

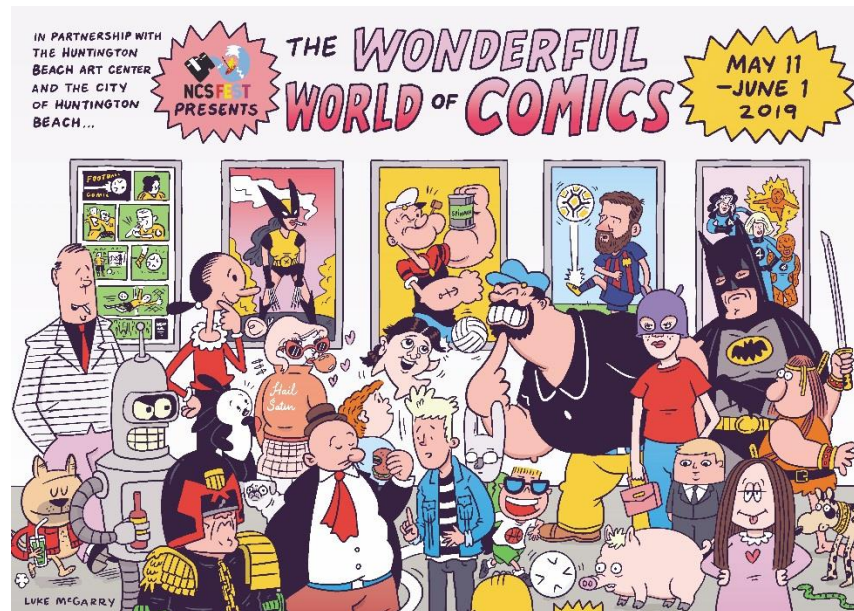


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**In Partnership with the City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Art Center  
NCSFest Presents: The Wonderful of Comics at the Huntington Beach Art Center**



Artwork by Luke McGarry.

In Partnership with the City of Huntington Beach, the Huntington Beach Art Center welcomes the inaugural **NCSFest, International Comic Arts Festival** to Southern California. NCSFest is a celebration of comics and cartoon art from all over the world. Based on the comic art festivals that are hugely popular in Europe, the festival will be held over the weekend of May 17-19, 2019.

The Huntington Beach Art Center will host **NCSFest Presents: The Wonderful World of Comics**, May 11 – June 1, 2019 during the festival. The installation demonstrates the incredible range of comic art with three bodies of work produced for the exhibition by renowned comic artists. Thought-provoking, fascinating and funny, the exhibit will prove that there's more to comics than just superheroes.

*90 Years of Popeye* will showcase art and artifacts from nearly a century of the beloved sailor man's antics along with contemporary artist's presenting their take on the iconic character. *Hero(ine)s* reimagining classic comic characters as female icons. *Playing for a Draw* celebrating the history and creativity of soccer comics and illustration across the world.

There will also be a series of exhibition-related events at the Arts Center throughout the weekend including signing sessions and a free, exclusive caricature masterclass with top MAD Magazine cartoonist, Tom Richmond.

NCSFest is presented in partnership with the City of Huntington Beach, the Lakes International Comic Art Festival, Lyon BD Festival, and the French Comics Association. Hundreds of the world's most

celebrated creators are expected to attend the three-day event, participating in seminars, exhibitions, workshops, panel discussions and signing sessions, the vast majority of which will be free to the public. Downtown Huntington Beach will be the setting, with all events staged beachside, on the iconic pier, at the city's Arts Center and library and in local hotels and businesses, all within easy walking distance.

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**Huntington Beach Art Center Information**

*Gallery Hours*

T-Th: 12-8PM | Fr: 12-6PM | Sat: 12-5PM

Closed Sun, Mon & most holidays.

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