

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## "Back to the Batcave" for Motor City Comic Con, Michigan's No. 1 Pop Culture Event: More than 300 comic, television and film stars to appear

Tickets on sale for the May 13, 14 and 15 comic con at Suburban Collection Showplace

Novi, MI (March 31, 2016) – "C'mon Batman – There's not a moment to lose...". The excitement has been building and Motor City Comic Con 2016 is announcing a new cast of comic and media guests for its 27<sup>th</sup> annual, three-day comic con and has opened ticket sales online. Michigan's number one pop culture event will toast the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Batman with stars from the original cast in their last year of appearances before they hang up their capes. The weekend event will feature stars from popular television series and films like Doctor Who, Game of Thrones, The Walking Dead, Gotham, The X-Files, Monty Python, The Hobbit, and many more. "Holy smokes, Batman." This year's Motor City Comic Con will take place Friday, May 13 (12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.), Saturday, May 14 (10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Sunday, May 15 (10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at the Suburban Showplace, located at 46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. Complete information about the event, tickets, panels and VIP passes is available at <a href="http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/">http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/</a>.

The weekend event features more than 300 creators, writers, illustrators and actors who will greet the fans, sign autographs, take pictures, and provide panels and Q & A discussions, while many super fans are dressed in their pop culture best. A popular event is Saturday's cosplay contest where a mix of celebrity judges determine the best costume winners, presenting prizes and gift packages. Motor City Comic Con's annual Saturday night bash celebrates comic con weekend with entertainment, refreshments, and light hors devours for the public. Sunday is Kid's Day featuring kid-friendly activities.

Hot off the Gotham Globe press, some of this year's Motor City Comic Con guest announcements include:

<u>Lena Headey:</u> The English actress is best known for her role as Cersei Lannister on HBO's *Game of Thrones*. Other appearances include: *The Purge, Pride and Prejudice and Zombies, Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles, Dredd, 300,* and more.

<u>Adam West:</u> Known as the original Batman from the classic television series, his film, television, character, voice, and stage actor career spans over six decades, making nearly 50 movies. West is the author of *Back to the Batcave*, and *Climbing the Walls*.

**Burt Ward:** Known as the original Robin from the classic television series and *Batman: The Movie* (1966). Ward wrote tell-all autobiography *Boy Wonder: My Life in Tights*, and continues to appear in numerous reunions with co-star Adam West.

<u>Billie Piper:</u> The UK singer, dancer and television star is best known for her role as Rose Tyler in *Doctor Who*. Piper can also be seen on *Penny Dreadful*. Other television film roles include: *The Ruby in the Smoke*, and *The Shadow in the North*, and *Secret Diary of a Call Girl*.

<u>Holland Roden:</u> Known as Lydia Martin on MTV's *Teen Wolf* and as Emily Locke on *Lost*. Other appearances include: *Weeds, Bring It On: Fight to the Finish, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, Cold Case, Community,* and *Criminal Minds*.

<u>Tara Reid:</u> Best known for her roles in *American Pie, The Big Lebowski, Josie and the Pussycats,* National Lampoon's *Van Wilder, My Boss's Daughter,* and SyFy's *Sharknado*.

**Elden Henson:** Actor best known for playing Matt Murdock's partner and best friend, Foggy Nelson in Marvel's *Daredevil* Netflix series, Fulton Reed in the *Mighty Ducks* trilogy, and Pollux in *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 and 2.* 

<u>The Four Horsemen:</u> A rare reunion after 15 years of the greatest wrestling faction of all time. Professional wrestlers Ric Flair, Arn Anderson, Tully Blanchard, Barry Windham and manager JJ Dillion were inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame in 2012.

<u>Michael Nesmith:</u> An American musician, songwriter, actor, producer, novelist, businessman, and philanthropist, Nesmith is best known as a member of the pop rock band *The Monkees* and co-star of the TV series *The Monkees* (1966-1968). This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the show.

<u>Michael Cudlitz:</u> Known as Abraham Ford on AMC's *The Walking Dead*. He played John Cooper in series *Southland*, and has appeared in more than 20 films and television series such as *Prison Break*, *Lost*, *The Dark Tourist*, *Surrogates*, *Tenure*, *Six Feet Under*, and more.

**Robin Lord Taylor:** Dubbed as "favorite breakout star of television," Taylor is best known as Oswald Cobblepot or The Penguin on *Gotham*. Known for his role as Sam on *The Walking Dead*, and as Abernathy Darwin Dunlap in *Accepted*.

**Dean O'Gorman:** A New Zealand actor, artist and photographer, he is best known as Fili in *The Hobbit* trilogy, and as Kirk Douglas in *Trumbo*. Other appearances include: *Shortland Street, Hercules: The Legendary Journeys, Young Hercules, Xena: Warrior Princess,* and *McLeod's Daughters*.

**Josh McDermitt:** Comedian and star of AMC's *The Walking Dead* made his television debut on NBC's *Last Comic Standing* in 2006. He was casted in TV movie *Rehab for Rejects* and as Brandon on *Retired at 35*. McDermitt can also be seen in *Middle Man* and *Odious*.

**Sonequa Martin-Green:** An actress and producer, known for her role as Sasha in *The Walking Dead*, and as Tamara in *Once Upon a Time*.

Mitch Pileggi: An Italian-American actor best known for his role as Walter Skinner on *The X-Files*. He later reprised the role in the show's feature film *The X-Files* (1998) and *The X-Files: I Want to Believe* (2008).

<u>Michael Trevino:</u> Known as Tyler Lockwood in the CW series *The Vampire Diaries*, Lockwood also appeared in spin-off series *The Originals*.

Alan Davis: UK artist known for drawing the revamped Captain Britain story in *The Mighty World of Marvel*, he has also created D.R. and Quinch for 2000AD. Other recognizable works include: *The Uncanny X-Men, Excalibur, JLA: The Nail*, and *JLA: Another Nail*.

Kevin O'Neill: British comic artist is best known for his work on 2000AD, Marshal Law, and League of Extraordinary Gentlemen. Other works include: Omega Men, Tales of the Green Lantern Corp., Metalzoic, and Avatar's Cinema Purgatorio.

**Neal Adams:** Known for transforming Batman's realistic incarnation seen in *Batman Begins* and *The Dark Knight*. Other legendary comic book work includes: *X-Men, Green Lantern/Green Arrow*, and *Deadman*. Adams is preparing to release his graphic novel *Blood*, and a Harley Quinn book.

**Bob Layton:** A comic visionary, creator, writer, artist, designer, and entrepreneur, known for reinventing *Iron Man* in the 70s, turning it into an all-time best selling comic series. Layton launched the first miniseries in comics' history *Hercules: Prince of Power*.

<u>Darwyn Cooke:</u> Eisner award winning comic book writer, artist, cartoonist, and animator known for his work for *Catwoman, The New Frontier, The Spirit,* and *Parker: The Hunter*.

<u>Terry Jones:</u> Best known as a member of the *Monty Python* comedy troupe, Jones co-directed *Monty Python* and the Holy Grail. Other directing credits include: Life of Brian, The Meaning of Life, Personal Services, Erik the Viking, Mr. Toad's Wild Ride, The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles, and Absolutely Everything.

**Lan Ziering:** Known for his array of acting including *Beverly Hills 90210*, *No Way Back, What I Like About You, Melrose Place*, and *Happily Divorced*. Ziering became the most in-demand actor for various animated films and television shows *Spider-Man, Mighty Ducks, Batman Beyond*, and *Biker Mice from Mars*.

Additional media and comic guest announcements are coming soon. For more information regarding Motor City Comic Con guests and events, visit <a href="https://motorcitycomiccon.com/press-passes-2016/">https://motorcitycomiccon.com/press-passes-2016/</a> For photo galleries, visit <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9knw0f4iyuf3opg/AAChnmJxNXhy3s3hS9lq6qd0a?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9knw0f4iyuf3opg/AAChnmJxNXhy3s3hS9lq6qd0a?dl=0</a>

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## **About Motor City Comic Con**

Michigan's largest pop-culture event since 1989, Motor City Comic Con gathers comic book and multimedia dealers from across the country, offering a vast variety of pop-culture merchandise, including comics, art, t-shirts, movie memorabilia, posters and much more. Over 300 comic book creators, writers and artists are on site at Motor City Comic Con each year, as well as more than 50 actors from the television and movie industry. Motor City Comic Con offers big fun for kids young and old. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/">http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/</a>.

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