

THINGS TO DO

10 must-sees of Indiana Comic Con

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Carrie Fisher

Best known for her role as Princess Leia in the 'Star Wars' trilogy (and this December's "Star Wars: The Force Awakens"), Carrie Fisher has led a fascinating life beyond that galaxy far, far away. Novelist and screenwriter ("Postcards from the Edge"), playwright and autobiographer ("Wishful Drinking"), she also voices Peter Griffin's boss on "Family Guy."

Jim Steranko

Comic book artists tend to draw cool people; very few of these artists are cool themselves. Jim Steranko is the epitome of cool, both in life and on the page. After stints as a magician, escape artist and musician, he made Nick Fury and S.H.I.E.L.D. swing back in the '60s. In the early '80s, he went on to do production artwork for a little film called "Raiders of the Lost Ark," coming up with the iconic design of Indiana Jones.

Paige O'Hara

Quick: What was the first animated movie to be nominated for the Best Picture Academy Award? Without her voicing Belle — the intellectual young woman yearning for more than her quiet village — it's quite likely "Beauty & The Beast" wouldn't have succeeded to the degree it did. Besides voicing the character over two made-for-video sequels and several other appearances, she has made her mark in the art world with paintings of Belle as well as works inspired by Degas, da Vinci and others.

Billy West

If cultural impact were measured by the number of memes one is responsible for, Billy West may be the most important non-feline out there. The "Shut up and take my money!" image? That was West, voicing Fry on 'Futurama.' The GIF of Zoidberg yelling "Your (blank) is bad and you should feel bad!?" West again. He has had a long career in voice acting, from Popeye

to Ren and Stimpy to Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd. If it's an animated program with voice artists, odds are Billy West has been on it.

Denny O'Neil

With partner Neil Adams, Denny O'Neil saved Batman in the '70s, returning him to his "Dark Knight" roots after the Adam West television show made him a humorous hero. This was the Batman who would go on to inspire the Burton and Nolan films. O'Neil and Adams's stint on "Green Lantern/Green Arrow" also produced one of the most famous stories in comic-dom when they had Green Arrow's sidekick Speedy turn into a junkie.

Mark Waid

With a new 'Princess Leia' series out now and the rebooted Archie series due this summer, writer Mark Waid is a busy person. Having written more than 1,500 issues – spanning Marvel, DC and indie – he's also the co-owner of Aw Yeah Comics in Muncie, helping to sell the medium that keeps him and many other talented men and women employed.

Jason Momoa

The poorly-received "Conan the Barbarian" in 2011 could have been the end of his acting career, but Jason Momoa could not be denied, moving quickly to the role of Khal Drogo on HBO's "Game of Thrones." He is now finishing up his introduction as Aquaman in "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (due 2016), with "Justice League" and a standalone movie on deck.

Jenna Coleman

Almost as contentious as "Who is the best Doctor?" is the topic of "Who is the best companion?," the every-day man or woman who serves as proxy for the "Doctor Who" audience. Over two series and several special, with a third series set for later this year, Jenna Coleman has put her character Clara in the discussion, at least among the Doctor's post-1996 companions. Transitioning from the Matt Smith to Peter Capaldi eras, Clara has helped to smooth out the latter's rougher edges. (Useless-but-cool factoid from Wikipedia: she provided a voice for "Xenoblade Chronicles" on the Wii.)

Martin Leung

Much like how any kind of video game creation tool becomes a race to recreate World 1-1 from "Super Mario Bros.," musical talent combined with geekery becomes a test to reproduce Koji Kondo's classic Mario music. A video of Leung performing a medley of Mario music –

blindfolded – went viral, leading to him performing nationwide with a number of orchestras, including the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

1 to 2 p.m. Friday, Room 138

Attack on Titan Q&A

While the manga about a city trying to withstand an attack of mutated giants with a taste for human flesh has been running since 2009, the series really gained a foothold in the U.S. with the release of the first – and currently only – season of the anime. (A second season is set for 2016.) Brice Papenbrook (Eren the protagonist), Trina Nishimura (Eren's sister Mikasa) and Todd Haberkorn (Marlo the idealistic MP) will be on hand to answer your questions.

11 to 11:50 a.m. Saturday, Hall K

INDIANA COMIC CON

- **Where:** Indiana Convention Center, 100 S. Capitol Ave.
- **When:** Friday, March 13, through Sunday, March 15
- **Hours:** Friday, noon to midnight; Saturday, 10 a.m. to midnight; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Dealer room closes at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.)
- **Cost:** Friday- or Sunday-only, \$30; Saturday-only, \$35; three-day pass, \$60
- **Info:** indianacomicon.com

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