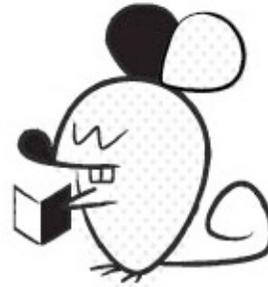


# MICE 2011

Massachusetts Independent Comics Expo



## MICE, Boston's Independent Comics Show Returns!

Second annual Massachusetts Independent Comics Expo moves to a new location in Cambridge on September 24th.

*A day of independent comics exhibitors and panel discussions,  
plus original art show.*

**WHAT:** MICE, the Massachusetts Independent Comics Expo

**WHEN:** September 24, 2011, 10am-6pm

**WHERE:** University Hall, Lesley University,  
1815 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge (Porter Square), 2nd floor

**ADMISSION:** Free

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MICE, the Massachusetts Independent Comics Expo, returns for a second year on September 24th, from 10 AM–6 PM, in a new location. The Second Floor Atrium of University Hall, at Lesley University's Porter Square campus in Cambridge, will be the site of the Boston area's only show dedicated to independent and alternative comics, small publishers, webcomics and 'zines.

The event also includes an exhibit of original comic art and a day-long series of panel discussions which will focus on the growing interaction of comics and graphic novels with other spheres of modern culture. Admission to the show and all related events will be free.

This year's MICE will once again be presented by the Boston Comics Roundtable, a local collective of comics creators, and the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University. The move to the Porter Square location was prompted by the success of last year's show, which raised intense interest among the comics community in New England to take part in MICE 2011. This year, MICE will welcome nearly 100 exhibitors, the vast majority being small press or self-publishing independent artists.

While most comics conventions around the country are turning into major media events, MICE will offer an intimate and relaxed environment in which comics fans and newcomers alike – of all ages – can be introduced to new and unusual works, as well as meet the creators and learn firsthand about independent comics and the individuals and communities that produce them.

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MICE's exhibitors will present handmade art comics, original graphic novels, quirky mini-comics, and out-of-the-mainstream takes on comic book genres like superheroes, science fiction and fantasy, as well as a variety of prints, posters and related crafts.

While most of the comics on view at MICE are Boston-area products, exhibitors will converge from around New England and surrounding states. There will be a sizable contingent from the Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction, Vermont, as well as members of a comics collective from Philadelphia.

Additionally, MICE will offer a day-long program of panel discussions and workshops. Panel topics will include:

- **COMICS IN THE CLASSROOM II: Beyond Maus and Persepolis**
- **COMICS AND SOCIAL CHANGE**
- **SMART COMICS FOR KIDS**
- **PROJECT: ROOFTOP: Indy artist makeovers for mainstream superheroes**
- **THE FUTURE OF COMICS: Sequential art in the digital age.**
- **COMICS AND COLLABORATION: Strategies for successful writer/artist teamwork**

MICE will also present

**COMIC ART NEW ENGLAND:** An exhibition of original and digital art.

From September 10th–October 16th, the Atrium Gallery will present an ongoing display of original comic pages by exhibitors at MICE and other area comic artists. The exhibit will include work in traditional illustration media such as pen, brush and ink, as well as examples of watercolor and collage comics, and prints from digitally created work such as webcomics.

### **About the Boston Comics Roundtable**

Formed in 2006, the Boston Comics Roundtable brings local cartoonists and writers together to collaborate, workshop and socialize. Among BCR's publications are *Inbound*, an anthology of Boston-area independent comics, *Outbound*, a science-fiction comics anthology, and the upcoming 2nd issue of the horror anthology, *Hellbound*. If you're in the Boston metro area, join us for our next meeting. Visit [www.bostoncomicsroundtable.com](http://www.bostoncomicsroundtable.com) for more information.

### **About the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University**

The Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University is a college of visual arts, located in the student-friendly Kenmore/Fenway area of Boston. We offer the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the two-year Advanced Professional Certificate, the low residency Master of Fine Arts degree, as well as continuing and professional education, intensive workshops, and pre-college courses.