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RENOWNED SUPERHERO ARTIST TO MAKE PERSONAL APPEARANCE IN SOHO GALLERY



NEW YORK, NY – August 30, 2004 – Comic Book Hall of Famer, Joseph Giella, will be the guest of honor at an opening reception for "Superheroes of the 20th Century" on Friday, September 10th at Animazing Gallery in SOHO. Six exclusive pieces will be showcased at the sale and exhibition highlighting the work of Alex Ross, the hottest Comic book "Superhero" artist on the planet. The cocktail reception is being held from 6-9 PM at 461 Broome Street, between Greene and Mercer. RSVPs are requested for this event. Admission is free.

Ross has created the cover art for hundreds of DC Comics and recently illustrated the opening sequence of the Spiderman movie. Ross's limited edition graphics, licensed by DC Comics, and published by Clampt Studio Collections, always sell out quickly in the select galleries that represent his work in the United States and around the world. Alex's talents have led to other projects, namely the creation of a limited-edition promotional poster for the 2002 Academy Awards.



Special guest of honor, Joseph Giella, will be on hand to meet and greet his fans, and give an original pen-and-ink drawing to every customer, as a gift with purchase.



In 1947, Giella started out as a staff inker for Marvel. In 1950, he began a 40 year career with DC Comics. During this time he drew all of the superheroes, including The Flash, Green Lantern, Batman, Superman, etc. In the mid-1960s, Giella drew the Batman newspaper strip for four years as Bob Kane's ghost artist.

Now, the recently published series of vintage comic books in hardcover sets have launched Joe's name out into the public like never before. Just last week DC Comics released two books illustrated by Giella: DC Presents Justice League of America, and DC Presents Batman. Both will be available and autographed during the reception.

Giella is still a working artist. He has been drawing and writing the Mary Worth newspaper strip for the last twelve years. He continues to do freelance work for DC Comics, and is considered to be one of their most renowned artists because of his talent, good nature and longevity. He has been invited to attend every annual Comic

convention in San Diego. Joe made an appearance in the “Bat mobile” with his friend Adam West at Animazing Gallery in 1999.

Animazing Gallery, New York’s Premier Animation Art Gallery, is owned and operated by Heidi Leigh and Nick Leone. Its’ showrooms are located in New York in Soho, Hastings on Hudson, Southampton, and on line at www.animazing.com. Leigh is a charter member of the Animation Art Guild, and is on the board of advisors for MoCCA, New York’s Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art. Her husband, Nick Leone was the Gallery Director of the Warner Bros. flagship Studio Store on Fifth Avenue, and currently is the Gallery Director of Animazing’s Soho location. Animazing Gallery features the finest collection of animation art from all major studios including Disney, Warner Brothers, Hanna-Barbera, Nickelodeon and Fox. For more information about Animazing Gallery, logon to <http://www.animazing.com>.