



## CARTOON CROSSROADS COLUMBUS (CXC) SETS FINAL GUEST LIST FOR 2017 FESTIVAL

Columbus, Ohio (August 30, 2017) — Cartoon Crossroads Columbus has set its final guest list for its 2017 festival, to be held in Columbus, Ohio from September 28 to October 1.

Award-winning and internationally best-selling cartoonist Chris Ware headlines a group of late additions that includes David Mack, David Coverly, Signe Wilkinson, Jarrett J. Krosoczka and Mike Maihack.

Chris Ware is the cartoonist behind the groundbreaking *The ACME Novelty Library* series and the stand-alone graphic novels initially serialized there, such as *Jimmy Corrigan*, *The Smartest Kid On Earth* -- a key work in the rise of book-length comics as a viable art form and publishing endeavor. Ware's *Building Stories* was a major awards-winner upon its release five years ago, and he is currently at work on three major books. Mr. Ware will appear on Friday in support of his 2017 art book *Monograph* (Rizzolli USA).

David Mack is the creator behind the long-running *Kabuki* series, and is known for his unique collage and painting style as brought to comics. He will appear at the Expo on Saturday and be supported throughout the weekend by a concurrently-running performance piece based on his work at Columbus' *Shadowbox Live*.

David Coverly is the Reuben Award winning cartoonist (2008) behind *Speed Bump*. His appearance at CXC 2017 is supported by the National Cartoonist Society Foundation.

Signe Wilkinson is a legendary figure in the world of editorial cartooning, and is the first female cartoonist to have won the Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning, in 1982. She was also for a time a syndicated daily strip creator, of the fondly-remembered *Family Tree*.

Jarrett J. Krosoczka is the current cartoonist on the *Jedi Academy* from Scholastic. The publisher is supporting his visit to CXC. He may be better known as an extremely popular TED talk giver, and for his long-running and successful *Lunch Lady* series.

Mike Maihack is the cartoonist behind Scholastic's *Cleopatra In Space* series. A graduate of Columbus College Of Art and Design, Maihack will be returning to old stomping for the weekend.

Cartoon Crossroads Columbus regrets that three cartoonists included on this year's initial list are not able to make it to the show: Darrin Bell, Jennifer Holm and Dav Pilkey. It is CXC's fondest wish that each be able to attend a future iteration of the festival. We regret any miscommunication involved.

Cartoon Crossroads Columbus is a comics festival devoted to showcasing the cartoon art forms, driving attention to Columbus as an international destination for the arts and supporting cartoon makers at all stages of professional development. CXC's 2017 festival is September 28 to October 1 in a variety of Columbus locations including a full-blown Expo in the downtown branch of Columbus Metropolitan Library on September 30 and October 1.

Visit [cartooncrossroadscolumbus.org](http://cartooncrossroadscolumbus.org) for complete information, and contact Executive Director Tom Spurgeon ([tom@cartooncrossroadscolumbus.org](mailto:tom@cartooncrossroadscolumbus.org)) with questions.