

2016 Comic Book in a Day Rules & Regulations:

Greetings, and thank you for joining our 3rd annual Comic Book in a Day Challenge!

We are excited to announce that we are accepting your application for our Artist Challenge, and we are very much looking forward to having you be a part of this fun event!

We need you to do three things, right away, in preparation for the event:

- 1). **Please pay your registration fee if you haven't done so already.** You can pay online by visiting our [Square site](#). Your registration fee will cover the cost of printing the final Comic Book in a Day volume, as well as providing food and drinks throughout the day, and promoting the event. If you would rather send a check or pay in person, please call us at 317-452-3690 to make arrangements.
- 2). **Please let us know right away if you have any dietary restrictions or other special needs for your artist work station.** We will provide coffee, tea, water, and snacks, as well as a simple lunch and dinner, and we will strive to accommodate allergy issues whenever possible – just please let us know. For the event, you will be provided with a 4' x 2' table and a chair. We will have some drawing supplies on hand, like Micron pens and Bristol board paper, but we recommend that you bring as many of your own supplies as you can, especially if you're keen on using certain materials. We will provide specs for you to integrate onto your paper; you can also see them online through [Ka-Blam's Template Visual Guide](#). If you would like to bring additional lighting, your own chair, etc., you can do so, but space will be very limited so please let us know in advance if you are bringing additional equipment. If you plan to use an outlet, please let us know at least two days prior to the event so we can plan to have you near an outlet (you may want to bring a small extension cord, depending on your equipment needs).
- 3). **If you are interested in submitting comic book or other artwork for our October exhibit, Heroes and Horrors, please contact our Artist Liaison and Exhibit Coordinator, Rachael O'Dell as soon as possible.** Heroes and Horrors will run from Oct. 7-29, and we will have a First Friday reception at Nickel Plate Arts on Oct. 7 from 6-9pm. We highly encourage you to attend. It will be great exposure for you as an artist, and you'll be able to showcase your artwork that is hanging in the show, while mingling with guests. The exhibit links two of our signature events this fall: Comic Book in a Day and Day of the Dead. However, there is no need for each piece to be specifically a piece of comic art – work that reflects the themes of heroes, comics, horrors, etc. is fine. Pieces must be matted or framed so they can be hung from a hook, on a ledge, or clipped to our display rods. If you need more information or advice on how to prepare your piece, please contact [Rachael O'Dell](#).

Please let us know whether or not your artwork is for sale – we collect a 20% commission on anything sold out of our gallery spaces. To submit your work, please follow the instructions below (additional details can be found on our website [here](#)):

To submit your artwork, please send the following to rodell@nickelplatearts.org:

- Your name, email address, and phone number.
- Title, size, medium, and framing information for up to 3 pieces.
- A Jpeg image of each piece.

We would like to have the exhibit hung and open to the public on October 7th. **We encourage you to bring your artwork with you to Comic Book in a Day to drop-off for the exhibit (Saturday, October 1st between 9am-9pm).** You may also call or email us to make other arrangements to drop-off before October 6th. After the exhibit, artwork will need to be picked up between October 29th and November 3rd.

RULES & OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW:

The rules for the Challenge are as follows:

- The overall goal is to have fun making art & being with other people who enjoy comics and comic art!
- Check-in will begin at 8:30am for artists.
- Your Comic Book in a Day Challenge must be something that you START no earlier than 9am on Saturday, October 1st. Whatever you have finished at 8:30pm on October 1st will be what is judged in the contest. You can make a few final tweaks after winners are announced for the final book, if desired.
- All characters, settings, and materials should be new: they should be your creation and shouldn't be things you've included in previous works nor can they be someone else's trademarked characters.
- All work will be printed in black & white in the final book. You may include color in your drawings, if you'd like, as long as you are aware that the color will not be printed.
- Each Challenge Artist (or artist duo) can submit up to 6 pages of work, but 6 pages is not required.
- You should not do any prep work ahead of time on your story, characters or art. Please come ready to start from scratch.
- All materials must be appropriate for general audiences – we expect this to be an event that is attended by families with children of all ages. We want them to feel comfortable & welcome.
- We plan to scan each artists' submission and publish the entire body of work from Comic Book in a Day 2016 in a volume that will be available for purchase. Guests will be able to preorder the book during the Comic Book in a Day event, and pick it up at our gallery once it is printed. Each Challenge Artist will receive one free copy of the book & can order or purchase more copies, if desired. We reserve the right to reprint this volume at any time for one calendar year – after that, the copyrights return to the artists and you can do whatever you like with your materials.
- We would like to display each artist's comic book pages from the event throughout the month, if artists are willing to leave their original artwork in our care. This is not required, but would certainly give you extra exposure throughout the month! Artwork will be available to pick up when our October exhibit ends, between October 29th and November 3rd.
- We reserve the right to censor material as we see fit, to ensure a safe, welcoming

environment for our guests and community of artists.

- Our four Featured Artists (Stuart Sayger, Gavin Smith, Sterling Clark, and Jackie Crofts) and last year's winner (Katherine "Kez" Laczin) will serve as judges for the event. We will award prizes including cash, gift certificates, and comic books! The judges will be looking at a combination of creativity, ability to manage your project in the time allotted, storytelling, and artistry. They will judge the artwork and award winners for the following categories:
 - Best Overall
 - Note: we may add another Best Overall as a student category, if enough students register
 - Best Drawn
 - Best Story
 - Most Creative
 - Best Panel (Best Single Page)
 - Note: the Best Panel/Single Page will be featured as the cover for the final book. We can work with the artist, if he/she would like to go back in and add color, once the competition is over.
- 2016's Best Overall winner will be invited to be an honorary guest judge at next year's Comic Book in a Day event.
- Judging and awards will begin promptly at 8:30pm. While the judges are deliberating, artists will present their comic book story and artwork to the audience.
- You can bring other promotional materials related to your artwork, including business cards, fliers, and examples of your work. You may bring and sell other artwork, prints, books, or other materials that include an example of your artwork. We can handle & process sales for you during the event using the Square register and will cut you a check for the amount you sell within 1-2 weeks following the event. Our policy is that we collect a 20% commission on items sold out of our gallery or during events, to cover our processing & administrative fees – we really appreciate your support in this! **If you would like to sell your artwork, please email [Kavita](#) at least 24 hours before the event (by 9am Friday, September 30) and include in your email the titles and costs of each item so we can enter it in our Square payment system beforehand.**
- Please help spread the word about this event and promote yourself, as a participating Challenge Artist! Please share this event to your contacts and on your social media. Don't forget to tag Nickel Plate Arts! You can find us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook: @nickelplatearts. Like our page on [Facebook](#) and join & share our [Facebook event](#).
- If there's anything else at all that we can answer for you or do to help you prepare & be excited about this event, please let us know! If you have concerns or questions about any of these rules, please contact us right away.