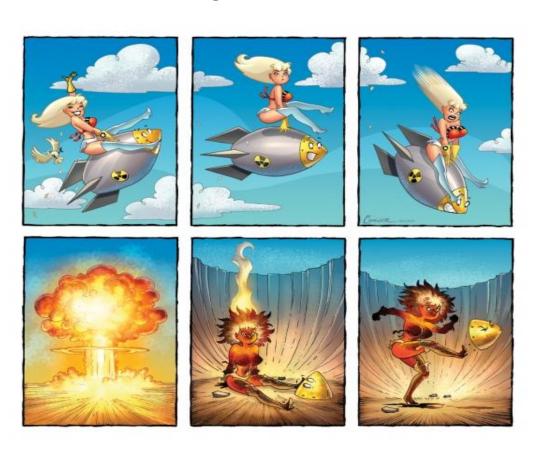


JIMMY PALMIOTTI CURATES "THE ART OF NARRATIVE" EXHIBIT



Stranger Factory is thrilled to announce The Art of Narrative, a group exhibition showcasing narrative-based art and illustration from an amazing group of critically acclaimed comic book and fine artists. Guest curated by writer and inker Jimmy Palmiotti (Deadpool, Ghost Rider, Jonah Hex, Punisher, Painkiller Jane), this exhibition celebrates a cross-section of artists and illustrators in the comics industry that not only are masters of storytelling, but that push and elevate comic art into a higher form and move it beyond its commercial graphics roots into pure art.

The exhibition will present original works by Gilbert Hernandez (Love and Rockets), Amanda Conner (Power Girl), Geoff Darrow (Shaolin Cowboy), Dave Taylor (Judge Dredd), Bill Ward (Torchy), Mike Mignola (Hellboy), Cliff Chiang (Wonder Woman), Brad Walker (Guardians of the Galaxy), John Buscema (Conan The Barbarian), Klaus Janson (Batman), Sanjulian (Devlin's Luck), Raffa Garres (Wolverine), J.G. Jones (Wanted), Chris Sprouse (Tom Strong), Eduardo Risso (100 Bullets), and more.

The opening reception is Friday, January 4th from 6 PM - 9 PM, and both Jimmy Palmiotti and Amanda Conner will be in attendance.



In conjunction with this exhibit, Stranger Factory will host a special 2-hour writing workshop with Palmiotti on Sunday, January 6th. Tickets are \$50 per person, and space is very limited. Palmiotti's workshop will discuss creating your own characters and intellectual property and how to sell and maintain it beyond the printed page. With Palmiotti's wide range of experience in writing and creating for comics, video games, television and films, attendees will have a chance to gain first-hand industry knowledge to help with their own careers. Palmiotti has worked with a number of the top publishers and intellectual property holders in the world, and during this workshop will offer artists valuable information and coaching on creating, protecting, and monetizing their work. To reserve your tickets, please contact strangerfactorysales@gmail.com as soon as possible.



Opening at the same time in the Project Room will be "Posthumous Menagerie", a solo exhibition by fine artist and toy designer <u>Brandt Peters</u>. Peters' has created thousands of iconic characters for his personal work and as development for entertainment companies such as MGM/Spyglass Ent., Kidrobot, Warner Brothers and more. In addition to new paintings, drawings, and sculptures he'll be releasing the third production colorway of his sofubi art toy, Stingy Jack. This "Old Timey" Jack colorway is limited to only 120 pieces, and will be offered at the show as an exclusive as well as other limited edition figures.



About <u>Jimmy Palmiotti</u>: Over the past 20 years, Jimmy Palmiotti has inked, created, and written many major series and developed several memorable characters. He has co-written <u>Jonah Hex</u> with long-time collaborator <u>Justin Gray</u> and is known for his work on series such as <u>Painkiller Jane</u> (which he co-created with Joe Quesada), <u>Daredevil</u>, <u>Punisher</u>, <u>Deadpool</u>, <u>Power Girl</u>, and many more.

A founder of publishing company <u>Event Comics</u>, Palmiotti has co-created Ash, Painkiller Jane, <u>Kid Death and Fluffy</u>, and <u>22 Brides</u>. Since making the jump to writing, he has worked on many titles including Deadpool, <u>Back to Brooklyn</u>, <u>The Resistance</u>, <u>Power Girl,21 Down</u>, and Jonah Hex. He has also written several graphic novels, acted as a writer and script consultant for the Sci-Fi channel show based on his character, Painkiller Jane, and co-scripted a Ghost Rider video game.

Palmiotti is a partner with frequent collaborators <u>Amanda Conner</u> and Justin Gray, in their company Paperfilms, Inc. He is also a partner in two other companies: <u>Black Bull Comics</u> and <u>Event Comics</u>.

About Brandt Peters: Brandt Peters is an internationally recognized artist, illustrator, character and toy designer. His work hearkens back to the earliest days of comics and animation, with a seeming simplicity that hides layers of intricate backstory. His unerring sense of composition, combined with a strong narrative thread that has consistently woven through all his work for the past decade, has made him a favorite of art and toy collectors the world over.

Peters (along with with his wife and partner, fine artist Kathie Olivas) has worked with such companies as MGM/Spyglass Ent., Kidrobot, Warner Brothers, and more, and is co-owner and founder of Circus Posterus, Stranger Factory and his newest Japanese toy partnership:

Tomenosuke + CP. He has designed and released dozens of toys and produced multiple sold-out solo exhibitions. His newest figure, Stingy Jack, is available exclusively through Circus Posterus, Stranger Factory and Japanese toy store and museum Tomenosuke-syoten.

About <u>Circus Posterus</u>: Circus Posterus began in 2000 as a small collective of fine artists, illustrators, gallery curators and collaborators working together to create exhibitions and art projects utilizing the diverse backgrounds of each of its members. The group officially evolved into an established company in 2007 by original founders Kathie Olivas and Brandt Peters, and features such internationally recognized talents as Chris Ryniak, Amanda Louise Spayd, Glenn Barr, DrilOne, and many more.

The internationally-recognized fine artist couple dedicated their diversified backgrounds in original artworks, toy design, printmaking, packaging, marketing, brand management, licensing and art event creation in order to create specialty products that allow other artists the time and motivation to expand their own markets.

About <u>Stranger Factory</u>: A unique, highly-visible gallery located in Nob Hill just off the historically famous Route 66 (Central Ave) in the heart of Albuquerque, NM, Stranger Factory is dedicated to bringing a new style of art to the area.

With their worldwide network of talent, Stranger Factory brings many incredible names in the post modern, pop surrealist and "lowbrow" art community to Albuquerque for the first time and also offers aspiring art collectors the opportunity to begin their collections with original works and editioned releases at affordable prices. The gallery is the official flagship retail outlet for all Circus Posterus goods, including original artwork, limited edition prints, art volumes, sculptural editions, apparel, as well as other gifts, novelties, designer toys, and curious objects of beauty and wonder!