.



Press Release – *For immediate release*

**Kids and Professional Artists Unite for Lake Erie Ink’s 7th Annual Kids’ Comic Con**

Lake Erie Ink will be hosting its 7th Annual Kids’ Comic Con Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 9:30am-3pm. At this all day event, youth of all ages will have the chance to attend workshops with experienced comic creators. Last year, this one-of-a-kind comic convention for young writers and artists drew nearly 150 kids and teens from all across Northeast Ohio. Workshops will cover both aspects of comic creation – drawing and writing – as well as the ever-popular “create your own comic character in clay.”

This year’s featured keynote speaker will be [Marc Sumerak](http://www.sumerak.com/). From comics and books to video games and beyond, Sumerak has written for MARVEL, STAR WARS, GHOSTBUSTERS, FIREFLY, HARRY POTTER, and more.

More featured artists and writers include:

[Kate Atherton](http://www.kateatherton.com/) (Illustrator and comics artist)

[Sequoia Bostick](https://www.behance.net/SequoiaBostick) (Illustrator, children’s author, and founder of Vagabond Comics)

[Juan Jose Fernandez](https://juanjosefernandez.com/) (Cartoonist and comics maker)

[John G](http://shinercomics.net/john-g/) (Illustrator, comics creator, and head of Shiner Comics, Inc.)

[Michelle Littlejohn](https://starrelish.myportfolio.com/) (Mixed media artist)

[Miguel Hernandez](https://www.masta8.com/) (Illustrator and designer)

[Kelly O’Grady](https://www.instagram.com/smellyoldlady/?hl=en) (Writer, cartoonist, and illustrator)

[Angela Oster](http://www.angelaoster.com/) (Artist and author of “Little Vampire Girl” Comic

[Don Peoples](http://www.donpeoples.com/) (Graphic designer, cartoonist, photographer)

[Gilberto Rivera](https://www.artstation.com/aggrogil) (Illustrator, graphic designer & content creator

[Lee Smith](https://www.ohiocomics.com/) (Founder of Prosperity Graphics--Comics for the Classroom)
[Shawny Walthaw](https://www.coroflot.com/knockedknees/profile) (Freelance graphic designer and illustrator)

Doors open at 9:30am, and workshops begin at 10am. Costumes are encouraged! Admission is $10 at the door, and scholarships are available. Lunch will be sold on-site or kids may bring their own. Comics, graphic novels and t-shirts will be for sale. Adults are welcome if accompanied by a child; teachers are welcome with a staff ID. Register at lakeerieink.org/register or by calling 216-320-4757.

*Lake Erie Ink: a writing space for youth is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide creative expression opportunities and academic support to youth in the Greater Cleveland community.*

*Lake Erie Ink is a member of Greater Cleveland Community Shares. Community Shares supports local nonprofit organizations working for long-term, sustainable solutions to build a stronger Cleveland. Learn more about Community Shares and supporting social justice through workplace giving at*[*www.communityshares.org*](http://www.communityshares.org/)*.*

**Contact Us**

Sarah Kloos, Communications and Marketing Manager

2843 Washington Blvd. | Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

P: 216-320-4757 | E: marketing@lakeerieink.org | [www.lakeerieink.org](http://www.lakeerieink.org)