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## THE 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EAST COAST BLACK AGE OF COMICS CONVENTION

**Philadelphia, PA – In its 24<sup>th</sup> year, The East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention (ECBACC Philly)**, which sponsors Philadelphia's premiere Black comic book convention, will once again celebrate the myriad worlds of quantum sci-fi & superheroes. This year, on Saturday, May 17, 2025, ECBACC Philly returns to The Temple University Student Faculty Center / 3340 N. Broad St. from 11a.m. – 7p.m. with a spectacular day of networking, panel discussions, a comic book marketplace, and youth / adult workshops. Admission is **FREE**. Youth age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. ECBACC, founded by Philly Ambassador Mr. Yumy Odom, is a pioneering initiative, giving Black heroes, super-powered characters, their creators, and fans a voice in the comic book industry.

Over the past 2 decades, ECBACC has kept the spotlights on an array of the best and brightest, pioneers, veterans and emerging creators, writers, illustrators, filmmakers, publishers, and visionaries. This year's guests include: Alex Simmons (co-Creator of Tell the Damn Story Podcast); Ryan Chris (co-Creator of Tell the Damn Story Podcast); Guy Sims (co-Creator of Brotherman); William H. Foster III (Celebrated Comic Book Historian); Maurice Waters (Founder Black Sci-Fi.com); Tony Isabella (DC - Creator of Black Lightning; and Marvel – Creator of Misty Knight & Black Goliath); Shawn Alleyne (Founder of Pyroglyphics Studio / Xion Hour); Aaron Beatty (Founder of Heruary); Greg Anderson-Elysée (Is'Nana: The Were-Spider); Christine Churchwell (Award-winning Cosplayer); N. Steven Harris (Watson & Holmes / Ajala / The Fringe); Naseed Gifted (Founder of Khem Comic Book Festival – Newark, NJ); Bill Johnson (Actor, Model, AfriCozer); Roxanne Whitney (Model, Cosplay Queen); Lynne Marie Finley (Founder Kollektive VibeZ); Damian Duffy (co-Author Black Comix: African American Independent Comics, Art & Culture); Meki Ra (Arthawk Entertainment); Nakia Dillard (Founder Aikan Acts); Dylan Caleho (Illustrator); Kaloni Davis (Writer, Director); Cercee Renée Murphy (Author of The Chronicles of Ada St. James); Thillot Molombo (Creator of Zairoo); Lindo & Enoch (Spoken Word); and an amazing array of vendors.

On tap for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: *The Kids' Library Zone / The Superhero Learning Zone*, which will feature comic book-themed activities open to all young people who attend the Convention and offer children a chance to learn arts & crafts, music, storytelling and how to take their own ideas and create superheroes and comic books; *ECBACC Professional Workshops and Panels*; *The ECBACC Marketplace*; and *The AfriCoz / AfriCoz Kids Contests* celebrating Black Age and Africana characters in comic books, sci-fi, fantasy and film.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, THE FULL LIST OF PANELISTS & ARTISTS, VISIT:  
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## THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GLYPH COMICS AWARDS (GCA) CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE IN THE INDUSTRY

**FREE**  
**RECEPTION & AWARDS PROGRAMS AT THE TEMPLE UNIVERSITY STUDENT  
FACULTY CENTER**

**Philadelphia, PA - "The City of Firsts"** - Philly has long been recognized as a place that has provided fertile ground for a number of artistic efforts, including music, dance, mural-making, storytelling and comic book creation. In fact, brothers Orrin and George Evans created the first Black comic book in Philadelphia in 1947: All-Negro Comics #1. ECBACC, the first full-service Comic Book Convention and the model for community-based comic book conventions, diversi-cons and ethno-cons, has successfully cultivated balanced images of Africana [Black] superheroes, and has served as a nexus, conduit and catalyst for Black comic book creators, their colleagues and fans since 2002. For the past 24 years, ECBACC has paid tribute to this important legacy, promoted the work of veteran as well as up-and-coming artists, and served as a wellspring of collaborative efforts among comic book creators. **"The place to meet and network with Black comic book publishers, artists, writers, their colleagues and their fans is at ECBACC," says ECBACC, Inc. Vice-President and Event Coordinator Mr. Akinseye Brown.** "ECBACC is the place to be."

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Glyph Comics Awards (GCA), the nation's first international award of its kind**, will be hosted on Friday evening, May 17, 2024, from 5:30p.m. – 7:30p.m., the day before the full Convention, at The Temple University Student Faculty Center / 3340 N. Broad St. The Glyphs recognizes the best in Black-themed comic books, comic strips, web-comics and graphic novels. Categories include: Best Artist, Best Writer, Best Cover, Best Comic Strip or Web-Comic, Best Female Character, Best Male Character, Rising Star, Best Reprint Publication, Story of the Year, and Fan Award for Best Comic. While it is not exclusive to Black creators, it does strive to honor those who have made the greatest contributions to the comic book medium in terms of both critical and commercial impact.

**Who will take home the new Glyph Award medallion this year? Join us at The Temple University Student Faculty Center / 3340 N. Broad St. on Friday evening, May 16, 2024 / 5:30p.m. to find out.**



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