Local Indie Comic Makers Hold Workshops
at Vancouver Art Gallery's Family Fuse

VANCOUVER –CANADA — Cloudscape Comics, Vancouver's indie comic collective, will be offering hands-on workshops on the art of comic creation at the Vancouver Art Gallery's Family Fuse, March 2-3, 2013.

The event coincides with the Vancouver Art Gallery's current Art Spiegelman exhibit, "CO-MIX: A Retrospective of Comics, Graphics, and Scraps," and will be a chance for aspiring cartoonists young and old to learn how to make their own comics and meet some of Vancouver's prominent comic creators. Underground comics veteran Colin Upton, webcartoonist Ed Appleby, multimedia author Bevan Thomas, and many others will be hosting workshops to guide visitors through all stages of the comic creation process.

Jeff Ellis, Cloudscape's founder, is thrilled at the opportunity for his organization to be part of the Family Fuse event. "Since publishing our first anthology in 2008, the interest in comics has exploded," says Ellis, "and the fact that the Vancouver Art Gallery is featuring the work of comics legend Art Speigelman shows the kind of attention this medium is finally receiving."

Along with comics workshops, Family Fuse will also offer a wide variety of other activities and performances for the whole family, including the music of Ostwelve, the shadow puppetry of Mind of a Snail, and the breakdancing of the Now or Never Crew. This is a great way to experience the wide variety of talented independent artists that Vancouver has to offer!

In 2008, Cloudscape Comics published the graphic novel anthology *Robots, Pine Trees & Broken Hearts,* which

was the first of what became yearly anthologies, each with its own theme. Now Cloudscape is preparing to publish its seventh anthology, *Waterlogged*, and its membership is the largest of any BC comic society; it includes such diverse creators as manga artist Chloe Chan, book illustrator Scot Ritchie, underground comics veteran Colin Upton, Angela Melick of the popular humour webcomic *Wasted Talent*, and three receivers of the Xeric grant for graphic novels: Wei Li, Jonathon Dalton, and Steve LeCouilliard. Each member contributes his or her own style and artistic vision to the anthologies, resulting in a wide range of stories and style.

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