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Dallas Comic Con Celebrates 10th Anniversary With Largest Show In Event History This May

IRVING, Texas (May 3, 2012) – Actors Patrick Stewart, Val Kilmer and TV's original Dynamic Duo – Adam West and Burt Ward – join a long list of comic artists and media guests to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Dallas Comic Con (DCC) on May 19 – 20 at the <u>Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas</u> (ICCLC).

Presented by legendary comic book writer and former president of Marvel Comics, Stan Lee, this year's DCC brings comic enthusiasts the largest show in event history.

"This is definitely our biggest show thus far," said producer Ben Stevens. "Not only do we have a huge lineup of artists, actors and other guests, but we're using every square foot of the convention center so we can bring in new and exciting surprises for fans. There will be more things than ever for them to do and see at this show."

Comic artists attending this year include Neal Adams, co-founder of Continuity Comics, and legendary artist of *Batman, Conan the Barbarian, Green Arrow, Superman* and *X-Men; Superman* artist George Perez, also known for *Wonder Woman*; Len Wein, co-creator of *Wolverine* and *Swamp Thing*; and Marvel artist, Arthur Suydam, award-winning creator of the smash hit series, *Marvel Zombies*.

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Lee charges a fee for autographs, and many show artists draw small sketches for a fee. Most other artists including actor Kevin Conroy, the voice of "Batman/Bruce Wayne" (in both animated film and video games), sign autographs at no charge throughout the weekend.

Topping this year's guest list for the fans of *Star Trek, Star Wars, Batman* and the recent hit movie, *The Hunger Games*, are actors Patrick Stewart and Val Kilmer.

Stewart is best known to sci-fi fans as *Star Trek's* "Capt. Jean-Luc Picard" and "Professor Charles Xavier" in the *X-Men* movies and video games. Kilmer took on the iconic lead role in 1995's *Batman Forever*, played "Doc Holliday" in *Tombstone* and nailed the role of "Jim Morrison" in Oliver Stone's *The Doors*.

Other media guests include actors Adam West and Burt Ward, aka "Batman" and "Robin" in the 1960s Batman TV series; actress Kristanna Loken from Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines; John de Lancie, who starred in both Star Trek: The Next Generation and Stargate SG-1; and Dallas native Tim Taylor, who plays "The Gamekeeper" in The Hunger Games.

DCC welcomes back to the show *Star Wars* fans' perennial favorites Dave Prowse, who played the villainous "Darth Vader" in the original trilogy; Jeremy Bulloch, portrayer of favorite bounty hunter "Boba Fett;" and Englishman-turned-Texan Peter Mayhew, best known as the gruff and lovable sidekick, "Chewbacca."

During the two-day event, actors are available to sign autographs, talk with fans and answer questions during special panel discussions. As space allows, panel discussions are free to attend, excluding fees charged for autographs. For a separate fee, fans may have their photo taken with select actors by a professional photographer.

In addition to meeting actor and artist favorites, fans also have access to more than 200 exhibitor booths filled with comic books, movie memorabilia, old and new toys, clothing, and other merchandise.

DCC daily admission is \$25 on Saturday and \$20 on Sunday when purchased at the Irving Convention Center box office. VIP and Priority passes for are sold out. Show hours are 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 20.

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For a complete list of artists, their works, celebrity schedules, and full event information, visit <u>dallascomiccon.com</u>. Downloadable images are available for use in promoting DCC, including images from past C2 Ventures' events, on the <u>DCC website</u>. To receive media passes or schedule an interview, please contact Kathy A. Goolsby at k_goolsby@tx.rr.com or (817) 319-9936.

About C2 Ventures:

C2 Ventures is a partnership of long-time *STAR WARS* fans Ben Stevens and Philip Wise. Since 2001, C2 Ventures has been the most trusted name in *STAR WARS* autographs, providing more authentic autographs to fans than any other provider worldwide. We produced the massive autograph program at the official *STAR WARS* Celebration II in 2002, Celebration III in 2005, Celebration IV in 2007, Celebration Japan in 2008 and Celebration V in 2010.

C2 Ventures continues to work closely with more than 100 celebrities from the *STAR WARS* Universe, including Mark Hamill, James Earl Jones, Carrie Fisher, Christopher Lee, Anthony Daniels and Samuel L. Jackson, to provide or produce special appearances at conventions and retail stores, authentic autograph signings on your product or our licensed photos, special events, exclusives, and more.

About the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas

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