

BOISE COMIC ARTS FESTIVAL XII SCHEDULE

Boise Centre

SATURDAY, August 24, 10 am –5 pm

Activities

Lobby

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. LEGO® Display. Join the Idaho LEGO® Users Group for a display of talent, patience, and precision engineering. LEGO® creations from around the Treasure Valley will be exhibited.

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 501st Legion Appearance - Timberline Garrison. Since 1997, the 501st Legion has been dedicated to recreating film-quality costumes of the “villainous” characters of the Star Wars galaxy and entertaining Star Wars fans with their public appearances and has become a leading force in fan-based charity events around the world. The Timberline Garrison serves as the local "Chapter" of the 501st for Idaho and Montana.

Artists' Alley – Room 100

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Button Making. The return of the always-popular Button Making Station. Stop by, select an image from a variety of comics, books, and magazines, and create your own button.

Creators, Exhibitors & Vendors

Artists' Alley - Room 100

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Artists' Alley. Over 100 creators, vendors and exhibitors are slated to appear in Artists' Alley, including our guest creators, and more. This is a great opportunity to meet comic creators and purchase original artwork and comics!

[Learn more about our Guest Creators & Exhibitors.](#)

Live Cosplay Contests

Calling all cosplayers! This cosplay competition is for participants of all ages and experience. Your cosplay could win fame, glory, and of course— prizes. **Register before the big day by visiting www.boisepubliclibrary.org/bcaf.**

Cosplay Theater – Room 130

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Kids Cosplay Contest. Kids, show off your costumes and win prizes!

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Group Cosplay Contest. Groups from 2-6 people, show off your costumes, perform a skit, and win prizes!

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Adult Cosplay Contest. Adults, show off your costumes and win prizes!

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Teen Cosplay Contest. Teens, show off your costumes and win prizes!

Panels

Room 110B

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Autobiographical Comics. For thousands of years people have been collecting and sharing the stories of their lives as memoirs. For the past several decades, visual storytellers have been pushing boundaries and exploring different ways to share their stories. Comics memoir and autobiography can be found everywhere these days: as webcomics, zines, and books. Laura Knetzger (*Bug Boys*), Shing Yin Khor, (*The American Dream? A Journey on Route 66*), Taki Soma (*Sleeping While Standing*), and Sally Madden (*Snack Diary*), have all shared their own life experiences in comics form, and will examine the process, rewards, and challenges of translating one's life into comics.

12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Working on Big IP. What's it like working with some of the biggest publishers in the world, on some of the most well know (and loved) characters and properties? We'll find out by asking those who've done it! Guest creators Stephanie Williams (*Moon Girl & Devil Dinosaur*), Jorge Corona (*Batgirls*), Joëlle Jones (*Batman*), Soo Lee (*Cheetara*), Morgan Beem (*Swamp Thing*), and Adrian Ropp (*Disney Infinity*) will talk about the thrill of being asked to create for fan-favorite characters, the challenges, and why it can also be a bit daunting.

1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Folklore & Fairytales. Join guest creators Ashley Robin Franklin (*The Hills of Estrella Roja*), Cassie Anderson (*Extraordinary: A Story of an Ordinary Princess*), Eric Shanower (*Age of Bronze*), Rose Bousamra (*GUTLESS*), and Shing Yin Khor (*The Legend of Auntie Po*), as they talk about their experience creating comics based on folklore and fairytales, what draws them to those stories, and why it's satisfying to occasionally turn classic tropes on their head.

2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Publisher Spotlight: Battle Quest Comics. Battle Quest Comics is an all-ages/YA publisher of action-adventure and sci-fi work built around flagship titles, *No'madd: The Unconquerable*, *The Trident of Aurelia*, and *Steel Siege*. Publisher and writer Drew Kafoury, media director and writer

Justin Zimmerman, and artist Aaron McConnell will explore the history of Battle Quest and share what the future has in store.

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Queer Horror. Queer Horror is a rising subgenre in horror fiction, telling terrifying stories from new perspectives. What is Queer Horror? How does it differ from traditional horror? What truths does it reveal about the queer experience? And is all horror actually queer horror at root? Join our panelists – Soo Lee (*CARMILLA: The First Vampire*), Ashley Robin Franklin (*The Hills of Estrella Roja*), Rye Hickman (*The Harrowing*), and Emily C. Martin (*Progressively Horrified* podcast) for a discussion of these questions and others, as well as spotlights on essential works of the genre.

4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Writing Comics. All the amazing comics you read started in the mind of a writer. To explore how they make it from mind to page, we've assembled an all-star lineup of stellar comics writers. They'll discuss their creative process, the challenges they face, and why they've chosen comics as a career. Panelists: Stephanie Williams (*Nubia: Queen of the Amazons*), James Asmus (*Captain America*), Andrew Kafoury (*No'madd*), David F. Walker (*Bitter Root*), Michael Avon Oeming (*The Victories*), and Taki Soma (*Sleeping While Standing*).

Room 110C

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. History of Idaho Comics. Explore the history of comics in Idaho with local comics historian and publisher Albert Asker and comics artist Joëlle Jones. Asker is the editor-in-chief of Idaho Comics Group, an indie comic book publishing house out of Boise that publishes the officially licensed *Tarzan and the Comics of Idaho*, and *Idaho Comics*. As the "unofficial sequential art historian of the Gem State," he has given many presentations on the history of comic books in Idaho. Jones has worked on titles such as *Batman*, *Wonder Woman*, and *Catwoman* for DC Comics and *Ms. Marvel*, *Spider-Woman*, and *The Scarlet Witch* for Marvel Comics. Jones created the new Wonder Girl character for DC Comics and made her a Boise native, just like her creator.

12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Pop-culture Podcasting. In addition to creating comics for many years, Sally Madden ([Thick Lines](#)), Emily C. Martin ([Progressively Horrified](#)), and Tadd Galusha ([Blue Tiger Revenge](#)) are also podcast hosts. Join them for a talk about comics and pop-culture podcasting, the highs and lows of hosting, and what it takes to create your own fandom-focused podcast.

1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Character Creation & Design. Where do the comic characters we love...and love to hate, come from? And how do they end up looking the way they do? To answer these questions, and more, we've assembled a team of comic writers and artists to talk about the ins and outs of character creation, where they take inspiration from, and what it's like collaborating with a creative team. David F. Walker (*Bitter Root*, *The Second Chance of Darius Logan*), Steve Willhite (*FUBAR*, *Imposter Syndrome*), Terry Blas (*Eat Your Heart Out*, *Reptil*) and Lukas Ketner (*Count Crowley*, *Kill the Minotaur*) have all been making unique and recognizable characters for years and are here to fill you in on how it's done.

2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Myth Madness: Battle of the Comic Gods. Join the Boise-based podcasts Muses of Mythology and Gaming Theater Presents in a battle of comic book divinity. Mythic figures from beloved comic adaptations go head-to-head! Who wins between Marvel Comics' Loki and Lore Olympus' Hades? Only the audience can decide! Come help crown the new King of the (Comic Book) Gods!

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Comics for Kids. Meet the creators behind some of your favorite graphic novels for kids and get great new reading recommendations! Join Andy Runton (*Owly*), Laura Knetzger (*Bug Boys*

and *Bigfoot and Nessie* – winner of the 2024 Eisner Award - Best Publication for Early Readers), and Norman Shurtliff (*Skull Cat*) as they talk about their books and their creative process.

4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Ratagories. Local illustrators collective, The Sketch Rats, are bringing Ratagories to BCAF! This all-ages, drawing "competition" sees audience members squaring off against each other in an entertaining interactive game that perfectly blends speed-doodles and shouting. Endorsed by the son of the cousin of the man who invented antibacterial soap, and our neighbor Gene. Expect plenty of laughs. Fun for the whole family.

Workshops

Room 120B

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Inking with Traditional Materials. Farel Dalrymple (*The Wrenchies*, *Proxima Centauri*) and Soph Franz (*Slumber Party*, *Xino*) like to keep things old school. Join them as they demonstrate how to ink with traditional materials and share tips and tricks for using physical mediums to create art.

12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Life Drawing. Join creator and model Sugar May and artist Vannotes for a life drawing session inspired by the work of Strawberry Shortcake creator Muriel Fahrion. Bring your own art supplies or borrow paper and charcoal from our session sponsor Catalyst Arts Collaborative.

1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Beginner Roleplay in the Age of Matt Mercer (TTRPG Roleplaying for beginners). Are you a beginner at roleplaying games like Dungeons and Dragons, or just find the giants of roleplaying like Critical Roll or Dimension 20 intimidating? Join Seth and the Meowathon team to learn the basics of roleplaying and how to make your sessions feel epic in your own way!

2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Drawing with Muriel. Strawberry Shortcake, Care Bears, and The Get Along Gang creator Muriel Fahrion will share how to create timeless, iconic characters, in this all-ages drawing workshop.

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. The Great BCAF Kaiju Draw-off! Comic book artist Tadd Galusha has contributed to numerous titles including *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, *Godzilla*, *Bubba Ho-Tep*, the Paleo-American series *The First Americans*, and the daikaiju wrestling series *Kaiju Libre* from Boise-based publisher, Arc Welder Studios.

Lukas Ketner is currently the artist and cover illustrator for *Count Crowley*, was the artist and co-creator of *Witch Doctor*, and his other comics work includes *Kill the Minotaur*, *Batman '66*, *Creepy Comics*, and *Headless Horseman Halloween Annual*.

In this workshop they'll combine forces to show you how to draw the biggest, baddest, city-crushing-est kaiju their imaginations can muster.

Kids' Corner

Room 120C

10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Drop-in: Art Lab – Superhero Cuffs. Show off your superhero accessories! Kids will be shown how to create custom wrist cuffs that they can dec out with their own logos and drawings.

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Superhero Music & Movement. Librarians will be hosting the Music & Movement program but with a heroic twist! Leap, fly, punch, and show off your powers!

12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Creating Comic Panels. Kids will be given the chance to create their own comic using panels to tell a story.

1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Drawing Owly & Friends with Andy Runton. Comic book artist/author Andy Runton is coming to do an art tutorial for kids! Learn how to make your own version of Owly and friends.

2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Zine-making – Create your own comic! We will guide participants on how to fold and cut zines (tiny comic booklets). Kids will be given art supplies to draw and write their own stories, comics, art projects, poems, or whatever else. It's up to you!

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Stop Motion Animation – Create your own movie magic! Whether you want to use iPads with stop-motion software or draw your own flip book, you can bring any story to life—be it a superhero action sequence or anything your imagination dreams up. We'll provide all the materials, including the tools to export your digital masterpiece.

4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Drop-in: School Age Fun Rube Goldberg Building Program. Join us for a creative and fun time as we build Rube Goldberg machines! Each child will receive a small ball and a bell and will choose from a variety of materials to design a unique contraption that guides the ball to ring the bell. Get ready to explore, experiment, and enjoy the thrill of chain reactions!

Teen Zone

Room 110A

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Drop-in: DIY Pokémon Cards. Create your own Pokémon! The library will provide blank templates of Pokémon cards where teens can design and draw their own made-up Pokémon. They can also create their Pokémon's moves, abilities, and status effects to use them in battle against each other to find out who is the champion once and for all!

12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Drop-in: Totes with T-shirt Press. Get ready for Boise Comic Arts Festival by personalizing your own tote bag! In this workshop, teens will use a t-shirt press to transfer exclusive festival artwork onto a tote, perfect for carrying all your festival finds. Bring your creativity and leave with a unique bag to show off at the event!

1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Drop-in: Button-Making. Let your inner hero out! Teens can create their own superhero logo buttons that the library will press. They can either draw their own superhero or comic-themed buttons or press them using material provided by the library.

2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Drop-in: Instax Photo Time. Dress up with your friends for an Instax photo! We will have a superhero themed backdrop with photo props for teens to have their photos taken and printed to take home. Cosplay encouraged!

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Drop-in: Snappix. Come create a satisfying-to-play-with piece of art! Teens will be able to create their own mosaic-style bead designs using Snappix fuse beads and sheets of black mesh canvas. No ironing needed!

4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Zine-Making - Guided Tutorial + Drop-In. A tutorial for making your own zine (little comic booklet)! We will show a few different ways of folding and cutting zines for teens to create their own stories, comics, art projects, poems, or whatever else. It's up to you! After the tutorial ends, the event will be drop-in, and teens can come in and out creating their own zine using materials we provide.

Meet-ups

Room 110DN

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Anime & Manga Meet-up & Swap. Visit with fellow Anime & Manga enthusiasts and bring your gently used books and videos to swap with others!

12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Middle Earth Trivia with Gandalf! Join the Nampa Public Library and vie for a prize with Gandalf's Middle Earth trivia challenge!

1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Comic Swap. Do you have comics or graphic novels around the house that you're ready to part with? Looking to pick up some fresh new reads? Head over to the comics swap to visit with other fans, discover new titles, and find good homes for your old issues.

2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Baldur's Gate Meet-up. Larian Studios' smash-hit video game Baldur's Gate 3 has developed a devoted world-wide following. Whether you're an Astarion-stan, think Karlach is the owl bear's knees, or just want Boo to go for the eyes, you're welcome at the Baldur's Gate Meet-up! Chat with fellow fans, share what you're most excited about in the forthcoming patch, and compare your best BG3 cosplay.

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Meet-up. Cowabunga! Come celebrate 40 years of the pizza-loving heroes in a half shell with other fans of the comics, tv shows, movies, and toys.

Quiet Room

Room 110DS

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Quiet Room. Shh...it's the Quiet Room. Need to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the festival? Visit the Quiet Room to relax, re-center, and enjoy a bit of peace before heading back out into the melee.

Gaming

Room 120A

Role Playing Games

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. BCAF XII RPG Workshop: How to DM with Lily Pannkuk. [Registration required.](#)
Learn the basics of running an RPG, with tips and tricks on how to keep your players engaged and create a memorable experience.

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. BCAF XII RPG: (To Be Determined) with Daine Smith. [Registration required.](#) Join Daine Smith as he runs... something! Will be announced soon! Table B.

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. BCAF XII RPG: Monster of the Week with Simon Clifford. [Registration required.](#)
Something sinister is happening in the sleepy neighborhood of Liberty Heights. Join a team of monster-hunters in a race against time to uncover the truth and clear an innocent man's name. Monster of the Week is a role-playing game of action-horror, with vibes similar to Supernatural or Buffy the Vampire Slayer. This mystery includes themes of murder, family violence, and body horror. For ages 12+. Table A.

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. BCAF XII RPG: 5e D&D for Beginners with Stephen Guttridge. [Registration required.](#) First time players preferred (recommended ages 10+)! Learn to play 5th Edition by exploring the Haunted Shipwreck, an adventure for 1st level run by Stephen Guttridge. Table A.

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. BCAF XII RPG: Teens 5e D&D with Aidric Curtis and Olin Tutko. [Registration required.](#) TEENS ONLY!

As a crewmate aboard a renowned galleon, you were shocked at meeting an able foe, an enemy in whom rested the power to turn your ship into flotsam. And indeed the Dread Pirate Flotsam Bric-a-Brac did. Your ship mercilessly torn to wreckage, your crewmates dead and drowned, and your recent haul of booty pilfered, you, as one of the last survivors, was imprisoned on Bric-a-Brac's brig. You and a few other survivors are set to walk the plank into shark-infested waters later today. To survive, you must escape. But to regain glory and your famous treasure haul, you must fight.

Build your own 3rd level character in advance or use one of our pre-mades. Table C.

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. BCAF XII RPG: Teens 5th Edition D&D with Gabe and Wade Dial. [Registration required.](#) TEENS ONLY!

5e Dungeons and Dragons run for teens by a teen (with his Dad to help)! First time players welcome!

2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. BCAF XII RPG: Teens Pathfinder 1e with Zane Combo (Session 1). [Registration required.](#) TEENS ONLY!

Play Pathfinder 1st Edition with Zane Combo! This is a two part/two-day event, the second session will be held Sunday, August 25th at 1pm-4pm.

In the human town of Trunau, a beleaguered settlement surrounded by the brutal orcs of the Hold of Belkzen, the heroes must investigate a mysterious death. Level 1 characters will be available, or bring your own! Table B.

Artists' Alley – Room 100

Board Game Library

10:00 a.m-5:00 p.m. Board Game Library, provided by Phoenix Fire Games. Check out a game and play something new! Space will be available to play in the ballroom.