

MOTOR CITY COMIC CON 2017

May 19, 20 & 21, 2017

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Motor City Comic Con 2017 Goes “Totally Tubular” as 80’s Pop Culture Stars will be featured at Michigan’s #1 Pop Culture Event; More than 300 comic, TV and film stars from *The Breakfast Club*, *Sixteen Candles*, *Ferris Bueller’s Day Off*, *Pretty in Pink*, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, *The Incredible Hulk*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *WWE* and more to appear

Headliners include Ron Perlman, Michael Rooker, Rob Schneider, Lou Ferrigno, STING, Wil Wheaton, Sean Astin, Kelly Le Brock, Anthony Michael Hall, and many more
Tickets on sale for the May 19, 20 and 21 Comic Con at Suburban Collection Showplace

Novi, MI (April 4, 2017) – Bring your leg warmers and mullet hair – Motor City Comic Con is bringing back the stars from the 1980’s TV, film and comics, along with some of your current pop culture favorites. The excitement is building as Motor City Comic Con 2017 is announcing a new cast of comic and media guests for its 28th annual, three-day event and has opened ticket sales online. The weekend will feature stars from popular television series and films like *The Breakfast Club*, *Sixteen Candles*, *Ferris Bueller’s Day Off*, *Pretty in Pink*, *The Incredible Hulk*, *Saturday Night Live*, *I Dream of Jeannie* and many more current TV shows and films like, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Arrow*, *The Walking Dead*, *Gotham*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Sons of Anarchy*, *WWE*, and much more. Comic writers and artists include Dave Gibbons, Andy Lanning, Allen Bellman, and many others. Motor City Comic Con 2017 will take place **Friday, May 19 (12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.)**, **Saturday, May 20 (10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.)** and **Sunday, May 21 (10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)** at the Suburban Collection Showplace, located at 46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. Complete information about the event, tickets, panels and VIP passes is available at <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/>.

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 d’oeuvres for the public. Sunday is Kid’s Day featuring kid-friendly activities.

Here is a sampling of some of this year’s Motor City Comic Con media and comic guests:

[Allen Bellman](#): Began his career in comics as a teenager when he drew backgrounds for *Captain America* in 1942 and eventually worked on titles including: *The Patriot*, *The Destroyer*, *The Human Torch*, *Marvel’s Young Allies*, *Jap Buster Johnson* and *Jet Dixon of the Space Squadron*, and many more.

[Amy Jo Johnson](#): A film maker, musician and actor most known for her role as Kimberly Hart in the series *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*, Julie Emrick on the series *Felicity*, and Jules Callaghan on the award-winning series *Flashpoint*. Johnson recently launched her debut feature film *The Space Between*.

[Anthony Michael Hall](#): Known for his roles as Farmer Ted in *Sixteen Candles* and Brian Johnson in *The Breakfast Club*, Hall went on to become the youngest cast member in history on *Saturday Night Live*.

[Barbara Eden](#): Named one of America's 200 Greatest Pop Icons of the 20th Century, Eden is best known for her role as Jeannie on NBC's *I Dream of Jeannie* television series which ran for five seasons. Eden's memoir *Jeannie Out of The Bottle* was recently published and debuted as No. 14 on the New York Times Best Seller List.

[Big Van Vader](#): Known for his early wrestling career in Japan, Big Van Vader went on to also beat competitors throughout Europe and Mexico and eventually, leading him to three World Heavyweight Championships. Following his WWE career, Big Van Vader returned to All Japan Pro Wrestling to form a tag team with Stan Hansen.

[Dave Gibbons](#): A British comic book drawer and writer who has worked with comic publishers around the world. Some of his work includes: *Doctor Who*, *Superman*, *Batman*, *Green Lantern*, *Captain America*, *Doctor Strange*, *Hulk*, *Predator* and *Aliens*.

[Herbert Jefferson Jr.](#): An American film, television and stage actor best known for his role as Lieutenant Boomer on the original *Battlestar Galactica* TV series. Jefferson also appeared as Roy Dwyer in *Rich Man, Poor Man* and its sequel *Rich Man, Poor Man Book II*, Maxwell Fall in Emmy Award winning series *The Law*, Muntzy in *Knight Rider* (1982), among others.

[Ilan Mitchell Smith](#): An American academic and former actor best known as the co-star in *Weird Science*, Smith has also appeared in *The Wild Life*, *The Chocolate War* and *Superboy*. For the past 35 years, Smith has been a role-player/Dungeon Master, Miniatures gamer and Indie/Board gamer.

[John Barrowman](#): Singer, dancer, host and actor best known for his role as Malcolm Merlyn in the series *Arrow*. Barrowman's Malcolm Merlyn character has made guest appearances in *The Flash* as well as on the CW's *Reign*. He has hosted ABC's *Sing Your Face Off*, among other major events.

[Josh McDermitt](#): Comedian and star of AMC's *The Walking Dead*, McDermitt 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*.

[Karolyn Grimes](#): As a child actor, Grimes became best known for her role as Zuzu on the film *It's a Wonderful Life*. Grimes currently serves as the unofficial ambassador for the film, traveling the world and speaking at screenings, benefits, conventions, etc.

[Kelly Le Brock](#): An American actress and model known for her acting debut in *The Woman in Red*. She also appeared in *Weird Science*, *Hard to Kill*, *Betrayal of the Dove*, *Tracks of a Killer* and *Hard Bounty*.

[Khary Payton](#): Known as King Ezekiel on AMC's *The Walking Dead* and Aqualad in *Young Justice*. Payton has been a voice actor for characters such as DC comic book hero Cyborg, Specialist Wasabi from *Big Hero 6: The Series*, Grimlock from *Transformers: Robots in Disguise*, Azrael & Killer Croc in the *Batman: Arkham* franchise, among others.

[Kristy Swanson](#): Known for her appearances in *Pretty in Pink*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (1992), *Big Daddy*, *Knots Landing* (1987-1988), *Nightingales* (1989) and *B.L. Stryker* (1989), among others.

[Lou Ferrigno](#): Ferrigno is most known as playing the "Hulk" in the CBS series *The Incredible Hulk*. He has also appeared in other television shows, such as the CBS series *The King of Queens* and the film *I Love You, Man*.

Marky Ramone: Best known as the drummer (and last living member) of the legendary punk rock band the *Ramones*. In 2002, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and since then has been featured in the comic book TV series *Killogy* and appears in *Killogy: The Animated Series*.

Mena Suvari: Dubbed by People Weekly as an “All-American Girl,” Suvari is known for her film debuts in *Nowhere*, the *American Pie* film series and *American Beauty*. She also appeared in *Loser*, *Spun*, *Rumor Has It*, *Domino*, *American Horror Story* (2011), among others.

Michael Rooker: Best known as the blue-skinned alien Yondu Udonta in *Guardians of the Galaxy*, a role he will reprise in *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2*; and his role as Merle Dixon on *The Walking Dead*.

Rob Schneider: An American actor, comedian, screenwriter and director known for his sketch comedy series on *Saturday Night Live* as well as his starring comedy roles in *Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo*, *The Hot Chick*, *The Benchwarmers* and *Grown Ups*, among many others.

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*.

Ron Perlman: With a career spanning over three decades, Perlman has worked alongside diverse actors like Marlon Brando, Sean Connery, Dominique Pinon, Brad Dourif, Ed Harris, John Hurt, Jude Law, Christina Ricci, Federico Luppi, Sigourney Weaver, Michael Wincott and Elijah Wood. He is also known for his roles in *Hellboy* and *Hellboy II: The Golden Army*; biker chief Clarence Morrow on *Sons of Anarchy*, Norman Arbutnot in *The Last Supper* and vampire leader Reinhardt in *Blade II*, among others.

Sean Astin: An actor and author known for his film debut as Mikey in *The Goonies*, Astin held the title role in the *Rudy* film and as Sam Gamgee in the Academy Award winning trilogy *The Lord of the Rings*.

Sean Gunn: Best known for his role on *Gilmore Girls* as Kirk Gleason, Gunn can also be found reprising his role as Kraglin (Yondu’s right hand man) in *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2*.

Shannon Elizabeth: An American actress and former fashion model who is known for her comedy roles in *American Pie*, *Scary Movie* and *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*. She appeared in the horror films such as *Thirteen Ghosts*, *Cursed* and *Night of the Demons*.

STING: An American retired professional wrestler, actor, author, former bodybuilder and WWE Hall of Famer, he is regarded as one of the greatest professional wrestlers of all time. Sting earned 25 championships during his 30+ year career, including 21 between WCE and TNA.

Thomas Ian Nicholas: An American film actor, singer, musician, producer, director and writer best known for playing Kevin Myers in the *American Pie* series, Henry Rowengartner in *Rookie of the Year* and Walt Disney in *Walt Before Mickey*.

Wil Wheaton: An actor, writer and voice actor known for his roles in *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, *Flubber*, *The Guild*, *Eureka*, and *The Big Bang Theory*. He also appeared in *Stand by Me*, *Toy Soldiers* and *Criminal Minds*, among others.

Zack McGowan: Known for his role as Roan on the CW’s *The 100* and as Captain Charles Vane in the *Black Sails* series. McGowan’s character is planned to recur on *Agents of Shield* and as Shkelgim in Universal’s *Dracula Untold*.

Additional media and comic guest announcements are coming soon. For more information regarding Motor City Comic Con guests and events, visit www.motorcitycomiccon.com. For photo galleries, visit <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fye4o7g1iikkoj9/AADZZ0yXX2fKac-1kLS9Vt3Xa?dl=0>. To apply for a press pass, go to <http://motorcitycomiccon.com/press-passes-2016/>

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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 <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/>.

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