



Australian Society of Authors



ASA Comics/Graphic Novels Portfolio Meeting

The Australian Society of Authors (ASA) [incorporating the Society of Book Illustrators (SOBI)] invites comics creators to attend a special comics industry meeting, sponsored by Supanova, to discuss the recently formed ASA Comics/Graphic Novels Portfolio.

What is the ASA Comics/Graphic Novels Portfolio?

The portfolio is a special interest group that aims to provide industry support to Australian artists and writers currently working in the comics medium and, in particular, the graphic novel format. The major objectives of this new portfolio will be to:

- (1) Protect and promote the professional interests of comics creators (both writers and artists);
- (2) Form a professional community of active members who operate in this specialist discipline; and
- (3) Liaise and cross-pollinate ideas with like-minded Australian and overseas organisations whose focus is on the promotion of the comics art form.

Who should attend this comics industry meeting?

Established and emerging writers, artists, pencillers, inkers, colourists and letterers working in the comics medium and its various formats (comics periodicals, graphic novels, zines, webcomics etc).

Why is it important to attend?

This is an opportunity to set the agenda for a new advocacy group looking after the professional interests and the rights of comics creators, and to find out the benefits of joining the ASA.

Who is the presenter?

Portfolio holder, Julie Ditrich, of Black Mermaid Productions (www.blackmermaid.com) is a published author and comics writer.

When is it being held?

Date: Saturday 29 March 2008

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Supanova Seminar Room, opposite Exhibition Hall (via Main Entrance off Epsom Rd), Melbourne Showgrounds

Entry fee: There is no charge to attend the meeting. However, attendees must be exhibitors or hold a Saturday Day Pass (\$20.00) or a Supafan Weekend Pass (\$40). Tickets can be purchased at the door or through Ticketek.

Special Instructions: Please note that the Expo opens at 10.00am and shuts at 6.00pm. Special arrangements have been made to accommodate this meeting. Creators wishing to attend are requested to go directly to the Supanova Seminar Room and then to leave the venue promptly after the meeting has finished. No exhibitors will be allowed back into the exhibition space after 6.00pm.

Contact: Julie Ditrich on 0412 445 511 for further information.

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