



## 26th Barcelona International Comic Fair offers many novelties

Barcelona, Spain, February 2008...// The 26th Barcelona International Comic Fair will take place from the 17th to the 20th of April 2008.

The **Barcelona International Comic Fair** presents an edition that offers to the visitors an attractive program of exhibitions, the presence of important authors of national and international comic and various pedagogical and leisure activities. In the Convention, the editorials present some of their most important releases. Audiovisual companies also use the festival to promote some products. The comic still have an intense relation with the cinema and television and this fact is reflected in some of the exhibitions, guest artists and other activities.

Among many other exhibitions there is the **Miguelanxo Prado's** exhibition, awarded with the Big Prize at 25th Convention, focused on the works that this author has done in the world of animation; Mundo Bardín is dedicated to the comic **Bardín**, the surrealistic Max, as Best Work, Cartoon and Script awarded; "Teteras y dragones: un paseo por el mundo" by **David Rubín** is awarded as a sensational new writer and Barsowia shows original works from the Galician fanzine, winner of the award in this category.

Being the main reason the 50 years celebration of the Mortadelo and Filemón creation, by **Francisco Ibáñez**, Ediciones B and FICOMIC co-produces an exhibition that is a trip of this long-lived comic series that makes readers of any generation laugh. The successful television series Heroes will have an exhibition where the original illustrations drawn by **Tim Sale** will be shown, and these illustrations are painted by the character **Isaac Mendez**. In the exhibition "El laberinto" de **DDT** the most important works of the DDT Company, awarded with an Oscar for the make-up in "El laberinto del fauno" and the Goya Award for "El Orfanato". She has also participated in the two parts of Hellboy directed by Guillermo del Toro.

Important is the presence of international guest artists like **Peter Bagge**, one of today's most important authors of the independent cartoon; **Melinda Gebbie** pays special attention to feminist, political, sexual and autobiographical subjects; **Michael Golden** is the author of The 'Nam, the first comic-book that arouses the conflict between United States of America and Vietnam in truthful terms; **Tony Harris** was awarded with the Eisner awards for the series "Starman" and cartoon of the monthly series "Ex Machina". "Ray Harryhausen" is internationally known for his works in special effects in fantastic and science fiction films; Adam Hughes, one of the best cartoonist of American comics and superheroes; Terry Moore is the author of the series "Strangers in Paradise"; and **Tim Sale**, the author of the illustrations of the successful series Heroes.

Moreover the Convention will count on the presence, amongst others, of **Milo Manara**, author of a brilliant and an extensive career, collaborated with important authors as Hugo

Pratt, Federico Fellini and Alejandro Jodorowsky. **Frederick Peeters** will also participate and has become one of the most important figures in the European comic with his stories of social thematic as well as his autobiographical work "Píldoras azules" (Astiberri) who made him earn the "Töppfer Award" in Geneva.

The 26th edition of the International Comic Fair in Barcelona, Spain, will take place from April 17th to 20th, in Fira Barcelona (Hall 8, Plaza España). The Spanish Ministry of Culture; the Culture Council of the Generalitat de Catalunya and the Culture Institute of the City Council collaborate with the fair in order to offer a mayor cultural impact for the citizens as well as promoting the industrial and creative importance.

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