. Hellenic American Union.**

The **Hellenic American Union** and **Comicdom Press** invite you to *Comicdom Con Athens 2009* on **Saturday, April 11** and **Sunday April 12, 2009** in the main building of the Hellenic American Union (Massalias 22, Kolonaki) for another two-day-festival dedicated to comics and their creation. This year’s festival features workshops on the techniques of scriptwriting and sketching, film screenings, presentation of new Greek comics publications, a bazaar with comic-shops and publishing houses and Comicdom Awards (the only Greek comic books awards).

In this year’s festival the printed pop culture meets the colorful world of super-hero comics in an innovative exhibition and features two special guests: veteran American writer **Marv Wolfman** (*Crisis on Infinite Earths, Teen Titans*) and **Barry Kitson** (*Amazing Spider-Man, Legion of Super-Heroes*), one of the most popular comics designers of DC and Marvel. During the two-day-festival, the distinguished artists will participate in sketching workshops and sign their artworks for the public, while the Comicdom Awards will award Marv Wolfman for his contribution in the art of comics.

Hadjikyriakos-Ghikas Gallery of the Hellenic American Union hosts the exhibition “**Superhero Experience**”. The exhibition presents comic heroes’ evolution through the ages and highlights in their long history. We will also be screening the *History Channel* documentary *ComicBook Superheroes Unmasked*, and the popular animation film for kids and adults alike, *The Incredibles*.

A workshop for children is also included in this year’s program of *Comicdom Con Athens*. Following the successful cooperation of *Comicdom Press* with the *National Book Center of Greece*, a seminar will be held which aims to familiarize children with comics through creative play.

Yiannis Rouboulis has created the official illustration of COMICDOM CON ATHENS 2009.

**Admission is free. The catalogue which includes the two-day-festival program is distributed for free.**

For more information about the detailed program of the two-day-event or/and material regarding the festival:

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**Who:**

**Comicdom Press & Hellenic American Union**

**When:**

**Saturday, April 11 & Sunday, April 12, 2009, 11:00 - 21:30**

**Where:**

**Massalias 22, Athens**

**How much:**

**Admission is free**

**Great Sponsors:**

**Comicworld, Electronic Arts, Jemma Press, Vasma Toys**

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## Previously on Comicdom Con Athens...

**Joe Linsner, Bill Tucci, David Lloyd** (co-creator of V FOR VENDETTA), **Mark Buckingham, Peter Milligan**, and **Scott Lobdell** are among those distinguished, international comic artists that Comicdom Con Athens has invited and hosted in the past. **Guneri Icoглу** and **Aleksandar Zograf** (invited by *Kapsimi Publications*), **Bryan Talbot** (invited by *Jemma Press*) and **Ethan Van Sciver** (invited by *Relax Your Soul Comic-Shop*) have also honoured Comicdom Con Athens with their presence.

## Our international guests from previous conventions describe their visit to Comicdom Con Athens:

*"Comicdom Con Athens is one of the best conventions on Earth! The staff -all volunteers- were completely professional and extended their selfless generosity to each guest and every attendee. Comicdom Con is a true gem and an example for all shows to follow."*

**Bill Tucci (SHI)**

*"It's no surprise that the birthplace of the civilized world would provide the template for the most gracious, thought provoking and intelligent comic book convention I have ever had the pleasure to attend. Keep it up, Greece, and you'll rule the world again!"*

**Scott Lobdell (UNCANNY X-MEN)**

*"Comicdom Con Athens. One of those Comic Convention experiences that goes beyond where conventions usually stop, by expanding the whole conversation into areas not normally covered. Fond memories, generous people and a great convention. Small... but perfectly formed."*

**Andrew Wildman (Founder of the Charity Organization, Draw the World Together)**

*"One of my favorites! This is a friendly, well-organized and very enthusiastic convention. The scope and quality of the panels was incredible."*

**Peter Milligan (X-MEN)**

*"I was impressed with the variety of panels presented - from talks with publishers to intimate forums with artists. The content was befitting a much more mature conference. As an exhibitor, my concerns were addressed and I felt very well taken care of. It was a real eye-opener to see the dedication of the comic aficionados of Athens."*

**Jean Schulz (Founder of Charles M. Schulz Museum & Research Center)**

*"It was a great experience. The attending crowd was really enthusiastic and open and the venue was intimate enough that you felt like you got to really connect with other creators and vendors. The crowd seemed a lot more diverse in gender and age compared to American comic conventions, which was a refreshing change. If I lived closer, Comicdom Con Athens would be on my "must attend" convention list every year."*

**Paige Braddock (JANE'S WORLD)**