



**WILL EISNER WEEK 2016
CELEBRATES GRAPHIC NOVELS, FREE SPEECH, AND THE LEGACY
OF COMICS VISIONARY WILL EISNER**

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NEW YORK - The Will & Ann Eisner Family Foundation is pleased to announce the following Will Eisner Week events for 2016. This series of events—held annually in March—is now celebrated internationally, with events focusing on graphic novels, sequential art, free speech, and the incredible legacy of Will Eisner, one of the most innovative and influential figures in the history of comics and graphic novels. Will Eisner Week’s central theme, "Read a Graphic Novel!" is the underlying message. Will Eisner Week events are presented in universities, art schools, libraries, museums, bookstores, and book retailers in the weeks around Will Eisner’s March 6th birthday. Visit www.willeisner.com for event details and an up-to-date list of participating organizations.

Alpine, TX
Amherst, MA
Anchorage, AK
Anderson, SC
Arkadelphia, AR
Arlington, TX
Austin, TX
Baldwinsville, NY
Baltimore, MD
Bowling Green OH
Bowling Green, KY
Bronx, NY
Burrillville, RI
Canton, OH
Cazenova, New York
Chelsea, MA
Cherry Hill, NJ
Chicago, IL
Chicago, IL
Columbus, OH
Corry, PA
Crystal Lake, IL
Evanston, IL
Gainesville, FL

Hudson, WI
Ithaca, NY
Jacksonville, FL
Knoxville, TN
Lake Forest, IL
Laurel, MD
Lexington, MA
Lincoln, NE
Los Angeles, CA
Margate, FL
Maynard, MA
Milledgeville, GA
Minneapolis, MN
Montgomery
Murfreesboro, TN
Natick, MA
New York City, NY
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New York City, NY
North Canton, OH
Northbrook, IL
Northridge, CA
Palo Alto, CA
Panama City, FL
Pasadena, CA
Phoenix, AZ
Pittsburgh, PA
Port Jefferson Station, NY
Portland, OR
Prescott, AZ
Provo, UT
Pullman, WA
San Antonio, TX
San Diego, CA
San Francisco, CA
Savannah, GA
Stow, OH
Voorhees, NJ
Washington, DC
West Hollywood, CA
West Liberty, WV
White River Junction, VT

Athens, Greece
Edinburgh, Scotland,
Glasgow, Scotland
Milan, Italy
Moniaive, Scotland
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

About WILL EISNER:

Will Eisner (1917-2005) grew up during the Great Depression in the tenements of the Bronx. He was a pioneer in the creation of comics during the "Golden Age" of the 1930s and '40s, achieving fame with his noir crime-fighting hero, The Spirit. Many comics greats worked with Eisner including Jules Feiffer, Wally Wood, Jack Kirby, Al Jaffee, Mike Ploog, and others. After *The Spirit* ceased publication in 1952, Eisner, with his strong business acumen, turned to creating educational and instructional "sequential art" - a term he coined - for business, educational and industrial use. In 1978, Will Eisner once again reinvented himself—and the medium—with his seminal graphic novel, "A Contract with God." Will Eisner's more than 20 graphic novels and three textbooks are still in print in 15 languages all over the world. The prestigious Will Eisner Comic Industry Awards, the "Oscars of the Comics Industry," are presented annually at the San Diego Comic-Con.

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