

## Comics Laureate Update



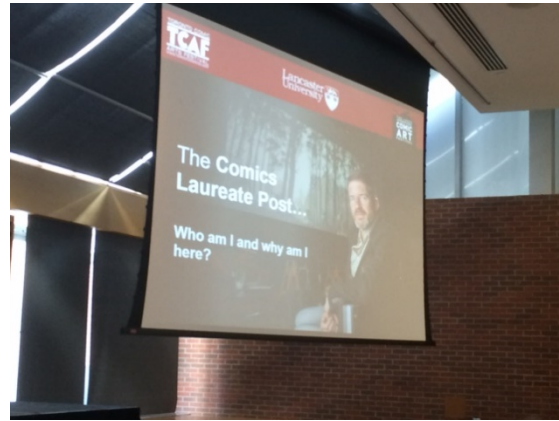
Since receiving the 'mantle' (or indeed the slightly cheesy-looking cloak) from previous incumbent Dave Gibbons, UK Comics Laureate Charlie Adlard has not rested on his laurels.

Having worked with a team of comics experts including Paul Register, Dave Gibbons, Mel Gibson, Ian Churchill, Bryan Talbot, Ian Churchill, Gemma Sosnowsky and Peters' Books, Charlie helped produce the updated Comics Laureate Reading List.

This was closely followed by Charlie's first educational/ambassadorial appearance at Peters' Books in Birmingham. During this Comics Laureate launch event which took place on 28 March 2017, Charlie gave a presentation to 2 groups of educators – primary and secondary teachers and librarians. Charlie talked about his own background and what got him hooked on comics, and the sessions went on to discuss the importance of comics as an aid to literacy, and included some fun workshop activities as well as a lively Q&A session.



Charlie's next appearance was his first overseas outing. Charlie was invited to be keynote speaker at the Toronto Comic Art Festival's Librarian and Educator Day. Charlie kicked off the day by giving a presentation to more than 150 educators, explaining the aims of the UK Comics Laureate, his motivation for taking up the role, and the describing some of the activities he would be undertaking to spread the word about Comics as an aid to literacy. The debate was lively and informed and some interesting ideas were put forward by the attendees.



Charlie's next appearance as UK Comics Laureate will be at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Amiens Comic Art Festival on 4 July 2017.

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