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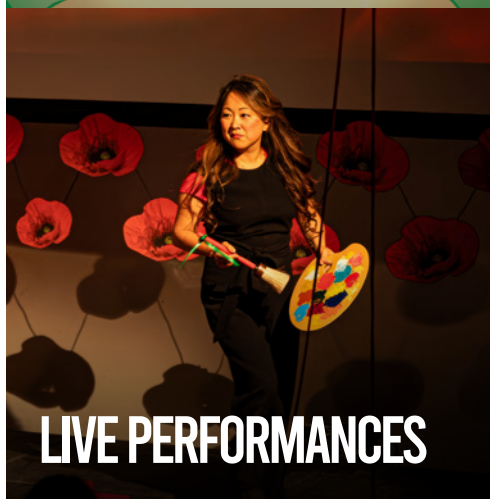
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All festival info and tickets at the Bowness-on-Windermere Visitor Information Centre by the Lake.

Opening times:

Friday 10am to 7pm

Saturday 9am to 6pm

Sunday 9am to 4pm



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BETWEEN THE LINES

The Lakes International Comic Art Festival's
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Issue 5 featured our brilliant guests Philip and Shelly Bond and Issue 6, just out, focuses on the Italian Maestro Lorenzo Mattotti and David Mazzuchelli who have both contributed to the new graphic novel version of 'The New York Trilogy' by Paul Auster. In addition there's Desert Island Comics with Charlie Adlard, cartoon craziness with Dagsson from Iceland and more....



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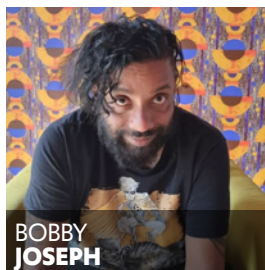
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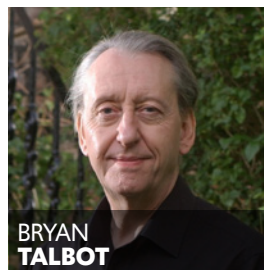
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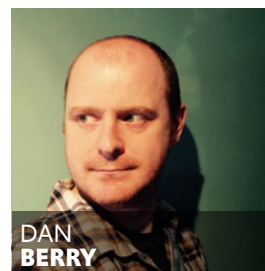
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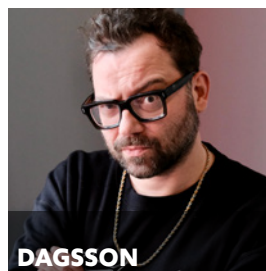
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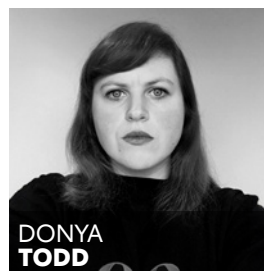
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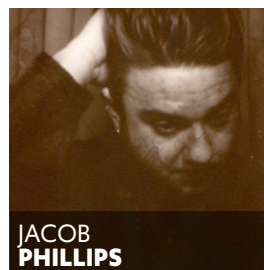
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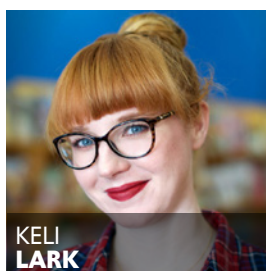
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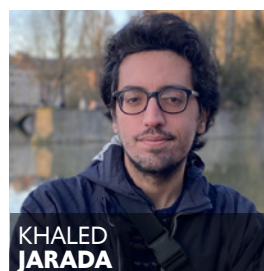
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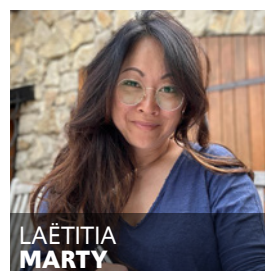
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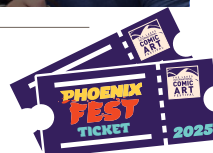
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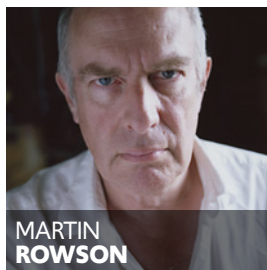
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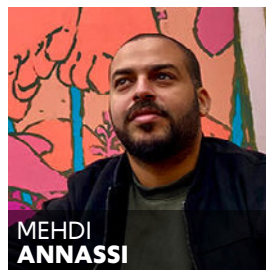
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**MATTHEW
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**MEHDI
ANNASSI**



**MICHAEL
LARK**



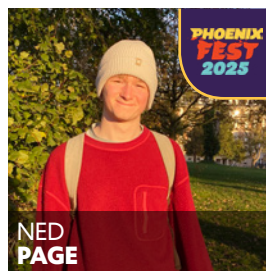
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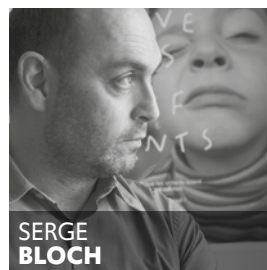
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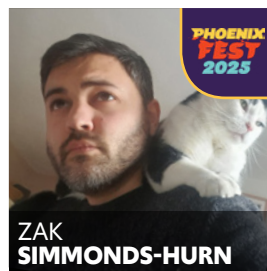
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THE SERGIO ARGONES AWARD

Winners of the Sergio Aragones International Award for Excellence in Comic Art

Each year Sergio Aragones gives a special, very personal award to an internationally-renowned creator who has brought excellence to the medium of comic art. Previous award winners are :-



2017
DAVE
MCKEAN



2018
HUNT
EMERSON



2019
CHARLIE
ADLARD



2021
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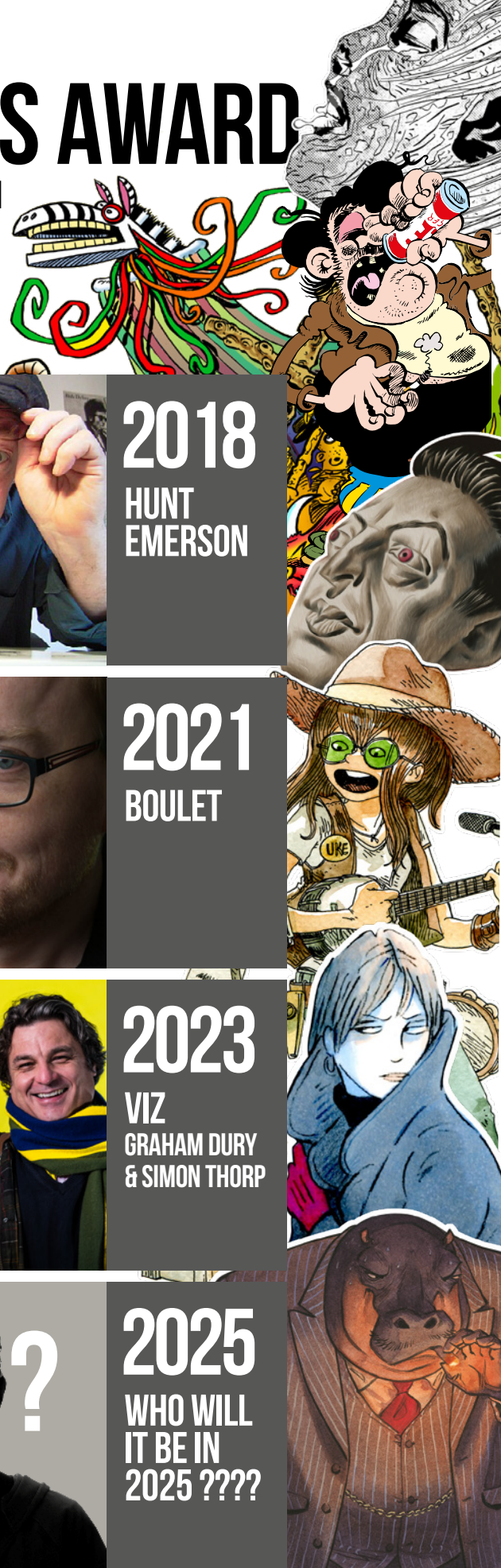
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GRAHAM DURY
& SIMON THORP



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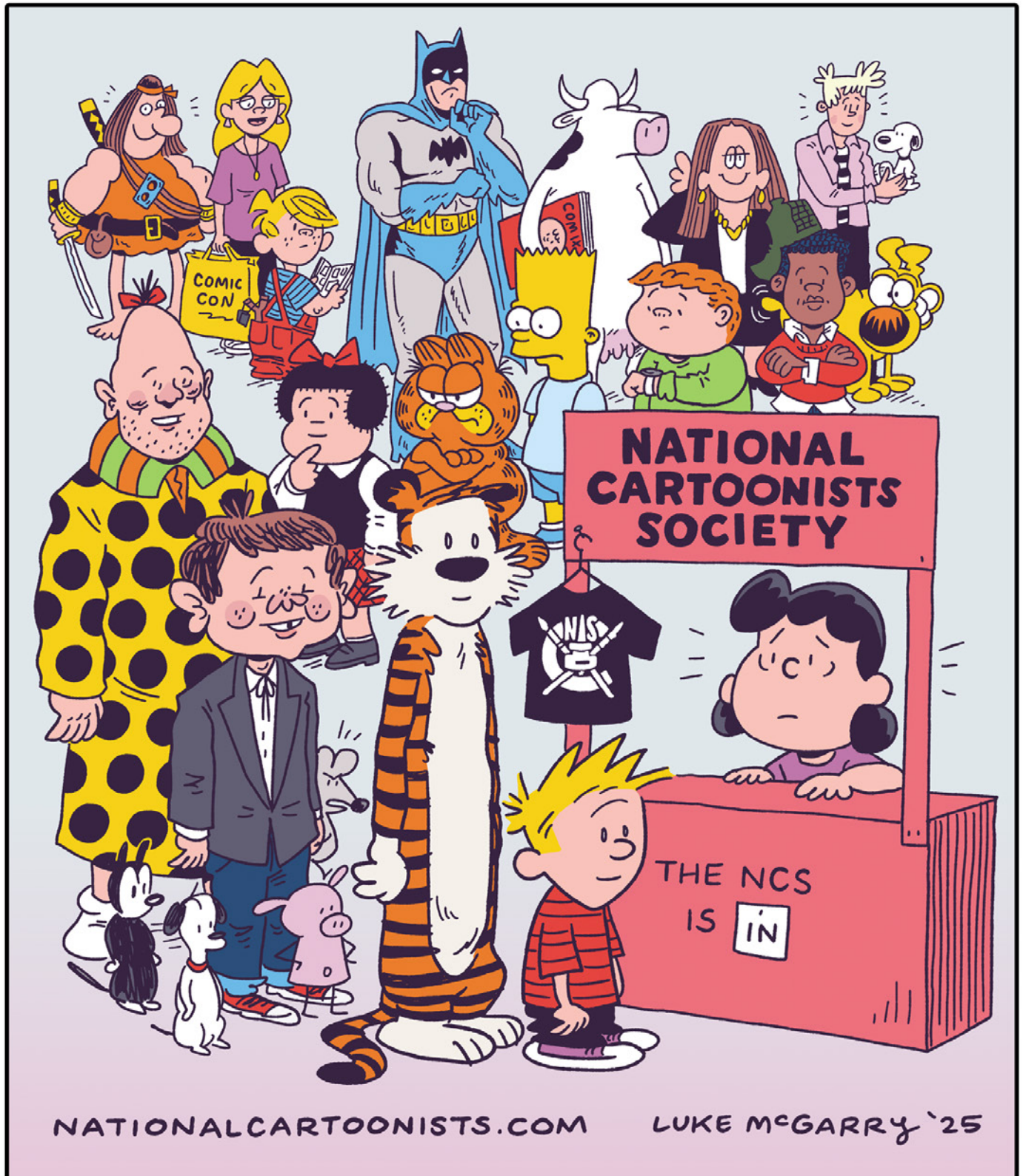
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SHELLY BOND TEN TRUE EDITING CRIMES & HOW TO AVOID THEM

The Other Space
3-4.30pm

Comic Book Editor extraordinaire, **Shelly Bond**, has been throwing red ink at comics all-stars and up-and-comers for more than 3 decades. On a rare visit to the UK Shelly offers a special presentation for all those who edit comics, their own or others' and an insight into how to avoid the cardinal sins of editing.



OPENING NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NATIONAL CARTOONISTS SOCIETY YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT UP



Friday 26 Sept, 7.45pm
at The Old Laundry Theatre

OPENING NIGHT EVENT IS
OVER 18s ONLY

Donald Trump's first few months in office have served to confirm many people's worst fears. In the months and years to come, literally anything could happen. But at a time when increasing numbers of US political cartoonists are being censored or sacked for the mildest criticism of The President, how do you fight back?

Well, we are going to try to find some of the answers with the help of the world's very best cartoonists in a game of two halves.

First off, You Couldn't Make it Up takes the form of a quick live draw extravaganza MCed by Bill 'The Simpsons' Morrison, National Cartoonists' Society of America and featuring Graham Dury and Simon Thorp from Viz, Dagsson from Iceland, Mehdi Annassi from Morocco, Pertti Jarla from Finland and more...



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TRUMPED

Martin Rowson then bowls in with his completely new show, "Trumped", drawing on insights from his 40 years in frontline journalism and the thousands of cartoons about British, US and global politics he's produced in The Guardian and almost every other publication you can think of. He's hellbent on having a lot of desperately needed fun finding out...Expect cartoons. Expect jokes. Expect radical analysis, some ranting And many startling insights! Probably expect food-based action painting.



SERGIO AWARD

The evening ends with LICAF's Awards Ceremony featuring the Sergio Aragones International Award for Excellence in Comic Art and before announcing this main award we will reveal:-

- The inaugural Youth Laureate announced by the Comics Laureate Bobby Joseph
- The Winner of the Sophie Castille Award for Translation 2025
- The Winner of the Robert Russell Courage in Cartooning Award
- Winner of LICAF 2025 Special Award



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TIME	EVENT	VENUE
10.00am – 11.00am	Zorah - Live Performance featuring Abdel de Bruxelles & Mailka El Barkani Performance Set in the spellbinding atmosphere of Tangier the live-drawn spin-off of 'Tanger sous la pluie' (Fabien Grolleau and Abdel de Bruxelles) takes you on a captivating visual and musical journey. Through the expressive strokes of world-renowned Abdel de Bruxelles's drawings and an original live soundtrack by Malika El Barkani the story focuses on Zorah's difficult daily life and her longing for elsewhere. In association with Comic Art Museum - Brussels 	Old Laundry Theatre D
10:00am - 11:00am	Being Human - Simone Lia and Matthew Dooley Conversation Simone's ongoing investigation into what it is to be human graces the pages of The Observer each week and is at the heart of her new graphic novel 'How to Make Life Better When It Feels Like It's Getting Worse'. Her new book also sees the return of her beloved character Fluffy, the sardonic bunny. Meanwhile Matthew Dooley, whose debut graphic novel 'Flake' won numerous prizes, brings us his new book 'Aristotle's Cuttlefish', a witty portrait of a close-knit Northern town and the lost and found characters who live in it. Alex Fitch delves deeper into their new work and the human stories which lie within them.	The Other Space G
11:30am - 12:30pm	Craig Thompson: Back to his Roots (Hosted by Keli Lark) Conversation From the multi-award-winning creator of 'Blankets', 'Habibi' and more comes 'Ginseng Roots', a memoir which explores the class divide, agriculture, holistic healing, the 300-year-long trade relationship between China and North America, childhood labour, and the bond between two brothers. It is soulful, funny, and exquisitely drawn. We are delighted that Craig will make a return visit to LICAF to draw live and be in conversation with Keli Lark.	Old Laundry Theatre D
11.30am-12.30pm	The Making of a Great Partnership: Chris Condon & Jake Phillips Conversation (Chaired by John McShane) Chris Condon is the writer of the smash hit 'Ultimate Wolverine' from Marvel Comics and 'Green Arrow' from DC Comics and the writer of the acclaimed Image Comics series 'That Texas Blood' and 'The Enfield Gang Massacre' with artist Jacob Phillips. Jacob and Chris have created an exciting partnership which may well soon rival that of Jacob's father, Sean Phillips, & his collaborator Ed Brubaker. Join Chris and Jacob and hear more about how their partnership goes from strength-to-strength and more too about their exciting individual projects. Chaired by John McShane.	The Other Space G
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Phoenix Fest @ LICAF presents Jamie Smart's Intergalactic Monkey Business Workshop Join Jamie Smart, award-winning creator of Bunny vs Monkey as he ventures into the world of his latest book, Bunny vs Monkey Intergalactic Monkey Business! Learn to create comics like a pro in this draw-along event. (A separate ticket is required for entry to this event)	Old Laundry Theatre D
1:00pm - 2:00pm	To Boldly Go – Cartooning Courage from around the world Discussion (Hosted by Terry Anderson) Political cartoons are not just for fun. They are a serious business with a long and glorious history of challenging the status quo and speaking truth to power. It's an increasingly dangerous profession with freedom of speech being undermined or simply thrown in the bin. We are proud to welcome Terry Anderson of the international organisation Cartoonists' Rights to chair a lively discussion about the current state of play and what the future holds. He will be joined by Martin Rowson (UK), Mohammad Sabaaneh (Palestine), Bill Morrison (USA) and Zehra Omeroglu (Turkey)	The Other Space G

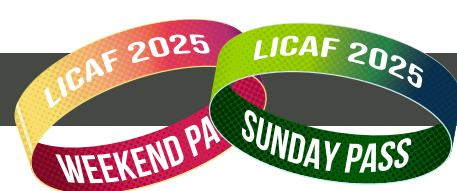
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2.30pm - 3.30pm	The Maestro : Lorenzo Mattotti Conversation Lorenzo Mattotti - where does one start? A world-renowned illustrator, comic artist, animator and more Mattotti has graced the pages and covers of publications such as The New Yorker, Vanity Fair and Vogue. He illustrated 'The Raven' by Lou Reed and his comics, from 'Fires' in 1986 to Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde which won an Eisner Award in 2003, demonstrate a highly distinctive style with every page being a work of art. To celebrate the publication of the graphic novel version of 'A New York Trilogy' in which Lorenzo illustrates the second story, Alex Fitch takes us on a journey to discover and celebrate the life and work of this Italian genius.	Old Laundry Theatre
2.30pm - 3.30pm	A Trip down Anfield Road with Chris Shepherd & Andrew Sumner Conversation Chris Shepherd is an artist, writer, filmmaker, and British comedy legend. Chris' first comic, 'Anfield Road' has put him firmly on the map as a great comics storyteller. Here he joins forces with fellow Merseysider Andrew Sumner of Forbidden Planet to talk about life growing up in Liverpool, his inspirations, his films and how he got the book off the ground. Chris will also read excerpts from the book in what promises to be an evocative and uplifting event.	The Other Space
3.45pm - 4.45pm	A Tour de Force : Serge Bloch Live Draw It may be best to start with what Serge Bloch hasn't done –although that might not be a very long list! Serge is a master illustrator, designer, animator and more. His children's comic books have sold in their millions ('SamSam and Max and Lili) and he is highly sought after the world over for his exciting, humorous and interactive indoor and outdoor installations including at the Shanghai Botanical Gardens and the Musee Chagall. He's even animated potatoes for Nickelodeon! Hosted by his close friend and collaborator Mathieu Diez he will draw live and talk about how he has achieved success in so many arenas and what inspires him the most. In association with the Institut Francais	The Other Space
4:00pm - 5:00pm	From Palestine Discussion At a summer camp near Bethlehem in August 2025 13 young Palestinian artists created a new digital anthology called Qusasat ('Snippets') co-led by Mollie Ray from the UK. This was the culmination of a new collaboration between LICAF and the Power Group in Bethlehem. Sliman Mukarker, co-founder of Power, will join us to launch this brilliant new anthology with a free copy of the anthology for every audience member. Supported by The Amos Trust. Meanwhile LICAF is proud to have been working with one of the Palestinian comics scene's leading lights, Khaled Jarada, who is from Gaza, now based in Paris, who will join us online to discuss his new comic mentored by UK artist Lucy Sullivan. Last but not least is Mohammad Sabaaneh award-winning cartoonist whose most recent book '30 Seconds from Gaza' is now published in English and formally launched at LICAF at this event hosted by Paul Gravett.	Old Laundry Theatre
5.00pm - 5.45pm	Data and Dr Doom – Live Performance Discussion Indie legend MJ Hibbett - the world's leading (and only) academic expert on Doctor Doom - uses songs, jokes, slides and a unified catalogue of transmedia character components to explain how all fictional characters can be understood with stats and why on earth you'd want to do that.	The Other Space
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Desert Island Comics starring Grant Morrison Conversation We are very excited to welcome one of comics' greatest creators to our festival for the first time. We'll discover their favourite comics, luxury item and more through a special edition of Desert Island Comics hosted by John McShane.	Old Laundry Theatre



TIME	EVENT	VENUE
9.30am - 10.30am	Fundraising Top Tips with 77 Publishing Workshop 77 Publishing have launched 30 fundraising campaigns raising over £250,000, including for John Wagner, Ian Gibson and Pat Mills. Find out how to build a successful campaign from scratch with Ben Cullis and Steve Bull.	Yet Another Space I
10.00am- 11.00am	Salopians Assemble (Hosted by Andrew Sumner) Conversation There's something in the water in Shrewsbury! There are more comics creators per capita then pretty much anywhere else in the UK outside of the capital cities. Here we feature 3 of their flag-bearers in a live draw and chat about their current projects, collaborations and why Shrewsbury? Hosted by Andrew Sumner Mike Perkins, (Bat-Man: First Knight, and Justice League: The Atom Project) Michael Lark, (Lazarus and Lazarus: Risen), and Charlie Adlard ('The Walking Dead', 'The Mountains Belong to Us') bring you a fantastic hour of chat and live draw.	The Other Space G
10.30am - 11.30am	Draw Me Inyeon – Live Performance (Presented by Pascal Meriaux) Performance Laëtitia Marty and Jung-sik Jun present a new commission by Comic Art Europe. 'Draw Me Inyeon' is an immersive stage performance blending intimate storytelling, mime, vocals, video and live drawing. Through visual and poetic language, the show explores sensitive and hopeful themes. Presented by Pascal Meriaux, Director of On a Marche sur la Bulle and in association with Comic Art Europe	Old Laundry Theatre D
11.00am - Noon	Graphic Design Careers in Gaming Discussion Come and find out what it takes with Chris Margerison from PlayStation Studio's Creative. He'll talk about design careers in the video game industry and his own experience of graduating to becoming a professional graphic designer now working at PlayStation.	Yet Another Space I
11.30am - 12.30am	Geezer – Philip Bond & Will Potter Live Draw Celebrating the Britpop Underdog epic live at LICAF are its 2 creators Philip Bond and Will Potter. Philip started writing and drawing comics in the seminal '80s 'Deadline' magazine. He has since "squandered talent" on books like 'The Invisibles', 'Doctor Who' and 'Eve Stranger', but is still best known for drawing Grant Morrison's 'Kill Your Boyfriend' (1995). Will played bass in Top 30 indie band CUD from the late 80s to early 90s while writing and drawing 'Nommo' for 'Deadline'. In 2017, he began collaborating with Philip on a comic-strip unreliable biography of the band, 'Rich and Strange', followed by 'Geezer'. Find out more about their work and unique partnership with a live draw and in conversation event MCed by Shelly Bond.	The Other Space G
Noon - 1.00pm	Phoenix Fest @ LICAF presents Jamie Smart's Intergalactic Monkey Business Workshop Join Jamie Smart, award-winning creator of Bunny vs Monkey as ventures into the world of his latest book, Bunny vs Monkey Intergalactic Monkey Business! Learn to create comics like a pro in this draw-along event. (A separate ticket is required for entry to this event)	Old Laundry Theatre D
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Heretic – Robbie Morrison & Charlie Adlard (Hosted by John McShane) Conversation Robbie and Charlie go back a long way. In 1998 they were founder members of Les Cartoonistes Dangereux and created 'White Death' together. Since then Robbie has become an award-winning crime writer and Charlie has gained worldwide fame as the artist on 'The Walking Dead'. They have joined forces once more to create a new graphic novel 'Heretic', an historical thriller in which real-life figures Cornelius Agrippa and Johan Weyer are plunged into a maelstrom of murder, madness and magic as they investigate a macabre series of killings in 16th Century Belgium. John McShane explores this exciting new collaboration. The English version of Altamont written by Herik Hanna, with artwork by Charlie, will be released at the end of this year.	Yet Another Space I



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1.00pm - 2.00pm	An Avery Hill Double Bill - Lucy Sullivan & Donya Todd Live Draw Published by Avery Hill both Lucy and Donya have highly distinctive styles which push the boundaries of comics. Lucy creates stories around social concerns combined with folklore and expressive mark making. Donya is an artist, illustrator and book-maker inspired by the magical, mystical and macabre. She is currently working on a graphic novel, 'The Witch's Egg', coming out October 2025. In a live draw and chat they come together at LICAF to reveal why their comics stand out from the crowd, how their work has evolved and where they're heading next. Hosted by Paul Gravett.	The Other Space G
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Filth & Grammar – The Life & Times of Shelly Bond Discussion Over the past three years, Shelly has created an unprecedented graphic memoir trilogy on editing comics and original graphic novels, and navigating the industry. It begins with 'Filth & Grammar: The Comic Book Editor's (Secret) Handbook' and ends with 'i-Doppelgänger: Portrait of the Comic Book Editor in the 21st Century' which is the final part of the autobiographical trilogy that debuts in September 2025. Andy Oliver of Broken Frontier takes us on a journey through Shelly's incredible career with the occasional (!) contribution from Shelly herself.	Old Laundry Theatre D
2.00pm - 3.45pm	Selfmadehero Double Bill (Hosted by John Freeman) Conversation Celebrating two of Selfmadehero's most exciting new additions for 2025 where you can join for one or both sessions:- 2pm–2.45pm: How to Fight Demons! Comics Laureate Bobby Joseph reveals his and Abbigayle Bircham's forthcoming YA graphic novel My Dad Fights Demons! with a live reading from this tale of absentee fathers, social media influencers, and mind-bending urban fantasy. Plus a Q&A with the creators about their process. 3pm–3.45pm A Tale of Two Sisters The Rickard Sisters discuss their latest literary adaptation from SelfMadeHero: Ethel Carnie Holdsworth's This Slavery. In pre-war industrial Lancashire, one sister fights to free her community from the subjugation of the factory; the other is trapped in another kind of slavery altogether: marriage.	Yet Another Space I
2.30pm - 3.30pm	A Spotlight on Alison Sampson (Hosted by Lucy Sullivan) Conversation Alison Sampson is an award -winning artist and writer in the fields of horror, fantasy, science fiction and adventure.. Alison will be in conversation with fellow creator Lucy Sullivan about her most recent work and plans for the future.	The Other Space G
3.30pm - 4.30pm	Live Draw finale (Hosted by Keli Lark) Live Draw Life Drawing is an important part of an artist's development and comic artists are no exception. In fact in 2019 LICAF published 'Life' charting Charlie Adlard's life drawing journey. For this year's finale we invite 4 artists to participate in a life draw featuring some of our special guests but don't worry they'll be keeping their clothes on! Featuring Bill Morrison (USA), Sean Phillips (UK), Philip Bond (UK/USA) & Mehdi Annassi (Morocco) and an array of special guests who like to pose! Posers are Shelly Bond, Charlie Adlard, Chris Condon & Keli Lark herself.	Old Laundry Theatre D
4.00pm - 5.00pm	Patchwork Discussion Kate Evans is a cartoonist, artist, author and quilter. In her new comic 'Patchwork', Kate illustrates Jane Austen's story using the fabrics of the quilt that she made, and pieces together the narrative from Austen's own words. Join Harriet Earle as she discusses the inspiration for and creation of this extraordinary graphic novel with a unique opportunity to see Kate's handmade quilt first-hand.	The Other Space G

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MUSEUM CAR PARK**

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**THE MAGIC
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**THE LAKESIDE
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Old
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theatre



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- A** PhoenixFest 2025 at The Windermere Jetty Museum
- B** Phoenix Guest Signings
- C** PhoenixFest GPS Trail
- D** The Old Laundry Theatre
- E** The Ro Hotel
- F** Festival Hub (at the Visitor Information Centre)

- G** The Other Space
- H** Lakeside Comics Marketplace
- I** International Rights Market (Saturday) & Yet Another Space (Sunday)
- J** Graphic Novel Reading Room
- K** Earthworm Kitchen
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SATURDAY 27th September Workshops Timetable

	EDUCATION CENTRE	WET DOCK	OLD LAUNDRY THEATRE
10.00am	 Monsters and Heroes with Zak Simmonds Hurn 10.00am to 10.45am	 Donuts Take Over the World with Neill Cameron 10.00am to 10.45am	
10.30am			
11.00am			
11.30am			
12.00pm	 Create Magical Heroes with Robert Deas 11.45am to 12.30pm	 Cute Magical Animals with Sam Davies 11.45am to 12.30pm	
12.30pm			
1.00pm			 Intergalactic Monkey Business with Jamie Smart 1.00pm to 2.00pm
1.30pm			
2.00pm	 Give a Dog a Job with Marc Jackson 1.45pm to 2.30pm	 Funny Comics with James Turner 1.45pm to 2.30pm	
2.30pm			
3.00pm			
3.30pm	 Bring Thingmajigs to life with Emily Kimbell 3.30pm to 4.15pm	 Silly Squid Bits Comics with Jess Bradley 3.30pm to 4.15pm	
4.00pm			

Separate tickets are required for entry to the Workshops

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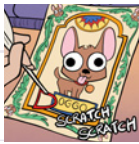
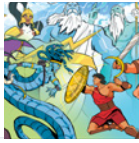
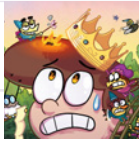
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SUNDAY 28th September Workshops Timetable

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10.00am	 Silly Squid Bits Comics with Jess Bradley 10.00am to 10.45am	 Donuts Take Over The World with Neill Cameron 10.00am to 10.45am	
10.30am			
11.00am			
11.30am			
12.00pm	 Doggo and Friends Get Cute with Abby Bulmer 11.45am to 12.30pm	 Cute Magical Animals with Sam Davies 11.45am to 12.30pm	 Intergalactic Monkey Business with Jamie Smart 12.00pm to 1.00pm
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11.00am Lucy Sullivan	11.00am Michael Lark
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1.30pm Craig Thompson	1.30pm Sean Phillips
2.30pm Chris Condon & Jacob Phillips	2.30pm Bill Morrison
3.30pm Martin Rowson	3.30pm Shelly Bond
4.30pm Lorenzo Mattotti	4.30pm Mike Perkins

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Table 1	Table 2
11.00am Grant Morrison	11.00am Alison Sampson
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1.30pm Philip Bond & Will Potter	1.30pm Mike Perkins
2.30pm Robbie Morrison & Charlie Adlard	2.30pm Donya Todd
3.30pm Serge Bloch	3.30pm Chris Shepherd



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6.30PM -
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VIZ BIG PRIZE QUIZ!

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8.00PM -
9.00PM

KEV F SUTHERLAND SCOTTISH FALSETTO SOCKS DO SHAKESPEARE

The return of the award-winning Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre (the creation of Beano, Marvel and Shakespeare comic creator Kev F Sutherland) presenting their hit show all about the works of Shakespeare. From Hamlet to Othello, Romeo and Juliet to Richard III and all in between. A ridiculous hour of songs, sketches, socks & violence from Earth's funniest footwear.



9.15PM -
9.45PM

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10.00PM -
11.00PM

ALL STAR COMIC ART BAND

LICAF's resident band, The Variant Covers, returns with its most varied and ambitious set yet. Featuring Charlie Adlard, Dan Berry, Michael Lark and Emma Vieceli.



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WINDOWS TRAIL 2025

Our ever popular windows trail returns, this year reaching as far as Windermere. Supported by local businesses, the trail gives you a chance to see fabulous work by artists who are visiting us in 2025.

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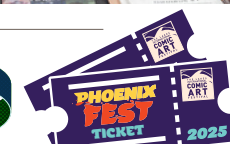
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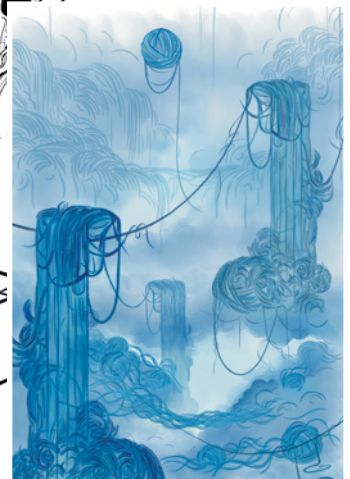
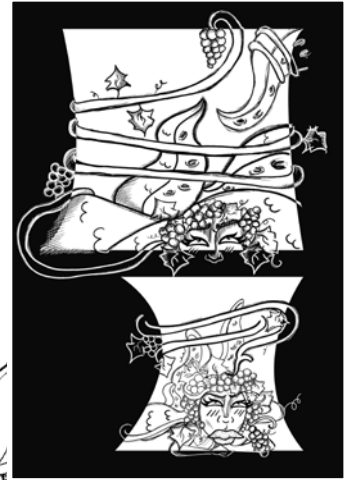
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This exhibition will be appearing at Joey's cafe, Claife (a short walk from the other side of the vehicle ferry). Bill has kindly allowed LICAF to auction the original artwork to raise funds for the festival. This auction will be for each individual piece of artwork, initially by sealed bids at Joey's cafe, then on the Saturday night of the festival bidding will continue live at the cabaret evening at The Ro hotel 6.30pm onwards. Each recipient will receive a print and a canvas original approx 5x7 inches.



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