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The International Comic Arts Forum to hold 16th Annual Conference at the University of Oregon from May 23-25, 2013 with guest artists Fábio Moon and Gabriel Bá

The International Comic Arts Forum (ICAF) is very pleased to announce that the University of Oregon will host the forum's next academic conference from May 23-25, 2013 at the White Stag Building in Portland, Oregon. A call for conference papers will be forthcoming this September.

Since 1995, ICAF has been dedicated to promoting the scholarly study and appreciation of comic art, including comic strips, comic books, comics albums and graphic novels, magazine and newspaper cartooning, caricature, and comics in electronic media. The forum provides a supportive, collegial environment to showcase innovative comics scholarship and comic art for critics, historians, teachers, and comics professionals from around the world. For more information on ICAF's mission, previous programs, and scholarships, visit: <http://www.internationalcomicartsforum.org>.

ICAF is proud to welcome the University of Oregon as its host institution in 2013. This premiere public university will begin offering a new undergraduate minor in Comics and Cartoon Studies in Fall 2012 under the direction of Professor Ben Saunders. The interdisciplinary minor, the first of its kind in the country, emphasizes the international history, interpretation, and appreciation of the comic art form. The Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art also supports the development of Comics Studies on campus through exhibitions and public lectures. Previous ICAF conferences have been held at the Center for Cartoon Studies in Vermont, School of the Art Institute in Chicago, Georgetown University, and the Small Press Expo in Maryland. Additional information about the University of Oregon and its new Comics and Cartoon Studies program can be found by visiting: <http://comics.uoregon.edu>.

Brazilian artists and twin brothers, Fábio Moon and Gabriel Bá, have also been confirmed as guest presenters for ICAF 2013. The winners of multiple Eisner Awards, Moon and Bá are best known for their work together on the series *Casanova* and *Daytripper*. Learn more about Brazil's self-proclaimed "Wonder Twins" at their blog: <http://fabioandgabriel.blogspot.com>. Updates on guest artists and other conference information can be found on the ICAF Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/icafcomic>.

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