2027 Comic Book in a Day
Rules & Regulations

Greetings, and thank you for your interest in the 15th annual Comic Book in a Day Challenge!

We are excited to have you join us for our Artist Challenge. **We need you to do three things, right away, in preparation for the event:**

1). **Please pay your registration fee if you have not done so.** You can pay online by visiting our Square site. It is $60 to participate online, $60 for ages 13+ to participate in person, and $40 for ages 12 and under to participate in person. Your registration fee will cover the cost of printing your copy of the Comic Book in a Day compilation, video conferencing costs, as well as providing supplies and promoting the event. If you would rather send a check or cash, please email info@noblesvillecreates.org to make arrangements. Please note: If you have multiple people in your group, you will need to register each person for the event to ensure that they have a seat, supplies, lunch, receive any necessary links, etc. If you have difficulty paying the fee, please contact us at info@noblesvillecreates.org.

2). **Complete the Comic Book in a Day Contestant Information Survey.** The following form makes sure we have the correct information for the publication and any issues the Noblesville Creates staff should be aware of, including food allergies. Click Form

3). **Please let us know right away if you need accomodations.** We will provide artists with basic drawing materials, such as pens and paper. You are welcome to use your own supplies, whether you are participating online or in person. You may also work digitally - if you need access to outlets for the in-person event, please notify us at info@noblesvillecreates.org.

We would love to connect and help you reach your goals as an artist! Reach out to our Artist Liaison, J.C., at jseig@noblesvillecreates.org to learn more.

GENERAL RULES & EXPECTATIONS:

The General Rules for the Challenge are as follows:

- ***GOAL: have fun making art along with other people who enjoy comics and comic art! Please don't sweat the competition too much. Get comfy and have a blast!***
- You may sign up as a team, however, each person must register separately in order to receive a copy of the finished publication and/or the Zoom link for the event. Please email info@noblesvillecreates.org about who your teammate(s) will be.
- We will be providing basic materials for all artists, but you may bring your own, too.

- At the beginning of each competition, there will be a short meeting with the Noblesville Creates Staff to review Rules and Best Practices. This short talk is mandatory for all Challenge Artists.
- 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 the Turn-In Time will be what is judged in the contest-we want our publication to reflect what you were able to accomplish during the actual contest.
- 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, use traditional drawing techniques, and/or you can utilize collage or other artistic techniques (as long as you don't use copyrighted characters or material).
- 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, in person as well as online. We want everyone to feel comfortable & welcome.
- We reserve the right to censor material as we see fit, to ensure a safe, welcoming environment for our guests, staff, online viewers and community of artists.
- We will broadcast parts of this event live on Facebook Live. **You must notify us by noon on Thursday, January 14th if you do not wish to participate or be visible during the live broadcasts** - we will provide you with alternatives for participation during the live broadcasts**.** You will be provided with a link to share with friends and family who wish to tune into the live segments and cheer you on.
- Challenge Artists working digitally or remotely online will be required to share your work with us by submitting a digital version of each of your pages as you finish them. We will scan the artwork of anyone who is attending in-person and working conventionally on paper and save those scans to Dropbox. We will collect digital files from anyone who is working remotely or digitally. We will use these digital files to both publish a physical book of this year's submissions and to allow viewers and our judges to vote for their favorites. We will post each artist's pages to a Facebook album. Each page must be scanned in color at no less than 300 DPI and no more than 600 DPI. If you are participating remotely and do not have a scanner, help will be given soon.
    - Save the pictures and name the - "FirstnameLastname-PAGE-PAGE NUMBER." For example, "Bruce-Wayne-PAGE-1".
    - Your finished files will be uploaded to your designated Dropbox folder, which we will email you a link to the morning of the event.
- We will publish each artists' work for our Comic Book in a Day 2027 Compilation. We reserve the right to edit or select the material as needed to meet our content standards and page count requirements. The final publication will be in a multi-volume set. Guests will be able to preorder the set or book and pick it up at our gallery once it is printed. Each Challenge Artist will receive one free printed copy of the book with their work & 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.

ONLINE RULES & EXPECTATIONS:

- **This is a full day challenge**. The event will run from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with check-in from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM. To qualify for the contest, you must be logged into Zoom from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The drawing contest will end at 4:00 pm, at which point you will be required to turn in your work and present your project to the judges and the other contestants. Please allow yourself breaks as needed: please message our staff when you need to take a break so that they can turn off your camera and microphone.
- Each Challenge Artist (or team) can submit up to 6 pages of work; there is no minimum page count required to be eligible for prizes. We encourage you to try to finish 4 pages during the event, but that is not a requirement.
- We will provide online participants with a Zoom link during the week of the event. Do NOT share this link with anyone - only registered Challenge Artists will be allowed to enter our Zoom event. If your Zoom account name is different from the name you registered under, please notify us ASAP. If you envision any issues with supplies, internet access, etc. please let us know ASAP.

IN PERSON YOUTH RULES & EXPECTATIONS:

- **This is a partial day challenge**. The event will run at the Ignite studio from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM, with check-in from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM. To qualify for the contest, you must be present at the Ignite Studio from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM The drawing contest will end at 2:30 PM, at which point you will be required to turn in your work and present your project to the judges and other contestants. Youth lunch will be at approximately 12:30 PM. Please allow yourself breaks as needed.
- Each Challenge Artist (or team) can submit up to 4 pages of work; there is no minimum page count required to be eligible for prizes. We encourage you to try to finish 2 pages during the event, but that is not a requirement.
- We will display all of the artwork created during the In Person Comic Book in a Day Event in an exhibit at the Ignite Studio from January 16-February 13, 2027. The artwork will be viewable by everyone who visits the Ignite Studio. Noblesville Creates will collect all artwork at the end of the exhibit and contact all artists to arrange pickup after February 15th.

IN PERSON ADULT/TEEN RULES & EXPECTATIONS:

- **This is a full day challenge**. The event will run from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with check-in from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM. To qualify for the contest, you must be at the Ignite Studio from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The drawing contest will end at 4:00 pm, at which point you will be required to turn in your work and present your project to the judges and the other contestants. Please allow yourself breaks as needed. Adult/Teen lunch will be approximately at 12:00 PM.
- Each Challenge Artist (or team) can submit up to 6 pages of work; there is no minimum page count required to be eligible for prizes. We encourage you to try to finish 4 pages during the event, but that is not a requirement.

- We will display all of the artwork created during the In Person Comic Book in a Day Event in an exhibit at the Ignite Studio from January 16-February 13, 2027. The artwork will be viewable by everyone who visits the Ignite Studio. Noblesville Creates will collect all artwork at the end of the exhibit and contact all artists to arrange pickup after February 15th.

AWARDS:

- Our Professional 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 during a separate ceremony after the conclusion of Comic Book in a Day. The judges will be looking at a combination of creativity, ability to manage your project in the time allotted, storytelling, and artistry. They will select winners for specific categories including, but not limited to:
    - People's Choice Award
    - Best Overall
    - Best Drawn
    - Best Story
    - Most Creative
    - Best Panel (or Best Single Page)

  Note: the Best Panel/Single Page will be featured as the cover(s) for the final publication. We will coordinate with the selected artist to perfect the cover art before it goes to print.
  Note: 2027's Best Overall winner will be invited to be an honorary guest judge at next year's Comic Book in a Day event.

- The People's Choice Award will be determined through interaction with our Comic Book in a Day Facebook Album. Viewers will be encouraged to vote 'Like' their favorite artwork or story. The artist who receives the most Likes by the closing date February 13th will win the People's Choice Award. We highly recommend that you contact your social networks to encourage them to vote!
- The Judges may choose to award additional, different or special prizes at the end of Comic Book in a Day, after all artists have presented their work.
- Judging for most awards will begin after the online event, and awards will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on January 27th, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, at the Ignite Studio at the Fishers Public Library. You do not have to be present to win.

OTHER NOTES OF IMPORTANCE:

- We will provide basic drawing materials, including pencils, pens and 11x17 Bristol boards.
- We will require you to take at least a 15-minute break. Taking a break is important! We will provide a suggested schedule of breaks, but you may take a break at any time. Be sure to notify our staff when you start your break .
- Please utilize as many of your own supplies as you wish, especially if you're keen on using certain materials, using color, 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. All traditional and digital works must adhere to the dimensions outlined in Ka-Blam's Standard Sized Template.
    - All traditional and digital works must have a margin around the live drawing area. Artists can also reference Ka-Blam's Template Visual Guide for general dimensions.
- You can send promotional materials related to your artwork, including your artist social media handles and examples of your work to info@noblesvillecreates.org. We can share these items in our promotions for the event (optional).
- Artists who are participating in person may also sell their artwork, prints, books, or other materials that include their artwork during the event. All material must be appropriate for general audiences - the Ignite Studio is a public space and all who engage with them must feel welcome and comfortable.
    - ***PLEASE NOTE*** **- there is a 20% commission on any item you sell during the event. You MUST send inventory information (quantity, price, item description, photo of item) to info@noblesvillecreates.org at least 1 week prior to the event**[1].
- Invite your family and friends to join us for online presentations on January 15th & the in-person presentations January 16th. We recommend that online guests start viewing at 2:30 PM for Youth and 4:00 PM for Adults and Teens to hear about each artist's project! Click here for Noblesville Creates Facebook Page
- Please help spread the word about this event: share this event with your contacts and on your social media. Don't forget to tag Noblesville Creates. You can find us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook: @noblesvillecreates. 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 Noblesville Creates this Saturday from 9am to 5pm. Go to www.noblesvillecreates.org for details. #noblesvillecreates #comicbookinaday
- 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 13th Annual Comic Book in a Day Challenge!

[1] Please note that our standard 20% commission rates apply on any items sold during our events.