

## Programming • Second Level • Room 210

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

11:00 AM  
**HOW TO MAKE ZINES AND MINI COMICS**  
(with Birdie Birdashaw)

Learn about breaking into the world of small press publishing. Making your own comics and zines is a lot of work but it's also a lot of fun. Learn from someone with over 25 years of publishing experience on how to get started!

12:30 PM  
**SKETCH UP! LIVE!** Hosted by Mog Park

A select group of artists from the show will draw FREE sketches using live audience suggestions. Moderated by Mel B, fans will be entertained and engaged with stories about the comic book industry, how to break in, where to draw first, and what not to do when submitting to publishers.

2:00 PM  
**THE CARE & FEEDING OF BABY AUTHORS**  
(with Kendrai Meeks)

Thinking of publishing your first book? Congrats! You're expecting... to become an indie author. Much like actual parenthood, it's equal parts exhilarating, overwhelming, and occasionally covered in metaphorical spit-up. This panel is your crash course in navigating the early stages of indie publishing with your sanity (mostly) intact, with a little tough-but-gentle love along the way. Geared toward first-timers and the indie-curious, this panel walks you through what to expect when you're launching your writing career into the world—minus the sleepless nights.

3:30 PM  
**HOW TO TURN YOUR HOBBY INTO A BUSINESS**  
(with Justin Hansen)

If you're looking to take your hobby to the next level and create a full-time business out of it, this panel is for you. Justin will break down how to separate your hobby/growing business and build that into something that is profitable, as well as how to keep building that going forward.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

11:00 AM  
**PUNK ROCK COMICS**  
(with Birdie Birdashaw)

Learn about the history of punk rock comics, alternative comics and how they have shaped the culture of comics and pop culture.

12:15 PM  
**WHAT THE HECK IS A PRODUCTION PIPELINE?**  
(with Renae Bishop (The Evil Nae))

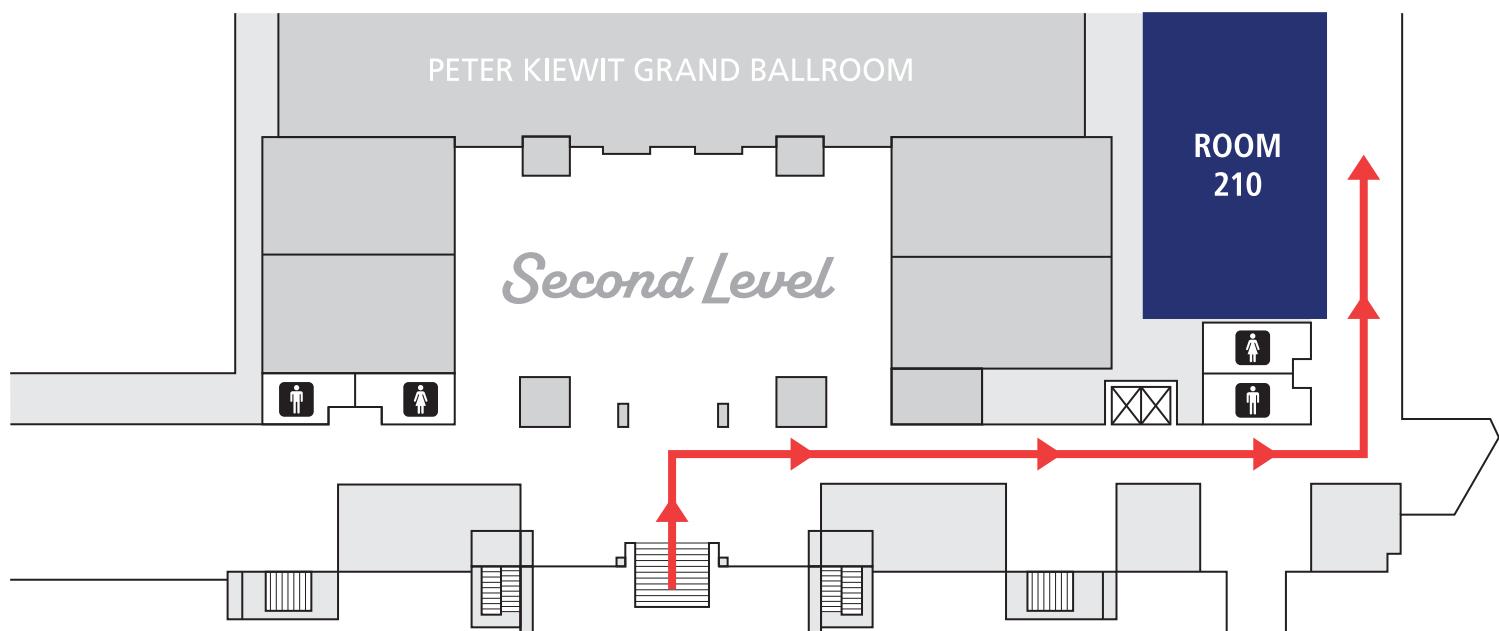
The heck is a production pipeline!? Join The Evil Nae (creator of the webcomic "The Fantasy Book Club") and learn how to leverage some corporate-speak word-salad to help you manage your productivity as a solo indie comic creator. Stay motivated, establish reasonable expectations, and make your project come to life!

1:30 PM  
**SILVER AGE "SUPERHEROES" IN SCRUBS: COMICS STARRING DOCTORS AND NURSES**  
(with David Palmer)

The Silver Age brought forth many wonderful and sometimes strange features and characters. There was a sense of wonder and experimentation. Anything was possible. In the first half of the 1960s many publishers experimented with series featuring "real life" medical personnel in life and death situations. Many of these series were based on popular television shows such as Ben Casey and Dr. Kildare. On the newsstands medical drama and romance rubbed elbows with the burgeoning genre of superheroes. Alas, after a short boom, they faded away, but nonetheless remain an interesting piece of the history of the comic book. This promises to be an educational and fun exploration of a forgotten aspect of comic books.

2:45 PM  
**CAN I KICK IT? CENTERING BLACK NERD JOY IN COMICS, FANTASY, AND SCI-FI**  
(with Jade Rogers)

A love letter, a call to action, and a deep dive into the worlds we love. From epic space operas to sprawling superhero sagas, we will center the voices, visions, and stories of Black nerds with a joyful reminder that we've always been here.



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