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**TOP COW ANNOUNCES 2008 NEW YORK COMIC-CON
GUESTS, EXCLUSIVES AND PANEL**

TOP COW AT NEW YORK COMIC-CON

Publisher will proudly host 'Wanted' director Timur Bekmambetov, actor Seth Green and welcomes Croatia-based 'Witchblade' artist Stjepan Sejic to his first U.S. convention

LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 14, 2008 – Top Cow Productions Inc. announced its schedule today for this weekend's New York Comic-Con, a comics and pop culture extravaganza to be held at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City from April 18 - 20.

Top Cow will set up shop at Booth #1506 and heads into the convention with a diverse list of guests, headlined by *Wanted* movie director Timur Bekmambetov (*Night Watch*) and *Wanted* mini-series artist JG Jones. (Bekmambetov will present footage of the movie at a Universal Pictures panel at the convention on Saturday from 2 – 3 p.m. "Wanted" will be released in theaters nationwide on June 27, 2008.)

Actor and producer Seth Green (*Robot Chicken*, *Family Guy*) will also be on hand to sign copies of *Freshmen*, the series he co-created with Hugh Sterbakov (*Robot Chicken*), plus the *Witchblade* creative team of Ron Marz (*Green Lantern*, *Samurai: Heaven and Earth*) and Stjepan Sejic (*First Born*) and *The Darkness* creative team of Phil Hester (*Superman: Confidential*, *Green Arrow*) and Michael Broussard (*Unholy Union*) will be available for autographs and sketches as well. This event marks the first U.S. convention for Croatia-based Sejic.

Additional guests include Mike Choi (*Witchblade*, *Uncanny X-Men*), Tyler Kirkham (*Strykeforce*, *Ultimate Fantastic Four*), David Wohl (*Witchblade*, *The Darkness*), Eric Basaldua (*Witchblade/Devi*, *Hunter-Killer*), Joshua Hale Fialkov (*Pilot Season: Cyblade*, *Pilot Season: Alibi*), and Lee Moder (*First Born: Aftermath*, *Painkiller Jane*).

Top Cow will also present a panel on Saturday from 3 – 4 p.m., where attendees can hear some exciting announcements about upcoming publishing plans, including new projects from top creators. Marz and Stjepan Sejic will talk more about Top Cow's universe-altering summer crossover event, *Broken Trinity*, as well as what's coming up in *Witchblade*. Hester and Broussard tease what's to come in *The Darkness*, while Seth Green and Hugh Sterbakov will discuss the 48-page *Freshmen* one-shot coming in June. In addition, Matt Hawkins, Joshua Hale Fialkov, and *Entertainment Weekly* editor Marc Bernardin will be on hand to talk about their respective books in Pilot Season 2008, the follow-up to last year's extremely successful event in which fans took control and voted on which two characters would get "picked up" for their own series.

At the Top Cow Booth (#1506), there will be giveaways and heavily discounted Top Cow products; special lithographs, posters, t-shirts and trade paperbacks for sale. Fans can also pick up New York Comic-Con exclusives like the ***Witchblade/Devi* #1 Stjepan Sejic Variant Cover**, ***The Darkness* #3 Michael Broussard Variant Cover**, and the ***Witchblade* #116 NYCC Sketch Variant Cover**.

But best of all, fans will get the opportunity to meet and talk with their favorite Top Cow creators. The appearance schedule at the Top Cow Booth (#1506) appears below (please check the booth daily for updates).

Fans should note that because of anticipated crowding issues, artists will only be able to do a limited amount of free sketches per sitting. Fans can sign up in advance for one free sketch by the artist of their choice at the Top Cow booth at the start of each day, first come, first served. In addition, tickets will be required for the *Freshmen* and *Wanted* signings on Saturday. These also can be picked up at the Top Cow booth at the start of each day, first come, first served.

As a bonus, there will be raffle drawings held throughout the weekend. Prizes include original sketches drawn by Top Cow artists on *Witchblade* #116 NYCC Sketch Variant Covers and tickets to the *Freshmen* and *Wanted* signings.

NEW YORK COMIC-CON TOP COW SIGNING AND PANEL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, April 18

3 – 4:15 p.m. TOP COW STUDIO / PILOT SEASON (signing, Top Cow booth)

Mike Choi (artist, *Witchblade*)

Tyler Kirkham (artist, *The Darkness: Levels*, *The Darkness/Superman*, *Strykeforce*)

Joshua Hale Fialkov (writer, *Pilot Season: Cyblade*, *Pilot Season: Alibi*)

Matt Hawkins (writer, *Pilot Season: Lady Pendragon*)

4:30 – 5:45 p.m. THE DARKNESS (signing, Top Cow booth)

Phil Hester (writer, *The Darkness*)

Michael Broussard (artist, *The Darkness*)

David Wohl (writer, *Witchblade*, *The Darkness*, *Aphrodite IX*)

Rob Levin (writer, *Witchblade: Bearers of the Blade*, *The Darkness: Butcher*)

6 – 7:15 p.m. WITCHBLADE (signing, Top Cow booth)

Ron Marz (writer, *Witchblade*, *First Born*, *Broken Trinity*, *Witchblade Devi*)

Stjepan Sejic (artist, *Witchblade*, *First Born*, *Broken Trinity*)

Eric Basaldua (artist, *Hunter-Killer*, *Witchblade/Devi*)

Lee Moder (artist, *First Born: Aftermath*)

SATURDAY, April 19

10 – 11:15 a.m. TOP COW STUDIO / PILOT SEASON (signing, Top Cow booth)
Tyler Kirkham (artist, *The Darkness: Levels, The Darkness/Superman, Strykeforce*)
Michael Broussard (artist, *The Darkness*)
Joshua Hale Fialkov (writer, *Pilot Season: Cyblade, Pilot Season: Alibi*)

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. FRESHMEN (signing, Top Cow booth)
Seth Green (co-creator, *Freshmen*)
Hugh Sterbakov (co-creator/writer, *Freshmen*)

1 – 2 p.m. WITCHBLADE (art demonstration, Variant Stage)
Stjepan Sejic (artist, *Witchblade, First Born, Broken Trinity*)

1 – 2:30 p.m. THE DARKNESS (signing, Top Cow booth)
Phil Hester (writer, *The Darkness*)
Michael Broussard (artist, *The Darkness*)
David Wohl (writer, *Witchblade, The Darkness, Aphrodite IX*)
Rob Levin (writer, *Witchblade: Bearers of the Blade, The Darkness: Butcher*)

2 – 3 p.m. WANTED (panel, IGN.com theater)
Timur Bekmambetov (director, "Wanted")

3 – 4 p.m. TOP COW EDITORIAL PRESENTATION (panel, Room 1E15)
Matt Hawkins (president)
Filip Sablik (publisher)
Rob Levin (VP Editorial)
Seth Green (co-creator, *Freshmen*)
Hugh Sterbakov (co-creator/writer, *Freshmen*)
Ron Marz (writer, *Witchblade, First Born, Broken Trinity, Witchblade Devi*)
Stjepan Sejic (artist, *Witchblade, First Born, Broken Trinity*)
Phil Hester (writer, *The Darkness*)
Michael Broussard (artist, *The Darkness*)
Marc Bernardin (co-writer, *Pilot Season: Genius*)
Joshua Hale Fialkov (writer, *Pilot Season: Cyblade, Pilot Season: Alibi*)

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. WANTED (signing, Top Cow booth)
JG Jones (artist, *Wanted*)
Timur Bekmambetov (director, "Wanted")

4:30 – 6 p.m. WITCHBLADE (signing, Top Cow booth)
Ron Marz (writer, *Witchblade, First Born, Broken Trinity, Witchblade Devi*)
Stjepan Sejic (artist, *Witchblade, First Born, Broken Trinity*)
Eric Basaldua (artist, *Hunter-Killer, Witchblade/Devi*)
Lee Moder (artist, *First Born: Aftermath*)

SUNDAY, April 20

11 – 12:30 p.m. THE DARKNESS / PILOT SEASON (signing, Top Cow booth)
Phil Hester (writer, *The Darkness*)
Michael Broussard (artist, *The Darkness*)
Rob Levin (writer, *Witchblade: Bearers of the Blade, The Darkness: Butcher*)
Joshua Hale Fialkov (writer, *Pilot Season: Cyblade, Pilot Season: Alibi*)

12:45 – 2:15 p.m. TOP COW STUDIO (signing, Top Cow booth)
Eric Basaldua (artist, *Hunter-Killer, Witchblade/Devi*)
Mike Choi (artist, *Witchblade*)
Tyler Kirkham (artist, *The Darkness: Levels, The Darkness/Superman, Strykeforce*)

2:30 – 4 p.m. WITCHBLADE / FRESHMEN (signing, Top Cow booth)
Ron Marz (writer, *Witchblade, First Born, Broken Trinity, Witchblade Devi*)
Stjepan Sejic (artist, *Witchblade, First Born, Broken Trinity*)
Hugh Sterbakov (co-creator/writer, *Freshmen*)

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