



Small Press Expo Announces Programming Schedule for SPX 2016

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Media Release - Small Press Expo is pleased to announce the Program Schedule for SPX 2016. SPX is continuing the festival's established tradition of rich, thought provoking programming featuring leading comics artists and conversation. As in previous years, the Programming Schedule features two sessions with two simultaneous tracks on both Saturday and Sunday September 17 and 18.

Here are some highlights:

- **Joe Sacco** makes a rare festival appearance to talk about Comics Journalism with **Sarah Glidden**, moderated by *The Nib's* Matt Bors.
- **Lisa Hanawalt** graces SPX for a spotlight interview with NPR's Glen Weldon.
- **Andrew Aydin** and **Nate Powell** discuss their work with Congressman Lewis on the acclaimed and award winning *March* trilogy.

There will also be seven panels dedicated to celebrating the 40th Birthda

Fantagraphics, including:

- Publisher **Gary Groth** joins **Joe Sacco**, **Drew Friedman**, **Trina Robbins**, and **Gilbert Hernandez** to talk about Fantagraphics 40 years of publishing.
- The two great indie comics legends, **Charles Burns** and **Daniel Clowe** shop with Fantagraphics Associate Publisher Eric Reynolds
- The panel Music & Comics has **Jaime Hernandez** and **Ed Piskor** discuss how Punk Rock and Hip Hop music influenced their respective creative styles moderated by the Toonseum's John Kelly.

The complete schedule with times and descriptions can be found at <http://www.smallpressexpo.com/spx-2016-programming-schedule>.

Small Press Expo (SPX) is the preeminent showcase for the exhibition of independent comics, graphic novels, and alternative political cartoons. SPX is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit that brings together more than 650 artists and publishers to meet their readers, booksellers, and distributors each year. Graphic novels, mini comics, and alternative comics will all be on display and for sale by their authors and illustrators. The expo includes a series of panel discussions and interviews with this year's guests.

The Ignatz Award is a festival prize held every year at SPX recognizing outstanding achievement in comics and cartooning, with the winners chosen by attendees at the show.

As in previous years, profits from the SPX will go to support the SPX Graphic Novel Gift Program, which funds graphic novel purchases for public and school libraries, as well as the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund (CBLDF), which protects the First Amendment rights of comic book readers and professionals. For information on the CBLDF, visit their website at <http://www.cbldf.org>. For information on the Small Press Expo, please visit <http://www.smallpressexpo.com>

