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Consortium Announces Two New Publishers for Distribution

Minneapolis, MN (April 7, 2015)—Consortium Book Sales & Distribution (Consortium), exclusive distributor of leading independent publishers and a member of the Perseus Books Group, is pleased to announce two new publishers for the Fall 2015 season: **Hispabooks** and **Secret Acres**. Both presses begin distribution with Consortium on June 1, 2015, and both will have titles available in eBook format through Constellation.

Julie Schaper, president and COO of Consortium, notes: "We are excited to welcome two new publishers exploring such range and diversity to our list of award-winning presses."

New Publisher Descriptions

Hispabooks Madrid, Spain

www.hispabooks.com

Hispanabooks is a Madrid-based publishing house specializing in contemporary Spanish fiction in English-language translation. Founded in 2013, they launched with novels by such acclaimed writers as Lorenzo Silva, Marcos Giralto Torrente, Luisgé Martín, and Elvira Navarro. As a publisher who publishes solely in English translation, they aim to represent a vast range of voices in contemporary Spanish writing, the only prerequisite being that they are of unmistakable quality. The list of titles includes rising talents and newcomers alongside established authors, many of them winners of the most prestigious Spanish literary awards and translated into many other languages.

Lead Fall 2015 titles include Luisgé Martín's *The Same City*, which uses the September 11 tragedy as a chance for a man in midlife crisis, who is assumed dead, to vanish and pursue his dreams, and *August, October*, a very adult novel about adolescence that *Esquire* notes "has been described as an explosive clash between Pavese's *The Beautiful Summer* and the adolescents of Gus van Sant's *Elephant*." Mario Vargas Llosa goes on to say that author "Andrés Barba needs no introduction. He has his own intentional world perfectly contained and a literary gift that belies his age."

Secret Acres Press Brooklyn, NY

www.secretacres.com

Secret Acres is a comics company founded by Barry Matthews and Leon Avelino. The company publishes story collections and original graphic novels with a focus on emerging artists. Secret

Acres also sells and distributes its creators' mini-comics and other self-published works.

Notable books include:

- The multiple Ignatz Award–winning and Eisner Award nominated *Monsters* by Ken Dahl, a *Best American Comics 2011* selection soon to be reprinted in a special edition
- Theo Ellsworth's *Capacity*, now in its third edition, listed among the best comics of the year by the *Village Voice*, the *Huffington Post* (small press), and the *Comics Reporter*
- *I Will Bite You! and Other Stories* by Joseph Lambert, winner of the Ignatz Awards for Outstanding Collection and Outstanding Artist, and a Los Angeles Times Book Prize nominee
- Edie Fake's *Gaylord Phoenix*, winner of the Ignatz Award for Outstanding Graphic Novel
- *Wormdye* by Eamon Espey, counted among the twenty-five best comics of the decade by the *Comics Journal*

Forthcoming Fall 2015 titles include *Palefire*, a high school noir romance and first collaboration between comic superstars MK Reed and Farel Dalrymple (author of the *New York Times* best-selling *The Wrenchies* and co-author with Jonathan Lethem of *Omega the Unknown*) and Theo Ellsworth's *The Understanding Monster*, the third book in a trilogy the *New York Times* calls "an urgent (and often very funny) attempt to explain a cocoo-rocoo cosmology made up of garbled fragments of role-playing games, *Transformers* episodes, relaxation exercises and horror movies."

Perhaps *New York Press* best sums up Secret Acres in its 2010 "Best of Manhattan Arts & Entertainment" issue: "It can be hard making your way in the big city, and life as an independent comics publisher is no different. This publishing house came seemingly out of nowhere in 2006, and has been producing vibrant and essential works by the likes of Ken Dahl, Minty Lewis, Theo Ellsworth and Eamon Espey, ever since. Suck it, Batman."

Consortium Book Sales & Distribution, home to a community of award-winning publishers, believes in the power of independent voices. We strive to share new ideas—some that may otherwise not be discovered—with the world.

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About Consortium

Consortium grew out of a small book wholesaling cooperative in 1985 to become a full-service distributor, quickly earning a reputation as an advocate for independent publishers. Consortium now represents more than one hundred independent publishers from the United States, Canada, Europe, India, and Australia, enabling them to successfully reach the trade, library, and academic markets for their books. Consortium understands the importance of ideas, and our goal as a distributor is to introduce those ideas—some that may otherwise not be heard—to the widest possible audience. For more information, visit www.cbsd.com.

About Constellation

As part of the Perseus Books Group, Consortium offers a complete suite of digital services for independent publishers. Constellation's service offering includes digital asset management, eBook distribution and sales, digital printing, digital marketing tools, online sampling, and digital education. The service tracks activity, collects revenues, provides reports, and remits to publishers regularly. Constellation constantly evaluates new partners to add new offerings to the service on a regular basis.