



Wonder Woman Symposium - Sept. 22-24, 2016

Kent State University, College of Arts & Sciences



In honor of the 75th anniversary of the comic book super heroine Wonder Woman in 2016, Kent State University and the Cleveland Public Library will partner to celebrate the intersections of public literacy, comics, and feminism in a jointly sponsored symposium.

The 2016 Wonder Woman Symposium partners two powerful public institutions in Northeast Ohio, taking up the historical trends that have changed the world of comics, American popular culture, and feminism. Centering on the figure of Wonder Woman and her heirs, this symposium will feature plenary addresses by major creators in the industry and historians of the comic's world, and workshops by comic creators on creating graphic narratives and comics. This forum seeks to highlight both regional and national talent. This celebration of Wonder Woman's anniversary pays respect to "herstory" while recognizing her perpetual relevance to our present day, and beyond.

Register now! (**Free admission**)

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016 | *Cleveland Public Library, Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium, 325 Superior Ave, Cleveland OH 44114*

- 6:00-6:30 p.m. Amanda Conner and Jimmy Palmiotti (via skype), Creative team of Harley Quinn, Starfire, and Harley Quinn and Power Girl
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Phil Jimenez, Writer/Artist of Wonder Woman and Superwoman, and artist of Astonishing X-men, New X-men, Amazing Spider-Man and The Invisible
- Carol & John's Comic Book Shop, 17462 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, OH 44111
- 8:00-10:00 p.m. Artist and Author Book Signing with Phil Jimenez, Cameron Stewart and other comics creators

Friday, Sept. 23, 2016 | *Cleveland Public Library, Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium, 325 Superior Ave, Cleveland OH 44114*

- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Joan Ormrod, co-editor of *Journal of Graphic Novels and Comics* and co-editor of *Superheroes and Identities*

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- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Cameron Stewart, Writer/Artist of Batgirl, Motor Crush and artist of Batman and Robin and Fight Club 2
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Trina Robbins, author of *The Great Women Superheroes*, *Wonder Woman*, and editor of *Babes in Arms* and *The Complete Wimmen's Comix*
- 6:15-7:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion with Presenters

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016 | *Cleveland Public Library, Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium, 325 Superior Ave, Cleveland OH 44114*

- 9:30-10:00 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. Genevieve Valentine, author of *Catwoman*, *Xena: Warrior Princess* and the series *The Girls at the Kingfisher Club* and *Mechanique: A Tale of the Circus Tresaulti*
- 11:15-12:15 p.m. Carol Tilley, author of *Seducing the Innocent: Fredric Wertham and the Falsifications That Helped Condemn Comics*, and a judge for the Will Eisner Comics Industry Awards
- 12:15-2:00 p.m. Lunch and Wonder Woman Record Breaking Event (at the Eastman Garden)
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Laura Siegel, daughter of Jerry Siegel, co-creator of Superman
- 3:15-4:15 p.m. Peter Coogan, director of the Institute for Comics Studies and author of *Superhero: The Secret Origin of a Genre* and co-editor of *What is a Superhero?*
- 4:30-5:00pm- Audience Q&A with Christie Marston, granddaughter of William Moulton Marston, creator of Wonder Woman
- 5:00-5:45 p.m. Roundtable Discussion with Presenters
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. Meet and Greet with Presenters

Questions?

Please contact the organizers at wonderwomansymposium@gmail.com

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