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UP, UP AND AWAY! MOTOR CITY COMIC CON SOARS TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH AN EPIC CAST OF COMIC AND MEDIA GUESTS

Tickets now available for May 16, 17 and 18 event at the Suburban Collection Showplace

Novi, MI (March 5, 2014) – *With great power comes great responsibility* and Motor City Comic Con is up for the challenge! Celebrating its 25th anniversary, Michigan's No. 1 pop-culture event announces new comic and media recruits to the Motor City Comic Con line-up. Guests can meet and receive autographs from the writers who created their favorite comics, the illustrators who drew their favorite characters and the actors who brought them to life. The event takes place on **Friday, May 16 (12:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)**, **Saturday, May 17 (10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)** and **Sunday, May 18 (10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)** at the Suburban Collection Showplace located at 46100 Grand River Ave in Novi. Event tickets and VIP passes can be purchased by visiting <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/new-tix/>.

In addition to William Shatner, most known for his portrayal of Captain James T. Kirk in the science fiction television series *Star Trek*, Motor City Comic Con is *geeked* to announce the following additional guests:

Karl Urban: *Almost Human* star Karl Urban plays the role of John Kennex, a troubled detective in the FOX sci-fi crime drama series. Urban starred in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy as Eomer, in 2009's *Star Trek* and 2013's *Star Trek Into Darkness* as Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy and in the film *The Chronicles of Riddick* as Lord Vaako. Urban began his career on the Television series *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys* and *Xena: Warrior Princess*.

Lindsey Wagner: Most known for her Emmy award-winning portrayal of Jamie Sommers in *The Bionic Woman*, Wagner won a permanent place in the hearts of audiences around the world and has become one of the most popular actresses in international television. Recently, she appears as Dr. Vanessa Calder in *Warehouse 13* on the Syfy Network.

Lee Majors: Lee Majors's starring role as Steve Austin on the overwhelmingly popular ABC television series, *The Six Million Dollar Man*, secured him as a lasting icon in American culture. In the series, Majors played a secret operative augmented with cybernetic parts by the government, fighting justice with superhuman strength and speed. Austin has also played lead roles in *The Big Valley*, *Men from Shilo*, *Owen Marshall Counselor at Law*, *The Fall Guy*, *Raven* and many more.

Andrew McCarthy: Making his professional debut at 19 years old in *Class*, he has appeared in dozens of films, including *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, *The Joy Luck Club* and *Mulholland Falls*, as well as popular favorites *Pretty in Pink*, *St. Elmo's Fire*, *Less Than Zero*, *Weekend At Bernie's* and *Mannequin*. As a man of many talents, McCarthy is also an award-winning travel

writer as the editor-at-large at *National Geographic Traveler*, and has written for several publications including *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Burt Young: Burt Young made his name playing rough-edged, working class Italian-American characters. His best-known, signature role is Sylvester Stallone's brother-in-law Paulie in *Rocky* (1976), for which he received an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor. Young is a painter whose art has been displayed in galleries throughout the world. He is also a published author whose works include two filmed screenplays and a 400-page historically based novel called *Endings*.

Mark Waid: Mark Waid is a New York Times-bestselling author who has been in the comic industry for nearly thirty years as a writer, editor and publisher. Currently, he writes *Daredevil* and *The Hulk* for Marvel Comics as well as *Green Hornet* and *Dr. Specter* for Dynamite. He is also the creator and co-publisher behind Thrillbent.com, an innovative digital comics platform. Waid also co-owns the store Alter Ego Comics in Muncie, Indiana.

Chris Claremont: Chris Claremont has been working with Marvel Comics on *The Uncanny X-Men* for 17 years. His work is lauded for its anti-prejudice themes and groundbreaking inclusion of minorities as heroes. With artist Frank Miller, he created the *Wolverine* graphic novel that serves as the foundation for the movie *The Wolverine* starring Hugh Jackman. His X-Men story arc "Days of Future Past" is the source material for the X-Men movie of the same title coming out in July 2014. Claremont has written other seminal characters such as Batman and Superman and is the author of nine novels.

José Luis García-López: Since the 1970's, José Luis Garcia-Lopez has drawn *Superman*, *Batman* and *Wonder Woman*, as well as many more DC Comics characters. Garcia-López's other works include *Jonah Hex*, *Hercules Unbound*, *Atari Force* and *Batman Confidential*. Currently, Garcia-Lopez is working on *Madame 44* and *Superman* covers.

James O'Barr: Detroit born James O'Barr is the award-winning creator of *The Crow*, the best-selling independent graphic novel of all time. In 1993, his book was adapted into the cult film of the same title starring Brandon Lee. O'Barr will be a consultant on *The Crow* movie, which begins production this year. Today, he is the writer of two hit series from IDW Publishing, entitled *Curare* and *Skinning The Wolves*.

Gerry Conway: Gerry Conway sold his first comic to DC Comics at the age of fifteen. By the time he was eighteen, he was writing for Marvel Comics full time. By his twenties, he was writing Marvel Comics's flagship title, *Amazing Spider-Man*. Known as "the man who killed Gwen Stacy," Conway is also the co-creator of many characters for Marvel and DC Comics, such as The Punisher. Beyond comics, Conway has written several science fiction novels, films and written and produced television shows such as *Law and Order Criminal Intent*. Along with the other writers of The Batman animated series, Conway won an Emmy for his work on the show's first season.

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 250 comic book creators, writers and artists are on site at Comic Con each year, as well as more than forty actors from the television and movie industry. Comic Con offers big fun for kids young and old! For more information, visit www.motorcitycomiccon.com.

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