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CARTOON CROSSROADS COLUMBUS (CXC) Welcomes Sõl-Con: The Black & Brown Comix Expo 2015

July 6, 2015 – Cartoon Crossroads Columbus (CXC), a comics festival set for Columbus, Ohio on October 1-3, is pleased to welcome to CXC Weekend **Sõl-Con: The Black & Brown Comix Expo 2015**. Sõl-Con is scheduled for Oct. 2-4 with an opening reception on Oct. 1.

A combination of sizable Expo, how-to workshops and panels for every conceivable audience, Sõl-Con is hosted by OSU's Office of Diversity and Inclusion and is co-founded by Frederick Luis Aldama, Arts and Humanities Distinguished Scholar and Founder Of LASER at The Ohio State University; John Jennings, Professor of Visual Studies at SUNY-Buffalo; and Ricardo Padilla, Co-Founder of the Latino Comix Expo.

Co-sponsors include the Billy Ireland Cartoons Library and the Popular Culture Studies department at The Ohio State University.

"We're thrilled that Sõl-Con is taking place on Ohio State's campus during CXC weekend," CXC Festival Director Tom Spurgeon said. "They're putting together a great show with an excellent guest list, making for more events worth visiting during CXC."

"One of our big goals when we started working on CXC was that various institutions in Columbus would step up with comics related events of their own, to make this a truly city-wide festival. We were thrilled to hear about Sõl-Con doing just that. We hope to help Sõl-Con throw a spotlight on these sometimes neglected artistic communities."

Kicking off with an opening reception in MLK Jr. Hall on October 1, Sõl-Con plans include a daily Expo in that same space with a number of Latino and Black creators on hand, and multiple panels, workshops and presentations running concurrently, many of which will be aimed at a student-aged audience. They also plan to show screenings of related material in their late afternoon slot.

Guests of Sōl-Con 2015 include cartoonist Jaime Hernandez, Lalo Alcaraz, Rafael Rosado, Rafael Navarro, Afua Richardson, Jerry Craft, Turtel Onli and academics such as Jonathan Gray and Qiana Whitted.

for further information on Sōl-Con, including up to date information on guests, exhibitors and programming, contact Frederick Luis Aldama at aldama.1@osu.edu or visit the convention's web site at <http://go.osu.edu/SolCon>

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