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Comic Revolutions: Underground Comix, Graphic Novels & Manga Exhibit **Showcases History of Comic Books through October 30**

An exhibition in the Art & Music Department, **Comic Revolutions: Underground Comix, Graphic Novels & Manga**, will showcase three important phases in the history of comic books. The exhibition, which runs through October 30, also will feature the work of distinguished local practitioners. The tri-state area is home to many prominent comic/graphic novel writers and artists, from pioneers of the underground comix movement, such as Justin Green, to a current manga star, David Mack.

- **Justin Green** is one of the most important artists of the underground movement, recognized as the pioneer of the autobiographical comic with *Binky Brown Meets the Holy Virgin Mary*. A collection of his Binky stories was published by Last Gasp in 1995 as *Justin Green's Binky Brown Sampler*. Two of Green's strips for magazines have also been collected and published recently: *Musical Legends: The Collected Comics from Pulse Magazine* (Last Gasp, 2004) and *Justin Green's Sign Game: A Collection of Monthly Comic Strips from Signs of the Time* (ST Publications, 1995).
- **Carol Tyler** is an award-winning cartoon artist and storyteller whom Robert Crumb calls "a great artist." A member of the underground comix generation, Tyler has taught classes on drawing comics to school-age children, college students and adults for more than 20 years. Her second solo effort, *Late Bloomer*, published by Fantagraphics, will be available in August 2005.
- **Bruce Chrislip** is a comic book artist/writer/editor/publisher/historian. His cartoons and comics have been published by Aardvark/Vanaheim, Eclipse, Fantagraphics, Kitchen Sink Press, the Arizona Republic, the San Francisco Chronicle, and the National Enquirer, among others. Chrislip has also been the cartoonist for more than 400 minicomix.
- **Craig Boldman** has been a professional cartoonist since 1978. He currently writes the *Jughead* comic book for Archie Comics Publications, and has been writing the *Archie* newspaper strip since 1992. In 1985, Boldman wrote the *Adventures of Superman* for DC Comics and has since written a variety of other well-known characters, including "Big Boy," "Bazooka Joe," and strips based on two Disney TV shows: "Disney's Doug," and "Disney's Recess."

- **David Mack** is the creator, author and artist of *Kabuki*, which is published by Image Comics, and the writer and cover artist for Marvel Comics' *Daredevil*, one of the ten best-selling comics in the United States. *Kabuki* has won Mack international acclaim for its innovative storytelling, painting techniques and page design. The series is available in seven languages and there are over one million copies of *Kabuki* comics, paperbacks and hardcovers, in print in the United States alone.

The Library's Teen Services and Films & Recordings Departments will join the Art & Music Department in hosting these artists and writers in a series of events:

The Rise of Underground Comix and the Graphic Novel

Saturday, September 17, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Atrium

Panel discussion with Bruce Chrislip, Justin Green and Carol Tyler

The Business of Comic Book Writing and Illustration

Saturday, September 17, 2:00-3:30 p.m., Atrium

Panel discussion with Bruce Chrislip, Craig Boldman, David Mack, and Mark Craddock (Comic Book World)

Comic Book Basics: Getting Started with Writing and Drawing Comics

Saturday, October 15, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Workshop with Carol Tyler

Workshop follow-up session (exhibition and discussion with Carol Tyler)

Saturday, November 12, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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