

## **International Comics Art Forum Granted Non-Profit Status**

The International Comics Art Forum is proud to announce it is now officially a non-profit organization with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. Contributions donated to ICAF are fully tax-deductible. ICAF is also now eligible to apply for government and foundation grants, which will further broaden its access to resources and strengthen its ability to promote international comic art and scholarship.



Obtaining 501(c)(3) status is a major milestone for ICAF since it opens many doors for us to expand fundraising activities to organize our annual international conference and to fully support our mission and our aim:

- to foster recognition of comic art as an international phenomenon, both by seeking common ground between various world traditions and by exploring the crucial differences between them;
- to welcome a multidisciplinary and pluralistic approach to the study of comic art, with due attention to larger cultural, political, literary and artistic contexts;
- to encourage discussion and collaboration among academics, independent scholars, comics professionals, and the wider public;
- to provide an accessible showcase for innovative comics scholarship and comic art, with special emphasis on traditions hitherto neglected in English-language studies.

ICAF's Tax Identification Number (EIN) is 81-0803998. The IRS letter granting ICAF its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is available upon request. Donation inquiries can be sent via email to: [icafcomic@gmail.com](mailto:icafcomic@gmail.com).