

WICOMICON POP-UP 2018

SAVING THE DAY

PANEL SCHEDULE

THE TARDIS ROOM

Because it's bigger on the inside.

TARDIS NORTH:

Opening Words by WICOMICON Staff

10:00am-10:20am

Just Pick One! Writing at the Intersection of Identities

10:40am-11:30am

Panelists: Nicole Gitau (@cocodevaux, @GeeksOUT, and @FlameCon)

We've waited a long time for diverse stories to be in popular demand. Now that the time's come, LGBTQ creators find themselves pigeon-holed by those looking for more – but not too much more. Writers will discuss depicting queerness alongside race, gender, ability & more. Is there a pressure to spotlight one aspect of identity over another? Do they struggle with “model minorities” vs. minority villains? How do they create complex characters in a world looking to fiction for simple escape?

Real Talk: Writing Comics - What it Takes and How to Get Published

11:40am-12:30pm

Panelists: Jordan Clark, Che Grayson (Bitch Planet), Leah Williams (X-Men)

A panel about our experience writing comics, both independently and for bigger companies, as well as tips for how to write comics.

Creating a Safe Space for Black Girl Gamers and How to Stream Safely as POC

12:40pm-1:30pm

Panelists: Jay-Ann Lopez, Founder of BlackGirlGamers (@official_BGG)

Akua Harris and Junae Benne, Editors at Black Girl Gamers

Creating change in our respective industries can be hard but it isn't impossible. Take part in this Black Girl Gamers panel to learn how to turn your passion into a legacy. Learn insider tips, tricks, and resources from instrumental leaders in communities/platforms such as Black Girl Gamers, When Geeks Travel, and more to learn how to cultivate a supportive community, heighten your visibility, how to network and increase the effectiveness of your work towards your legacy.

Turning Moments Into Movements: The Importance of Diversity In Media and Entertainment

1:40pm-2:30pm

Panelists: April Reign (@ReignOfApril), Cheo Hodari Coker (@cheo_coker) and Angélique Roché (@AngeliqueRoche)

April Reign is an influencer and activist, outspoken promoter of diversity in entertainment and creator of the #OscarsSoWhite hashtag. Cheo Hodari Coker is a legendary writer (CREED 2), producer and current director of Marvel's Luke Cage on Netflix. They are joined by lawyer, activist, writer, and current host of the Marvel Comics podcast Marvel's Voices Angélique Roché. The trio will talk about the importance of diversity in the entertainment world, how conventions fit into that space, and how virtual relationships can become real movements.

How to Tabletop

2:40pm-3:30pm

Panelists: Justin Jones and Eric Price of 3FifsPodcast (@3fifspodcast)

When you think of tabletop gaming, what comes to mind? Are you thinking of elaborate rulebooks, figurines, detailed dungeons, volumes of lore, and way too many dice to count? Tabletop gaming can appear daunting at first, but the crew of Rolling 12s is here to break it down for you! How To Tabletop will cover the basics of tabletop using a variety of games, such as "Black Card Revoked", "VERS", and FIASCO. We will take the lessons learned from those games to teach you how to build your characters and narratives using the FATE Core rulebook. Our objective is to introduce new fans to the world of tabletop in a safe space free from judgement, but most importantly to have fun! There will be audience participation throughout the panel so we hope you're ready to play!

The New Narrative: Shaping the Future of Comics with Underrepresented Voices

3:40pm-4:30pm

Panelists: Ed Williams (@itsedwilliams), Brent Lyles, Spencer Bollettieri, Valerie Complex

The voices and stories of WOC/POC/LGBTQ+/Disabled persons will become the new narratives that shape and redefine tomorrow's comic and entertainment and media industries. Arclight Comics, a grassroots multicultural publisher, have started taking these voices and projecting them into our universe, creating an intellectual property woven together by diverse creators to form a world unique to marginalized comic readers and superhero fans. We will discuss why it's important to tell authentic, diverse stories, the importance of representation on and off the page, why women are an integral part of this movement, and why your story and voice are more important than ever in the comic and entertainment and media industries.

SailorJ Explains It All (15+)

4:40pm-5:30pm

Panelists: SailorJ (@SlaylerJ)

Q&A with Youtuber SailorJ

JJ Smith a.k.a. - "SailorJ" is the youtube sensation known for her woke AF comedic makeup tutorials. In between foundation and highlights JJ sheds light on everything from women's rights to cultural misappropriation, like in her video on *How To Do Thanksgiving Makeup That Has Nothing To Do With The 566 Federally Recognized Tribes* (it's hilarious, and accurate).

Switching it up, this panel is all Q&A

You Sexy Thing: The importance of Inclusion in Romance: (15+)

5:40pm-6:30pm

Panelists: T.J. Michaels (@tj_michaels), The Tama.Chan, and Stephanie 'Flash' Burke

We're NYT & USA Today bestselling romance novelists, editors, cosplayers, and certified master life coaches discussing consent and dysfunction in writing vs real life. Many think that just because we're nerds that we're not interested in, or good at, all things smexy. But that's just not true. After all, GEEK isn't the only thing that's universal. Sex is as universal as it gets. Every person on Earth got here through sex. And when it comes to CONSENSUAL good sex, there are more humans chasing it than running from it. Show me a person who denies this, and we'll sell you a bridge in Greenland that's lined with emeralds and your own personal crew waiting to sing 'We're off to see the wizard!' in five-part harmony.

Closing Statements by WICOMICON Staff

6:45pm -7pm

TARDIS SOUTH:

The Ultimate Test: Pokemon Trivia

10:30-11:20

Panelist: Tara Gibbs (@_taragibbs)

Do you have what it takes to enter the Pokemon League? Find out if you're the very best, like no one ever was in this Pokemon trivia challenge. The game will consist of three rounds:

1-Pokemon, 2-Core Games, and 3-General knowledge. Prizes for the top scorers of each round. Must have an internet connected mobile device.

Latinx in Space

11:30-12:20

Panelists: (@LatinxGeeks) Alexis Sanchez, Leo Faierman, Barbara Perez Marquez

In a galaxy far far away Latinx people have become ace pilots, senators, bounty hunters, and more. We will be reviewing the past, the present, and turning an eye to the future; what we want to see in the future of Star Wars.

We Are DragonBall

12:30-1:20

Panelists: 3 Black Geeks- Dwain Shaw, Arris Waterman, Christopher Powell (@3BlackGeeks) Since our humble beginning podcasting we have covered Dragonball Z from the Saiyan Saga to the Buu Saga with a sprinkle of episode covering the movies. That being said, with Dragonball Super coming to a close, it seems like the perfect time for the 3BlackGeeks to podcast in front of a live audience covering all things Dragonball. Topics like Goku and fatherhood, its effect on anime and other cartoons, who actually won the fights, and daring to ask the important questions such as Is Gohan actually trash?, Is Piccolo really a black guy?, etc. So be prepared for a fun filled time geeking out on Dragonball.

Southern Fried Asian

2:40-3:30

Panelists: Greg Pak (@gregpakpix) and Keith Chow (@southernfriedasians) Marvel Comics superstar and Texas-born Hapa Greg Pak joins a live recording of the popular podcast about being Asian American in the South, hosted by Keith Chow.

Can Fandom Change The World?

3:40-4:30

Panelist: Terry Marshall (@bajncool)

Join in on a live Podcast show to discuss how diversity in comics and pop culture is changing the world. Behind the successes of blockbuster films such as Black Panther and Wonder Woman are fandoms that demanded the stories be told and took actions ensure they happened. Learn of examples of Fandoms helping change large scale narratives and engaging in social justice campaigns. How can fan run initiatives like Wicomicon and WakandaCon can help push forward these efforts.

The Renaissance: From Harlem to Saturday Mornings

4:40-5:30

Panelists: Adeatoyshe "Ade" Heru (@GiantKillerRev) Dion Floyd, Andre Campbell, and Tyran Eades

This one of a kind panel brings together some of the most experienced and exemplary talents on the Black independent comic book scene to discuss the West's checkered past of Black representation in the animated medium as well as its amazingly bright future! Like the Harlem Renaissance before it, the Black Animation Renaissance is on the verge of changing the way the Black community and the world at large looks at creativity of African descended creators in a medium that has always suffered from a lack of adequate and flattering representation. Join host Ade Heru (creator of Shadowboxer) and his assembled panel of writers, artists, and

animators as they look at the good, the bad, and the astounding characters and shows that bring our heroes to life for viewers of all generations.

Cosplay Body Positivity

5:40-6:30

Panelist: Ashlee Doris (@badwolfreigns)

Connecting the Play to Cosplay, covering body positivity and crossing from normal con attire into cosplay and keeping it fun, affordable and comfortable