



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 11th Annual East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention (ECBACC) with a reception occurring **Friday, May 18, 2012**, and the full convention **Saturday, May 19, 2012**, 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 2012.

The 11th Annual East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention Reception and Kick-off

Friday, May 18, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

African American Museum in Philadelphia / 701 Arch Street / Philadelphia, PA 19106

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 11th Annual East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention (ECBACC 2012)

Saturday, May 19, 2012, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

The Enterprise Center / 4548 Market Street / Philadelphia, PA 19139

\$10.00 admission (Free for Youth 12 and under with paid Adult ticket)

Tentative workshops: Writing, Drawing, 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.

Thank you,

Yumy Odom, President, ECBACC, Inc.

Akinseye Brown, Vice President, ECBACC, Inc.

Shenkarr Davis, Secretary, ECBACC, Inc.

Stephanie Brandford, Treasurer, ECBACC, Inc.



ARTIST & VENDOR REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

ECBACC 2012 will be held on **Saturday, May 19, 2012**.

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 9:30 a.m. Marketplace hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration Deadline: **Friday, April 13, 2012**

Must be postmarked by **Friday, April 13, 2012**

The registration fee for one person with one exhibitor badge is **\$100**, which includes one **5' x 3'** table with one chair. The registration fee for three people with three exhibitor badges is **\$150**, which includes one **5' x 3'** table with two chairs **ONLY** to be rotated among the three attendees; no third chair allowed.

Wait List Registration Period Begins: **Saturday, April 14, 2012**

The wait list registration fee for one person with one exhibitor badge is **\$200**, which includes one **5' x 3'** table with one chair. The wait list registration fee for three people with three exhibitor badges is **\$300**, 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 confirmed 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 10:30 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 Enterprise Center. 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.

In the event that the venue cannot accommodate additional tables, you will be notified of your registration being in wait list status. Should any cancellations be received, registrations in wait list status will be confirmed as replacements in the order that all requirements were completed. Registrations in wait list status as of the start of the convention will have payment refunded in the manner it was received.



ARTIST & VENDOR REGISTRATION GUIDELINES (cont'd)

Electrical access is available at the venue for an additional cost of **\$20**. This is due upon payment of table registration fees. Availability is limited and will be allocated in order of completion of all registration requirements. This service cannot be guaranteed after the registration deadline.

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.**

ECBACC 2012 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 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 2012
- 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.



ARTIST & VENDOR REGISTRATION GUIDELINES (cont'd)

Limited parking is available in an outdoor lot adjacent to The Enterprise Center. Parking availability is limited; early arrival is recommended. Items can be unloaded at the atrium entrance to the parking lot and transported to the first floor marketplace.

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

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 19, 2012. 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 or image of your work with your application.</i>			
	___ 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 \$100.00 with one exhibitor badge. *(Indicate how many)*

Please reserve ___ standard table(s) for \$150.00 with three exhibitor badges. *(Indicate how many)*

Please provide ___ electrical access plug(s) for \$20.00. *(Indicate how many)*

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

Make check or money order payable to: ECBACC, Inc. (Tables)
 1735 Market Street, Suite A513
 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Total fee(s): \$ _____
 ___ *Check here if payment was submitted online* Fax number: (877) 849-2522
 Drop box: <https://www.transferbigfiles.com/dropbox/ECBACC2012>

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: _____