



## Greetings!

On behalf of the Board of the East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention, Incorporated (ECBACC, Inc.), it is with great pleasure that we announce the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention (ECBACC) with a reception occurring **Friday, May 14, 2010**, and the full convention **Saturday, May 15, 2010**, in Philadelphia, PA.

We will provide activities promoting literacy and creativity in youth, innovative workshops, informative panel discussions, exciting award presentations, and myriad activities. Listed below is an overview of the planned itinerary for ECBACC 2010.

### **The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention Reception and Kick-off**

Friday, May 14, 2010, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

African American Museum in Philadelphia

*Free Admission for Reception only*

We will honor comic book excellence by presenting the **Glyph Comics Awards**, which recognizes the best in comics made either by, for, or about African Americans. While the recipients of these awards are not exclusively authors and artists of African descent, the Glyph Comics Awards does its best to honor and recognize those creators making great contributions to the African image in graphic novel, comic strip and comic books. By doing so, we hope to encourage more diverse and high-quality work across the board and to inspire new creators to add their voices to the field.

### **The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention (ECBACC 2010)**

Saturday, May 15, 2010, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Hotel – Philadelphia Center City

*\$15.00 admission (Free for Youth 12 and under with paid Adult ticket)*

Tentative workshops: Writing, Drawing, Graphics/Technology, and the Business of Comics. Workshops are free to attendees with the price of admission. There will also be multiple panel discussions and an all-day marketplace to buy and sell comic books and related items.

**Special Note:** If you are interested in purchasing a table for the marketplace, please fill out the enclosed form and return to the mailing address listed by the specified deadline. For general information, please feel free to e-mail us at: [BlackAgeofComics@ecbacc.com](mailto:BlackAgeofComics@ecbacc.com).

Thank you,

*Yummy Odom*, President, ECBACC, Inc.

*Akinseye Brown*, Vice President, ECBACC, Inc.

*Stephanie Brandford*, Treasurer, ECBACC, Inc.



## **ARTIST & VENDOR REGISTRATION GUIDELINES**

ECBACC 2010 will be held on **Saturday, May 15, 2010**.

**Please note:** We expect you to complete your set-up at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the Convention. Vendors can set up starting 8:30 a.m. Marketplace hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration Deadline: **Wednesday, March 31, 2010**

Must be postmarked by **Wednesday, March 31, 2010**

The registration fee for one person with one exhibitor badge is **\$135**, which includes one **5' x 3'** table with one chair. The registration fee for three people with three exhibitor badges is **\$180**, which includes one **5' x 3'** table with two chairs **ONLY** to be rotated among the three attendees; no third chair allowed.

Late Registration Deadline: **Friday, April 30, 2010**

Must be postmarked by **Friday, April 30, 2010**

The late registration fee for one person with one exhibitor badge is **\$270**, which includes one **5' x 3'** table with one chair. The late registration fee for three people with three exhibitor badges is **\$360**, which includes one **5' x 3'** table with two chairs **ONLY** to be rotated among the three attendees; no third chair allowed.

### **NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

**CANCELLATIONS:** If you cancel your space reservation in the last 30 days before the opening day of the show, you will **NOT** receive a refund. Upon opening day of show, if you have not set-up or contacted convention management, after 9:30 AM your space will no longer be available, with no reimbursement to you.

Tables will be assigned during the registration period. Availability will be limited by the space and configuration restrictions of the Crowne Plaza Hotel – Philadelphia Center City. You will receive registration confirmation via email after receipt and review of the completed and signed registration form, full payment of selected fees, and samples of works for sale. To facilitate set-up, bring a copy of your confirmation email as proof of registration.

Electrical access is available at the venue for an additional cost of **\$25**. This is due upon payment of table registration fees.

Small easels are permitted and banners can be hung from the front of your table if they do not interfere with the professional on either side of you. **NO SOLICITATION IS ALLOWED OUTSIDE OF YOUR DESIGNATED SPACE.**



## **ARTIST & VENDOR REGISTRATION GUIDELINES (cont'd)**

ECBACC 2010 is a family-oriented show and we request that everyone take special care in the sale and display of adult material. If at any time you are asked by Convention Management to cover and/or remove an item from the view of our younger attendees, you must do so immediately, or you will be asked to leave the marketplace floor. If asked to leave, you will not receive a refund.

**We require that you submit a sample of your work with your application.** Samples may take the form of photographs of your items for sale or display and/or high resolution color photo copies of your book covers (please include 2-3 interior pages). ECBACC, Inc. reserves the right to decline a potential vendor's application due to his or her products that we may deem "not in kind with our convention codes/standards." There can be no product changes or product line additions after an application is filed, without the written consent of ECBACC, Inc.

Absolutely no selling of illegal or bootleg DVDs, CDs, or VHSs is permitted on Convention premises.

In our efforts to maintain a high level of professionalism in our marketplace, we ask that all vendors come prepared with the following:

- 1) Business cards and/or flyers with appropriate contact information, including a means to contact your company after ECBACC 2010
- 2) Staff / Volunteers that are professional in appearance and behavior
- 3) Products for exhibition and/or sale that are clean and professionally exhibited without exposed tape, staples, or other fastening
- 4) Customer bags large and durable enough to hold and carry sold products
- 5) Currency necessary to make change for customers
- 6) Set-up that hides storage of personal belongings, inventory, materials, and discards
- 7) Charged cell phone, if regular off-site contact is necessary

All trash, display items, leftover giveaways, decorations, etc., must be taken with you or placed in recycling or trash bins when you leave. If ECBACC, Inc. needs to clean your space after the Convention, you will be charged a base fee of **\$100** on future registrations.

Valet parking is available in a garage adjacent to the Crowne Plaza Philadelphia. Parking charges are the responsibility of the Sponsor/Exhibitor. Small items can be unloaded at the entrance to the garage and transported to the second floor. Larger items can be unloaded at the loading dock on Ludlow Street between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Hotel security staff and volunteers will be on the premises during the event day to assist with crowd management.



## **ARTIST & VENDOR REGISTRATION GUIDELINES (cont'd)**

ECBACC, Inc. will assume no responsibility for loss, injury, damage, or liability of any other kind, except as a result of ECBACC, Inc.'s own negligence. The Sponsor/Exhibitor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention, Incorporated, its officers, directors, and agents from any and all claims including, but not limited to, those based upon property damages, personal injuries, taxes and/or loss, in any way related to Sponsor's/Exhibitor's participation in the Convention, and resulting from Sponsor's/Exhibitor's negligence, including reasonable attorney's fees. Sponsors/Exhibitors are encouraged to remove all valuables from their booths after the close of the Convention on Saturday, May 15, 2010. The East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention, Incorporated, and its officers, directors, and agents assume no liability for loss of or damage to exhibitor's property, except where such loss or damage is the result of ECBACC, Inc.'s own negligence.



**ARTIST & VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM**  
 Please complete and print clearly in all sections of this form

Name (badge #1):			
Name (badge #2):			
Name (badge #3):			
Company Name (for listing):			
Item(s) you will sell: <i>We require that you submit a sample of your work with your application.</i>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> My work contains adult material (Must be obscured from casual view)		
Street Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
E-Mail Address:			
Website:			

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 Please reserve \_\_\_ standard table(s) for \$180.00 with three exhibitor badges. *(Indicate how many)*  
 Please provide \_\_\_ electrical access plug(s) for \$25.00. *(Indicate how many)*

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 Please provide \_\_\_ electrical access plug(s) for \$25.00. *(Indicate how many)*

**Payment must be made in full at the time of registration.**

Make check or money order payable to: ECBACC, Inc. (Tables)  
 Total fee(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1735 Market Street, Suite A513  
 \_\_\_ *Check here if payment was submitted online* Philadelphia, PA 19103

ECBACC, Inc. reserves the right to refuse any application deemed inappropriate at our discretion. Please review the guidelines carefully prior to signing this form. By signing the registration form, the Sponsors/Exhibitors confirm that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by ALL rules, regulations, and limitations of liability outlined in this document:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_