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PHOENIX FEST

2025: THE LAKES INTERNATIONAL COMIC ART FESTIVAL

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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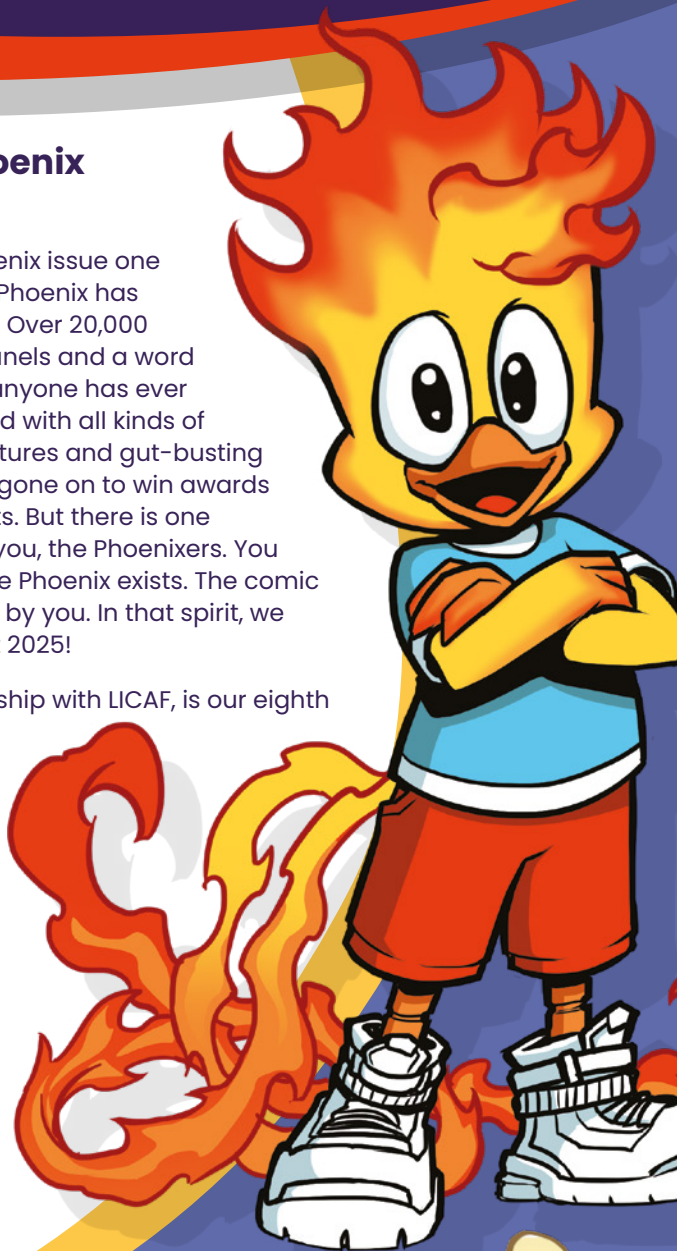
Welcome to the Phoenix and Phoenix Fest

Over 717 weeks ago, The Phoenix issue one came out. Since then, Team Phoenix has created a comic every week. Over 20,000 pages, more than 100,000 panels and a word bubble count beyond what anyone has ever tabulated. The Phoenix is filled with all kinds of stories – from thrilling adventures and gut-busting comedies. Our comics have gone on to win awards and top the best-seller charts. But there is one thing we are most proud of: you, the Phoenixers. You Phoenixers are the reason the Phoenix exists. The comic is made for you and inspired by you. In that spirit, we welcome you to Phoenix Fest 2025!

Phoenix Fest 2025, in partnership with LICAF, is our eighth festival and the community of Phoenixers has never been stronger. While you're here, we hope you get the chance to meet at least one artist, draw at least one picture, and make friends with at least one other Phoenixer. And most importantly, we hope you'll have fun, because that's what it's all about!

Stay Phoenixy!

Joe Brady
Editor, The Phoenix
(Human office)



What's in store at Phoenix Fest?

WORKSHOPS

SIGNINGS

MEET THE ARTISTS

EVENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

GEOTRAIL

ART TRAIL

BADGEMAKING

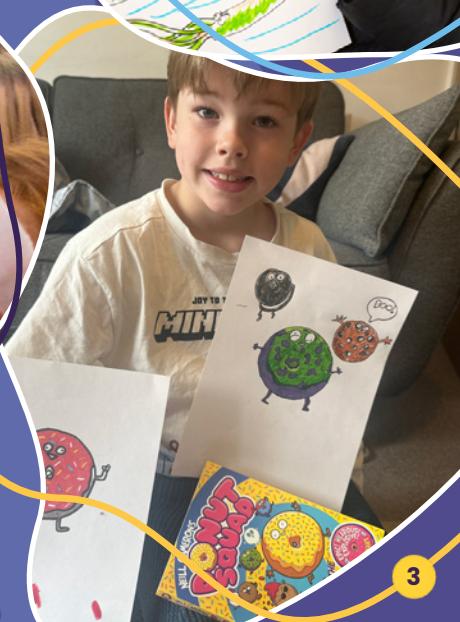
COLOURING STATION

PHOENIX SHOP

PHOENIX THEMED FOOD

SELFIE SCREEN

EXHIBITIONS





**Intergalactic
Monkey Business
with Jamie Smart
at The Old Laundry
Theatre**

To all other
venues

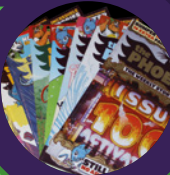
Rayrigg Road

Main
Entrance

**Signings &
Meet and greet**



**Waterstones
Phoenix Book Shop**



**Phoenix
Workshops
at The Education
Centre**



Selfie
point

Boat Wharf

Model
Boat Pond



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Map of locations at the Windermere Jetty Museum



Phoenix Workshops
at The Wet Dock

- 1 Phoenix Fest Reception**
Information point, Windows trail starting point, Badgemaking and Geocaching Trail starting point
- 2 Education Centre**
Phoenix workshops
- 3 The Wet Dock**
Phoenix workshops
- 4 Old Firestation**
Signings & Meet and greet
- 5 Link Space outside Cafe**
Comics Lab exhibition from Comic Art Museum in Brussels
- 6 Conservation Workshop**
(Museum ticket only)
- 7 Main Gallery**
(Museum ticket only)
- 8 Café**
Phoenix specials
- 9 Boat Club**
Phoenix Shop and Geocaching trail starting point

Comics Lab
Exhibition from the Comic Art Museum in Brussels at the Link Space

SATURDAY 27th September Workshops Timetable

| | EDUCATION CENTRE | WET DOCK | OLD LAUNDRY THEATRE |
|---------|---|--|---|
| 10:00am | Monsters and Heroes with Zak Simmonds-Hurn | Donuts Take Over the World with Neill Cameron | |
| 10:30am | 10:00am to 10:45am | 10:00am to 10:45am | |
| 11:00am | | | |
| 11:30am | | | |
| 12:00pm | Create Magical Heroes with Robert Deas | Cute Magical Animals with Sam Davies | |
| 12:30pm | 11:45am to 12:30pm | 11:45am to 12:30pm | |
| 1:00pm | | | Intergalactic Monkey Business with Jamie Smart |
| 1:30pm | | | |
| 2:00pm | Give a Dog a Job with Marc Jackson | Funny Comics with James Turner | 1:00pm to 2:00pm |
| 2:30pm | 1:45pm to 2:30pm | 1:45pm to 2:30pm | |
| 3:00pm | | | |
| 3:30pm | Bring Thingmajigs to Life with Emily Kimbell | Silly Squid Bits Comics with Jess Bradley | |
| 4:00pm | 3:30pm to 4:15pm | 3:30pm to 4:15pm | |
| 4:30pm | | | |

SUNDAY 28th September Workshops Timetable

| | EDUCATION CENTRE | WET DOCK | OLD LAUNDRY THEATRE |
|---------|--|--|---|
| 10:00am | Silly Squid Bits Comics with Jess Bradley | Donuts Take Over The World with Neill Cameron | |
| 10:30am | 10:00am to 10:45am | 10:00am to 10:45am | |
| 11:00am | | | |
| 11:30am | | | |
| 12:00pm | Doggo and Friends Get Cute with Abby Bulmer | Cute Magical Animals with Sam Davies | Intergalactic Monkey Business with Jamie Smart |
| 12:30pm | 11:45am to 12:30pm | 11:45am to 12:30pm | 12:00pm to 1:00pm |
| 1:00pm | | | |
| 1:30pm | | | |
| 2:00pm | Create Magical Heroes with Robert Deas | Bring Thingmajigs to Life with Emily Kimbell | |
| 2:30pm | 1:45pm to 2:30pm | 1:45pm to 2:30pm | |
| 3:00pm | | | |
| 3:30pm | Funny Comics with James Turner | Give a Dog a Job with Marc Jackson | |
| 4:00pm | 3:30pm to 4:15pm | 3:30pm to 4:15pm | |
| 4:30pm | | | |



MEET THE ARTIST



Jamie Smart

CREATOR OF: Bunny vs Monkey, Fish Head Steve, Looshkin

Jamie Smart is the artist and writer of the #1 best-selling series *Bunny vs Monkey*, which has sold over 2 million books. He is also the creator of *Looshkin*, *Megalomaniacs*, *Flember* and *Battle Suit Bea*. Jamie Smart was named Illustrator of the Year at the British Book Awards 2024 and won Illustrated Children's Book of the Year for *Bunny vs Monkey: Multiverse Mix-up*. His latest comic, *Hero Slam*, has just debuted in The Phoenix comic.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Intergalactic Monkey Business

Saturday 27th September 1:00pm to 2:00pm
at the Old Laundry Theatre

Sunday 28th September 12:00pm to 1:00pm
at the Old Laundry Theatre

SIGNINGS

at the Old Laundry
Theatre

Sat from 2:00pm

Sun from 1:00pm



Neill Cameron

CREATOR OF: Donut Squad, Mega Robo Bros

Neill Cameron is a comics writer and illustrator, creator of the best-selling *Donut Squad* and the award-winning *Mega Robo Bros* graphic novel series. He is also the author and illustrator of the popular middle-grade novels *Freddy vs School*, *Freddy and the New Kid* and *Freddy the Superstar*. He is a frequent contributor to the UK weekly children's comic The Phoenix.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Donuts Take Over The World

Saturday 28th September 10:00am to 10:45am
at the Wet Dock - Windermere Jetty Museum

Sunday 29th September 10:00am to 10:45am
at the Wet Dock - Windermere Jetty Museum

SIGNINGS

at the Fire Station at the
Windermere Jetty Museum
Sat 2:00pm to 5:00pm
Sun 2:00pm to 5:00pm



James Turner

CREATOR OF: Star Cat, Clatters & Bump, Toby and the Pixies

James Turner is the writer and artist of *Clatters & Bump* and the writer of *Toby and the Pixies*, and *Star Cat*. All of which appear in The Phoenix Comic. James is an award-winning cartoonist, who has 15 years of experience working in TV and film.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Funny Comics

Saturday 27th September 1:45pm to 2:30pm
at the Wet Dock - Windermere Jetty Museum

Sunday 28th September 3:30pm to 4:15pm
at the Education Centre - Windermere
Jetty Museum

SIGNINGS

at the Fire Station at the
Windermere Jetty Museum

Sat 10:00am to 12:00pm
4:00pm to 5:00pm

Sun 10:00am to 11:00am
12:00pm to 2:00pm



Jess Bradley

CREATOR OF: Squid Bits, Ravi and Jess

Jess Bradley is the illustrator and writer of *Squid Bits* and *Ravi and Jess*, which appear weekly in The Phoenix comic. Jess works from her home studio and likes drawing in her sketchbooks, reading, playing video games and watching cartoons with her son.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Silly Squid Bits Comics

Saturday 27th September 3:30pm to 4:15pm
at the Wet Dock - Windermere Jetty Museum

Sunday 28th September 10:00am to 10:45am
at the Education Centre - Windermere Jetty Museum

SIGNINGS

at the Fire Station at the
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Sat 11:00am to 1:00pm

Sun 11:00am to 2:00pm



Sam Davies

CREATOR OF: *Tooth and Claw Academy for Magical Creatures*,
Shutterhug, *Hex Vet*

Sam Davies is a writer and illustrator based in Oxford, UK. She is the creator of *Tooth and Claw Academy for Magical Creatures*, which appears frequently in *The Phoenix Comic*. Sam is also well-known online for *Stutterhug*, an ongoing collection of short silent comics for soft creatures of all ages, and her graphic novel series *Hex Vet*.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Cute Magical Animal

Saturday 27th September 11:45am to 12:30pm
at the Wet Dock – Windermere Jetty Museum

Sunday 28th September 11:45am to 12:30pm
at the Wet Dock – Windermere Jetty Museum

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Sun 1:00pm to 2:00pm
3:00pm to 5:00pm



Zak Simmonds-Hurn

CREATOR OF: Legacy, Dragon Guard, Know Your Monsters

Zak Simmonds-Hurn is an artist, best known for his work on *Legacy*, *Dragon Guard* and *Know Your Monsters*, all of which appear in The Phoenix. Zak is also the illustrator behind the Phoenix Fest mascot, Ember.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Monsters and Heroes

Saturday 27th September 10:00am to 10:45am

at the Education Centre -
Windermere Jetty Museum

SIGNINGS

at the Fire Station at the
Windermere Jetty Museum

Sat 12:00pm to 2:00pm

**Sun 10:00am to 12:00pm
and 1:00pm to 3:00pm**

MEET THE ARTIST



Joe Brady

CREATOR OF: No Country, No Refuge, Tosh's Island,
Susie + Brad, Island with No Name.

Hailing from California, Joe has lived in the UK since 2008, currently living with his wife and son in Oxford. He works as a creator and editor at The Phoenix comic.

SIGNINGS

at the Fire Station at
the Windermere Jetty
Museum

Sat 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Sun 12:00pm to 1:00pm



Ned Page

CREATOR OF: Doggo

Ned read *The Phoenix* as a youngster and went on to study Ancient History. He now works on *The Phoenix* editorial team and writes scripts for *Doggo*.

SIGNINGS

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theWindermere Jetty
Museum

Sat 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Sun 2:00pm to 3:00pm



Abby Bulmer

CREATOR OF: Doggo, Earth Protection Force,
Claire: Justice Ninja

Abby Bulmer is the artist behind *Doggo*, *Earth Protection Force*, and *Claire: Justice Ninja*, all of which have appeared in The Phoenix. Abby works as a freelance cartoonist and is based in Manchester. She works across comics, book illustration and animation.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Doggo and Friends Get Cute

Sunday 28th September 11:45am to 12:30pm
at the Education Centre –
Windermere Jetty Museum

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Autograph Pages



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Emily Kimbell

CREATOR OF: Thingamajigs

Emily Kimbell is the artist and co-writer behind *Thingamajigs* which appears in The Phoenix comic. She began her career in animation as a background artist and designer on children's TV shows and point-and-click adventure games. She now works in children's books and comics.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Bring Thingamajigs to Life

Saturday 27th September 3:30pm to 4:15pm
at the Education Centre -
Windermere Jetty Museum

Sunday 28th September 1:45pm to 2:30pm
at the Wet Dock - Windermere Jetty Museum

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Daniel Kimbell

CREATOR OF: Thingamajigs

Daniel Kimbell is the writer of *Thingamajigs*, which appears regularly in *The Phoenix Comic*.

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the Windermere Jetty
Museum

Sat 10:00am to 1:00pm

**Sun 11:00am to 12:00pm and
3:00pm to 5:00pm**



Rob Deas

CREATOR OF: *Fawn and Legends of Olympus*,
The Valhalla Protocol, *The Phoenix Comic Club*

Rob Deas is the creator of *Fawn and Legends of Olympus* which appear in *The Phoenix* comic. He is an award-winning UK comic artist with over 18 years' experience in the UK comic industry. Rob is also the primary artist and series editor for the weekly drawing tutorial series *The Phoenix Comic Club* and the artist for *The Valhalla Protocol*.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Create Magical Heroes

Saturday 27th September 11:45am to 12:30pm
 at the Education Centre -
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MEET THE ARTIST



Tom Fickling

CREATOR OF: Legacy, The Valhalla Protocol

Tom Fickling is a comics writer whose stories frequently appear in The Phoenix. He works as a creator and editor at The Phoenix comic.

SIGNINGS

at the Fire Station at the
Windermere Jetty Museum

Sat 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Sun 11:00am to 12:00pm



Will Fickling

CREATOR OF: The Pack, Dragon Guard, Legacy, Doggo

Will Fickling is a comics writer based in Oxford whose stories frequently appear in The Phoenix. He has been a comics editor for nearly two decades, editing comics for The DFC and The Phoenix, where he currently works as a creator and editor.

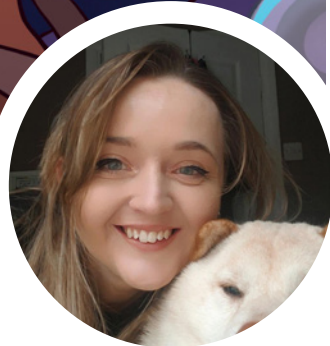
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Sun 11:00am to 12:00pm

MEET THE ARTIST



Siobhan McKenna

CREATOR OF: Pandora in Puzzlevale

Siobhan McKenna is the character artist behind the popular puzzle series *Pandora in Puzzlevale*. She works as a creator and editor at The Phoenix comic. Outside of The Phoenix she illustrates and creates cute merch. She also has a dog called *Gizmo*.

SIGNINGS

at the Fire Station at the
Windermere Jetty Museum

**Sat 11:00am to 2:00pm and
4:00pm to 5:00pm**

Sun 10:00am to 12:00pm



Marc Jackson

CREATOR OF: Duck Dare, Donald Dogsbody

Marc Jackson is a cartoonist based in Macclesfield and the founder/director of Macc-Pow! Comics festival, now in its 10th year. He is the creator of many comics, including *Duck Dare* and *Donald Dogsbody* in The Phoenix.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Give a Dog a Job

Saturday 27th September 1:45pm to 2:30pm
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Windermere Jetty Museum

Sunday 28th September 3:30pm to 4:15pm
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MEET THE ARTIST



Jonathan Barrett

CREATOR OF: Fates & Fortunes

Jonathan Barrett is the author of Fates & Fortunes and a regular contributor to the Phoenix. He lives in Oxford and enjoys carving intricate, beautiful pumpkins.

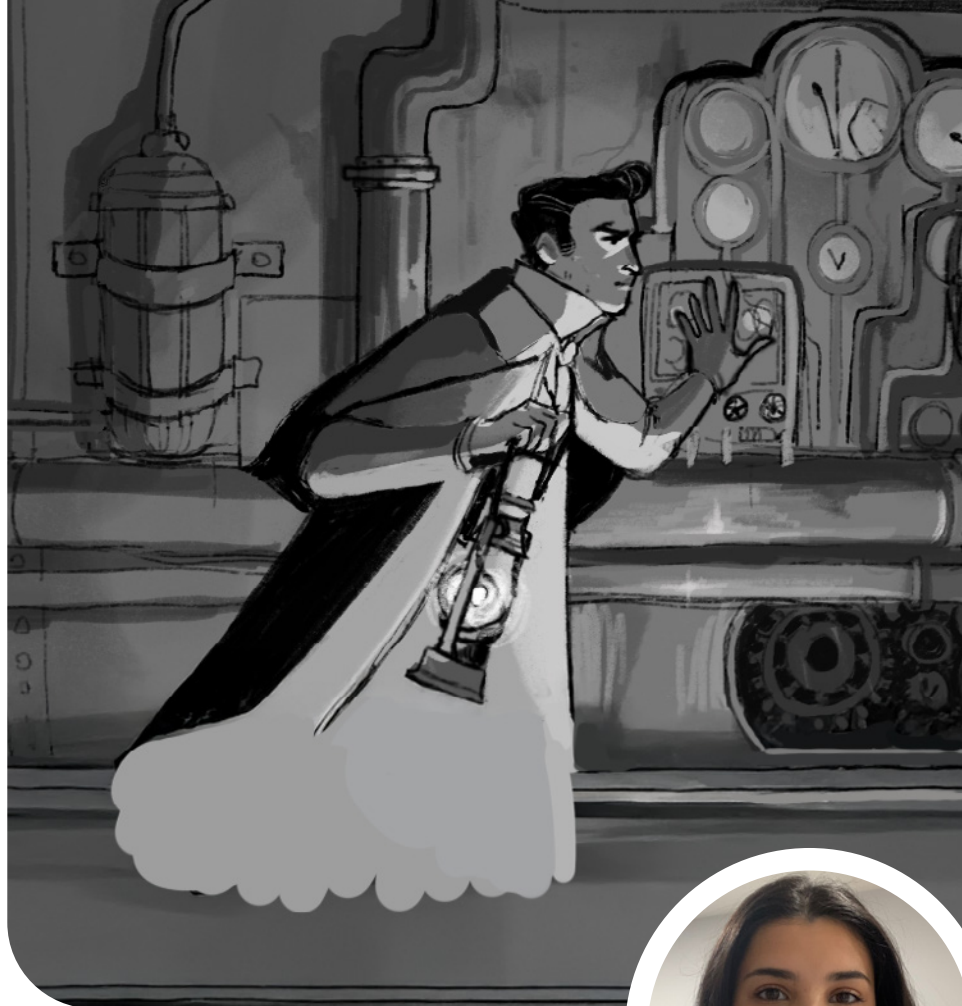
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Sadie Nathan

CREATOR OF: Fates and Fortunes and illustrates in her spare time

Sadie is part of the marketing team, working on digital events and the shop.

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Sun 12:00pm to 1:00pm

SELFIE station

Come and take your photo
amongst well-known
Phoenix characters



**SHARE YOUR PHOTOS
#BUNNYVSMONKEY**

  @DFB_STORYHOUSE @PHOENIXCOMICUK

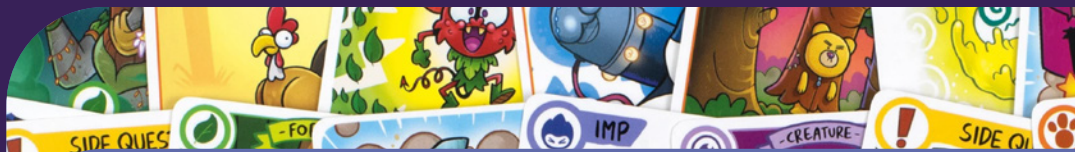
CHECK OUT PHOENIX FEST COMIC ART TRAIL

Pick up a map from Phoenix Fest at The Windermere Jetty Museum and follow our trail. Collect letters to make an important message. Then take you map back to the Windermere Jetty Museum to claim your reward.



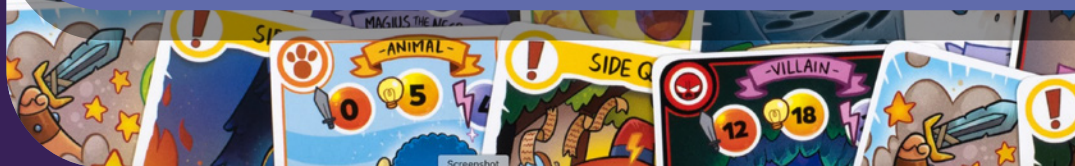
**MYSTERY
WORD**

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THE HERO SLAM GEOTRAIL QUEST

To celebrate the launch of Jamie Smart's brand new game Hero Slam, follow the trail of clues and track down 12 of the brilliantly imaginative characters who are hidden across the festival site. If you can find them all, you'll win an exclusive reward!



PHOENIX FEST COSPLAY

Come along to the Jetty
Museum dressed as a Phoenix
character, check in at reception
and get your prize



For more info visit:
www.comicartfestival.com

PHOENIX FEST 2025: SIGNINGS



AT THE FIRE STATION, WINDERMERE JETTY MUSEUM

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SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2025

| | | | | | |
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| 10am - 11am | James Turner | Abby Bulmer | Emily & Daniel Kimbell | Jonathan Barrett | Sadie Nathan |
| 11am - 12pm | | | | | |
| 12pm - 1pm | Zak Simmonds-Hurn | Jess Bradley | Emily & Daniel Kimbell | Siobhan McKenna | Marc Jackson |
| 1pm - 2pm | | | | | |
| 2pm - 3pm | | Abby Bulmer | Rob Deas | | Fickling Brothers |
| 3pm - 4pm | Neill Cameron | | | Jonathan Barrett | Ned Page |
| 4pm - 5pm | | Rob Deas | Sam Davies | Siobhan McKenna | Joe Brady |
| | | | | | James Turner |

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

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|-------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 10am - 11am | James Turner | Rob Deas | Abby Bulmer | Zak Simmonds-Hurn | Siobhan McKenna |
| 11am - 12pm | Emily & Daniel Kimbell | | Fickling Brothers | | |
| 12pm - 1pm | | Jess Bradley | Joe Brady | Sadie Nathan | |
| 1pm - 2pm | Marc Jackson | | Sam Davies | Zak Simmonds-Hurn | James Turner |
| 2pm - 3pm | | Jonathan Barrett | Ned Page | | Abby Bulmer |
| 3pm - 4pm | Neill Cameron | | | Emily & Daniel Kimbell | |
| 4pm - 5pm | | Rob Deas | Sam Davies | | Jonathan Barrett |

Please bring your own books or purchase in advance from Phoenix Shop located at the Windermere Jetty Museum

COME VISIT

Waterstones

POP UP PHOENIX SHOP

in the Boat Club
Windermere Jetty Museum

or visit:
www.thephoenixcomic.shop

Illustrations by
KAROLINA SZEJDA

The Comics

LAB

Hi, I'm Sam!
Would you like to
find out how comic
books are made?

And I'm Snake,
her best friend!



Big thanks to

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STRIPMUSEUM
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To join us on
this journey, you
will need a pencil
and a little
imagination!

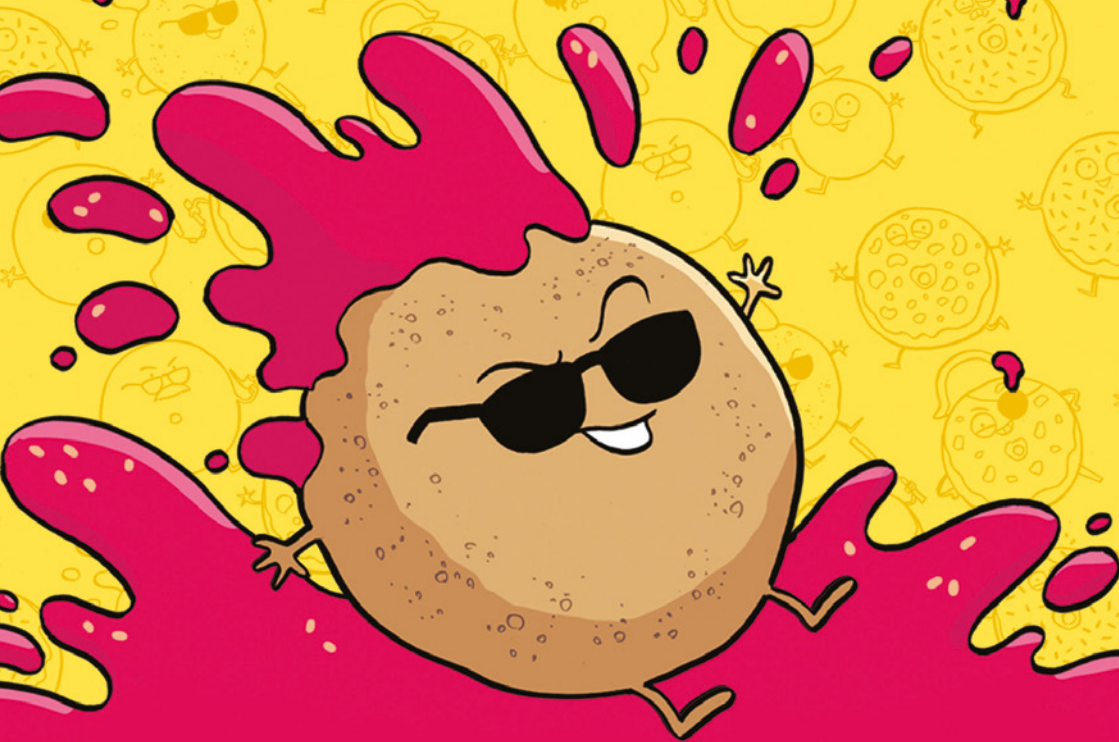
Thanks to the Belgian Comic Art Museum' - we are hosting a fantastic exhibition all about comics. **Free and for all the family**

The Exhibition is located in the Link Space at the Windermere Jetty Museum (situated between the reception and cafe)
See location map on pages 4 & 5.

Badge-making

Make your own phoenix badge at our free badge-making station in the Museum bookshop





THE PHOENIX

6 ISSUES FOR £1

**JAMMYBOI
NOOOOOO!!!
NOT ALL OVER THE
COMICS!**

