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Fishers Was Home to Unbridled Creativity During a Record-Breaking Comic Book in a Day Event

FISHERS, Ind. (January X, 2025) — The 12th Annual Noblesville Creates Comic Book in a Day Challenge, presented by Fishers Arts and Culture Commission and held at the Ignite Studio in the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers, was a huge success!

Noblesville Creates founded this event to celebrate and grow the comics community – the network of people who love comics, who collect comics, and who create comics. This community came out in force for this year's event, including 91 contestants, six professional comic book artists, and over 400 visitors curious about comics in general.

On the Friday before the day of the Challenge, Noblesville Creates hosted a special VIP event for its members and donors. During the event, the Comic Book in a Day 2025 Featured Artists partnered with One Hope Wine to design custom wine labels, which were then auctioned off to attendees. Noblesville Creates is excited to continue offering exclusive events for its members and donors, providing unique opportunities to enjoy one-of-a-kind art pieces and activities. To be invited to future VIP events, become a member (https://noblesville-creates.square.site/product/individual-membership/74?cs=true&cst=custom).

This year, Comic Book in a Day was broken up into three competitions, an in-person Adult/Teen Division, Youth Division, and an Online Division. Those who participated in the Challenges had the opportunity to create a comic book from scratch with the help of Featured Artists/Judges

Stuart Sayger, Gavin Smith, Deon Parson (widely recognized by the pen name "Supr Dee"), and Joseph Haas, two Host Artists - Erik Lundorf and Victor Dandridge, and additional staff.

The participants had a blast working on their individual comics, learning from the Featured Artists/Judges and Host Artists, participating in fun comic-themed activities, shopping from the Featured Artists' booths, and mingling with the other participants.

The activities, supplies, and other amenities for participants were made possible by sponsors Fishers Arts and Culture Commission, Browning Day, Griffy's Art Supply, Baird Creative :: Design Studio, Comic Carnival, Gal's Guide Library, Ringling College of Art & Design, Knight's Hall, and Collectors Emporiums.

The Ignite Studio at Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers generously and eagerly opened its doors to the comics community this year, proving once again that they are a unique and tremendous asset to community life and the creative economy of Fishers. The library also paid for the fees for the professional judges, supplied materials to many contestants, and provided refreshments during the awards ceremony.

At the end of the event, each artist was given an opportunity to present their comic to the Featured Artists, staff, and visitors. The comics created by the participants were judged by the Featured Artists, who determined the winners of each award category. The award ceremony was held on Wednesday, January 22, at the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers, during which each award winner was announced and given a prize.

The 91 contestants and six professional artists together generated nearly 300 pages of brand new comic art during the competition. This artwork will be on display at the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers through February 21, and visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite on the Noblesville Creates Facebook channels. Vote by "liking" your favorite comic of each division. The People's Choice Award will be announced just after the exhibit ends.

Adult/Teen Division Facebook Album: https://bit.ly/4g7Dklk
Youth Division Facebook Album: https://bit.ly/42iPr1U
Online Division Facebook Album: https://bit.ly/4jrdUYL

The winners are listed below.

WINNERS - Adult/Teen Division:

Best Overall: Helen Raza

Best Art: Riwo

Best Story: Greg Clack

Best Page: Lina Carter

Level Up Award: Brianna Stevens

Funniest: Anna Hilbert

Most Creative: Julia Owens

Most Polished: Matthew Inabnitt

Most Ambitious: Phoebe Jean-Pierre

Judge's Choice - Joey Haas: Anthony Houston

Judge's Choice - Dee Parson: Avalyn Chau

Judge's Choice - Stuart Sayger: Deborah Owens

Judge's Choice - Gavin Smith: Ellie Hilbert

WINNERS - Youth Division:

Best Overall: Henry Leopold

Best Art: Marie Contreras

Best Story: Beckett Main

Best Page: Henry Leopold

Funniest: Arthur Deckert

Most Creative: Lauren Cook

Most Polished: Oliver Andrews

Most Ambitious: Cami S. & Violet C.

Judge's Choice - Joey Haas: Everly Reitan

Judge's Choice - Dee Parson: Emily Irwin

Judge's Choice - Stuart Sayger: Henry Schmackers

Judge's Choice - Gavin Smith: Iris Furuseth

WINNERS - Online Division:

Best Overall: Jesus Reyes

Best Art: Mallory Benda

Best Story: Thadeus S

Best Page: Brigid Baier

Grand Champion and Overall Winner: Henry Leopold

Photos of the winners are attached.

About Noblesville Creates

Noblesville Creates champions the arts as an essential element of the economic health and cultural vitality of Noblesville and Central Indiana. As Noblesville's local arts agency, we catalyze opportunities for the arts and local creatives of all skill levels to thrive and lead in Central Indiana. We are also the Region 7 Arts Partner for the Indiana Arts Commission, serving the six counties at the center of the state. We cultivate classes, events, programs, and services for art-lovers and artists of all backgrounds and experience levels. Start your creative journey with us: we'll help you connect and flourish.

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