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Turtle Bay, Manhattan, NY: New York Comic Con has become the annual focal point for creators, writers, artists, and their innovative unique creations. Now in its fifth year, NYCC has become the bedrock event of this distinctly American art-form we call comics! There are a multitude of professionals who work within different branches of the industry and ***twelve of these companies have come together to sponsor the Indy After Party*** this year! And as in comics, numerous organizations have joined forces to celebrate this event with an evening of networking, fine food and entertainment. The pillars of this event are the trio of *Atlas Unleashed*, *Red Anvil Comics*, and an exciting new company, the *RedZoneGirls!*

Now in its fifth year, the Indy After Party sponsors invite attendees and exhibitors to ***celebrate their independence at Blaggards Pub***. Last Year's party drew in a cross-spectrum of professionals in the industry, and a crowd of over 300 patrons. Blaggards, which is just six blocks from the Jacob Javits Convention Center, has become the new home for this increasingly popular and successful event. We welcome you to celebrate our common cultural icons, and the new ones we are about to create. This year's celebration will take place on Saturday, October 9th, 2010 from 8pm to midnight.

This year's we are proud to welcome major recording artists, ***Gordon Gano & The Ryans!*** Gordon Gano of the Violent Femmes is joined by Billy and Brendan Ryan of The Bogmen. Their first album, entitled *Under The Sun*, was released in September 2009 on [Yep Roc Records](http://www.yeproc.com). We fully expect that Gordon will be doing new cuts from their album as well as select numbers from their combined discography.

www.mvspace.com/gordonganoandthervanbroth





About our Indy After Party sponsors:

Atlas Unleashed

Founded in December 2008, Atlas Unleashed is a new venture which combines the strength of the talent in the independent comics community with the broad-base of traditional publishing, e-commerce, on-line content and mobility devices. Their debut titles are James Webb's *The Adversary*, the outer-edge of horror *Schizophrenia* and a returning favorite, *Psychosis TODAY!* Joining Mazz in this new endeavor are other like-minded creators, the core of which includes Shawnti Therrien, Robert J. Sodaro, and Edward Pereira.

<http://atlasunleashed.com>

Red Anvil Comics

Founded in 1997 by Dave Ryan, Red Anvil Comics is an independent comics publishing company specializing in comics and graphic novels of all forms. Independently-owned, their characters include exciting tales of adventure, humor, and horror such as *Penance*, *Bye BiPolar* and *War of the Independents!* Their latest release, *War of the Independents* is a cross-section of the entire indie comics community with over 200 creator-owned characters in a gripping story by series creator Dave Ryan. *War of the Independents* has been heating up social media for months, and is here with a vengeance!

www.facebook.com ([Red Anvil Comics on Facebook](#))

RedZoneGirls

RedZoneGirls were founded in 2009 by Carl Maiorino. RedZoneGirls started as a calendar company but quickly evolved into a broader range of products including comic books, posters, and trading cards. Teaming with several creative partners and consultants, RedZoneGirls has a growing line of product offerings, including a new line of comics. The RedZoneGirls comic will be shown to the public for the first time during New York Comic Con 2010. <http://RedZoneGirls.com>

Blue Line PRO

Founded in 1990 by Robert W. Hickey and Mike Hickey

Blue Line Pro has been supplying comic book professionals, hobbyists and future pros with the supplies and know-how they need to create comics for over twenty years. Blue Line offers a full range of Art Boards and paper, from affordable entry-level products to the highest quality professional stock available. Sketch Magazine and now the Sketch Podcast contain invaluable information from comics insiders on everything from writing and drawing to marketing your comics. Blue Line also offers a full line of art supplies geared to the comics market. Everything from How-To books to custom printed art boards and more can be found at: www.bluelinepro.com

Brooklyn Comics & More, Inc.

Founded by Gary Esposito and Robert V. Conte,

Brooklyn Comics & More, Inc. is a new kind of store for the 21st century. In addition to carrying the best comics, graphic novels, toys, and apparel — BCM is a destination location where creative people, of all ages, can participate in digital art workshops, gaming and entertainment. Log onto www.brooklyncomicsandmore.com and watch for our Grand Opening date!

Bulla Clothing

Bulla is an apparel company servicing a multitude of media clients. Their fine apparel includes sweats, hoodies, baby tees, halter dresses and book bags. Renown for their attention to quality, Bulla is an industry standard. www.bullacloting.com

Bronx Heroes Convention

Founded in 2009 by Ray Felix, Gary Camp, and Ed Mouzon

The Bronx Heroes began as a comic anthology about heroes in the Bronx, which then morphed into an art show called "Dream Sequence" at The Longwood Arts Gallery in the Bronx. Since then, the founders have hosted the Bronx Heroes Comic Convention annually at Hostos College. Bronx Heroes Comic Con 3 will be hosted at the Bronx Museum in 2011. The Bronx Heroes con is an event that brings together the Bronx community and exposes them to one of America's oldest art forms. Bronx residents get the opportunity to meet and greet with comic professionals who reside in the Bronx and other parts of New York City and Tri-state area.

www.bronxheroescomiccon.com

Comicbook Artists Guild

Founded in 2000 by Keith J. Murphey and Robert King, Jr.

Quite simply, we are the Comicbook Artists Guild. Does this mean you have to be an artist or writer to be involved with CAG? No, here at CAG we want to reach out to everyone who shares the common interest of comic book and cartoon art and other artistic possibilities.

www.comicartguild.com

Immortal Gothic

Founded in 2006 by Shawnti Therrien, Immortal Gothic was originally formed to promote and distribute Shawnti's artwork and comics. In 2009 the company underwent a serious revamp and became a collaborative effort between several artists all of whom wanted to independently publish their works but understood the need for a forum to further their individual projects. Joining her on this collaborative effort are creators such as Liz Ortiz, Sean Therrien, Will Fregoe, Nathan Baker, and the stylings of Screaming Samurai Studio.

www.immortalgothicangel.com

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<http://mediaconnectiononline.com>

Secret Identity Podcast

Secret Identity is a weekly podcast hosted by Brian LeTendre and Matt "Matman" Herring. The origins of the show go back to 2006 when Brian and Matt met at a (shocker) comic book store. A friendship developed around Sci Fi Friday Night and Battlestar Galactica. As that particular season ended, the boys decided they needed to do something. After all their wives gave them Friday nights, and they couldn't give it back! Enter Secret Identity!

www.secretidentitypodcast.com

The ToonSeum

The ToonSeum, Pittsburgh Museum of Cartoon Art, is one of only three museums in the United State dedicated exclusively to the cartoon arts. The ToonSeum features exhibitions or original comic and cartoon art, with new exhibits every two months. Our gift-shop carries unique comics and books related to the cartoon arts.

www.toonseum.org