

2018 Comic Book in a Day Rules & Regulations:



Greetings, and thank you for your interest in our 5th annual Comic Book in a Day Challenge!

We are excited to have you join us for our Artist Challenge, and we are very much looking forward to having you be a part of this fun event!

Please note that the 2018 Challenge is taking place at the Ignite Studio at the Fishers Library, 5 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.

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

1). **Please pay your \$20 registration fee.** You can pay online by visiting our [Square site](#). Your registration fee will cover the cost of printing the Comic Book in a Day compilation, as well as providing supplies, 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 special needs for your workstation.** The Ignite Studio will provide you with a table and chair. Electrical outlets will be easily accessible for those who work digitally or need extra light. We will provide artists with basic drawing materials, like Micron pens and 11x17 Bristol board paper, and you are welcome to bring your own supplies. If you would like to work digitally, or if you want to bring your own lighting, chair, etc., you may do so, but please let us know in advance.

3). **Please consider submitting artwork to our October exhibit, "Falling in Line," as soon as possible.** "Falling in Line" will run from Oct. 5-27, and we will have a First Friday reception at Nickel Plate Arts on Oct. 5 from 6-9pm. We encourage you to attend, if you can. To learn more about this exhibit, visit our website [here](#). Pieces must be matted or framed. If you need more information or advice on how to prepare your piece, please contact [Rachael O'Dell](#). Please specify whether or not your artwork is for sale – we collect a 20% commission on anything sold out of our gallery spaces. **To submit your artwork, please send the following to rodell@nickelplatearts.org:**

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

Details about the exhibit and drop-off/pick-off information can be found on our [website](#).

NEW FOR 2018:

- **New location: the Ignite Studio at the Fishers Library**
- **New set-up hours: you may set up your workstation from 12-5:30 pm on Friday, October 5th, if desired**

- **No commission will be collected on sales during the Comic Book in a Day event**
- **Superhero University will be coordinated by the library staff**
- **Comic-themed crafts and art activities will be coordinated by the library staff and will rotate throughout the day**
- **Because the library cannot accommodate catering, our plans for lunch & dinner have changed: you will be provided gift cards for nearby shops and restaurants, instead of having us bring in food for you.**
- **See below for details**

RULES & OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW:

The rules for the Challenge are as follows:

- ***GOAL: have fun making art & being with other people who enjoy comics and comic art! Please don't sweat the competition too much.***
- The doors will open to artists at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Additional set-up time is available from 12-5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 5th: please contact us ASAP if you plan to set up in advance.
- We will have a short pep-talk at 9:00 to make sure that everyone knows the plan for the day. This short talk is mandatory for all challenge artists.
- Any Challenge Artists under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Your Comic Book in a Day Challenge must be something that you START no earlier than 9am on Saturday, October 6th.
- You should not do any prep work ahead of time on your story, characters or art. Please come ready to start completely from scratch.
- Whatever you have finished at 8:30pm on October 6th 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.
- You may work in black & white or full-color. You may work digitally, and/or you can utilize collage techniques (as long as you don't use copyrighted characters).
- There is a 6-page printing limit per artist/team. Each Challenge Artist (or team) can submit up to 6 pages of work; finishing 6 pages is not required to be eligible for prizes.
- 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 reserve the right to censor material as we see fit, to ensure a safe, welcoming environment for our guests and community of artists.
- We will scan each artists' submission and publish up to six pages of each artists' work for our Comic Book in a Day 2018 Compilation. The final publication will be a multi-volume set that costs \$15. Guests will be able to preorder the book 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 copyright returns to you and you can do whatever you like with your materials.
- Our four Featured Artists and last year's 'Best Overall' winner will serve as judges for the event. We will award prizes including cash, gift certificates, and art supplies. The judges will be looking at a combination of creativity, ability to manage your project in the time allotted, storytelling, and artistry. They will selected winners for specific categories including, but not limited to:
 - Best Overall
 - Best Drawn
 - Best Story
 - Most Creative
 - Best Panel (or Best Single Page) x2
 - Note: the Best Panel/Single Page will be featured as the cover for the final book. We will coordinate with the selected artist to perfect the cover art before it goes to print.
- 2018's Best Overall winner will be invited to be an honorary guest judge at next year's Comic Book in a Day event.
- Judging will begin at 8:30pm, and awards will begin approximately at 8:50. Artists will be asked to present their comic book story and artwork in ONE MINUTE to the audience before the judges deliberate.
- This event ENDS at 9 p.m. The library is staying open late to accomodate this special event and we need to be sensitive to the staff's time. Please be prepared to clean up your items and load out as quickly and efficiently as possible. All participants are invited to join us at Four Day Ray (a restaurant and brewery just east of the library) after the event ends to celebrate. The restaurant is open to all ages until midnight.

OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF:

- We will provide you with a table and a chair. Table size and height will vary, as Ignite has a range of options. Please let us know if you have a preference or specific need.

- We will provide basic drawing materials, including pencils, Micron pens and 11x17 Bristol boards and scrap paper. We will have Bristol in both vellum & smooth finish.
- NEW THIS YEAR: The Ignite Studio cannot accommodate our catering needs for this event. Therefore, instead of catering in lunch, dinner, and snacks, we will be providing you with gift cards to places near the library and we will have designated times for you to take a break and get food. We will require you to take at least a 15-minute break, regardless of whether or not you decide to eat: taking a break is important! Please follow the break schedule we provide to you to ensure fairness to all artists and guests.
- We recommend that you bring as many of your own supplies as you wish, especially if you're keen on using certain materials or working digitally.
- You can find the dimensions for the final publication on [Ka-Blam's Template Visual Guide](#). We will remind you of these dimensions the day-of.
- If you would like to bring additional lighting, your own chair, etc., you can do so, but **please let us know in advance if you plan to bring additional equipment.**
- If you need access to electricity, please let us know
- You can bring promotional materials related to your artwork, including business cards, flyers, and examples of your work.
- You may bring and sell artwork, prints, books, or other materials that include your artwork - **please note that this year, there is NO commission due on sales that take place in the Ignite Studio Space**¹. You will be responsible for processing all of your own sales. All material must be appropriate for general audiences - the Ignite Studio is a public space and all who enter must feel welcome and comfortable.
- Please help spread the word about this event: share this event with 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. Here's an example of an effective post, if you want to copy this one:

I'm going to make a comic book from scratch at Nickel Plate Arts this Saturday from 9 am to 9:00 pm. Go to nickelplatearts.org for details. #nickelplatearts #comicbookinaday
- If there's anything else at all that we can answer for you, don't hesitate to reach out! If you have concerns or questions about any of these rules, please contact us right away: 317-452-3690.

Thank you for participating in our 5th Annual Comic Book in a Day Challenge on October 6, 2018! See you very soon!

¹ Please note that our standard 20% commission rates apply on any items sold out of our Noblesville galleries or the Meyer Najem gallery, including the "Falling In Line" exhibit.