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**Wonder Woman Day II — October 28, 2007
in Portland, OR and Flemington, NJ
Is A Sensational Benefit For Domestic Violence Shelters & Crisis Lines**

**All Ages Event Spotlights World's Most Famous Super-Heroine
And Features Incredible Art Show And Auction!**

Portland, Oregon, October 15, 2007 — Wonder Woman debuted in American comic books during World War II, and was the super-heroic star of a popular television series in the 1970s. Now, for the second year in a row, the heroine serves as a star-spangled symbol for a charity benefit for Portland's most protective domestic violence shelters — Raphael House and Bradley-Angle House — and the Portland Women's Crisis Line. Excalibur Comics will host "**Wonder Woman Day**" on Sunday, October 28th from 1pm to 6pm. The free all-ages event will include a trio of comic book creators signing *Wonder Woman* comics and special art prints, as well as a silent art auction with over 150 of the world's top artists contributing original art, plus raffles, costumes, rare memorabilia, and more!

Additionally, a second "**Wonder Woman Day**" benefit will take place on Sunday, October 28th, in Flemington, NJ, at Comic Fusion. This East Coast event will benefit Safe in Hunterdon, a domestic violence shelter in New Jersey!

Some key points:

- Portland's Mayor, Tom Potter, has declared October 28th as "**Wonder Woman Day**" in the City of Roses.
- Portland's first **Wonder Woman Day** in 2006 raised over \$15,400 for two Domestic Violence shelters
- Last year's event was filmed for a half-hour documentary series, *FANatical*, shown on Canadian national television.
- October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Producing the event for its second year is best-selling author and DVD documentary director Andy Mangels, who is also the curator of the online Wonder Woman Museum, and one of the world's top experts on the famed super-heroine. "Wonder Woman represents peace, strength, equality, and honesty," Mangels said. "For over sixty years, her mission to promote those ideals has been detailed in comic books, novels, and television shows. This special **Wonder Woman Day** event allows fans and the public to celebrate the character *and* the people who create her adventures today, as well as to see and buy some incredible materials about the 'Amazing Amazon,' all while raising money for four incredibly worthy charitable organizations."

Jessica Elkan, Director of Development for Raphael House of Portland recognizes the difference **Wonder Woman Day** has made. "Last year's event was a great success and this year we hope that even more people will share in the **Wonder Woman Day II** celebration in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Andy Mangels and the participating artists' work on behalf of survivors of domestic violence and abuse is invaluable. His efforts and the efforts of others have significantly increased the number of women, children, and men helped by our organization."

About the **Wonder Woman Day** events, M. Pete Marston says, "The announcement of **Wonder Woman Day II** was received with loud cheers here on the east coast. As the oldest son of William M. Marston, the originator of Wonder Woman, I would like to thank all of the people involved in this great effort for their belief in the spirit of Wonder Woman. She represents the blending of strength, honesty, compassion, caring and love, and this event is built on those values. Tom Potter, the Mayor of the City of Portland, Andy Mangels, Stacy Korn, all of the famous contributing artists, and everyone else involved in this year's **Wonder Woman Day II** deserve a BIG vote of gratitude from all of us."

Stacy Korn, co-owner of Comic Fusion, in Flemington, New Jersey, is co-producing the East Coast version of **Wonder Woman Day**. She notes that, "Since we opened our store two years ago, we have been looking for a way to give back to our community, in particular, our local woman's shelter. Drawing inspiration from Andy Mangels first **Wonder Woman Day** last year, we have found a way to help out SAFE in Hunterdon, a worthy neighbor that does so much good in our community. It has been very gratifying to use connections I have built and so many of our customers have been instrumental in creating our first **Wonder Woman Day!**"

Full details about the event are included on the following pages.

Full Event Details:

Wonder Woman Day II (Portland)

Sunday, October 28, 2007 -- 1pm-6pm, FREE

Excalibur Comics, 2444 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, Oregon

An ALL AGES benefit and celebration for Domestic Violence shelters and Crisis Line!

Proceeds Of The Event To Benefit:

Raphael House Of Portland • Bradley-Angle House • Portland Women's Crisis Line

A Part Of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Wonder Woman Day II (New Jersey)

Sunday, October 28, 2007 -- 11am-5pm, FREE

Comic Fusion, 42 Main St., Flemington, New Jersey

Proceeds Of The Event To Benefit:

Safe In Hunterdon Of Hunterdon County, New Jersey

PORTLAND SPECIAL GUESTS SIGNING:

Guests will have special Prints to sign, given away Free!

* **Phil Jimenez** (current artist of *Spider-Man*, past writer/artist of *Wonder Woman*)

* **Gail Simone** (current writer of *Wonder Woman*, past writer of *Birds of Prey*)

* **Anne Timmons** (current artist of *Go Girl!* and *Gothic Classics*)

SILENT ART AUCTION

Over 150 artists from the comic book, newspaper comic strip, animation, and fine art worlds have donated original art depicting Wonder Woman for this event. All original art will be on display at Excalibur Comics and Comic Fusion until the event, and at the Wonder Woman Museum website! The Silent Auction will take place the day of the event. Bidders need not be present to win, however, their bid must be on the bid sheet. Details about PROXY bidding, to allow for off-site bids, will be on the website from October 14-27th.

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Artists contributing include such award-winning graphic art luminaries as **Adam Hughes** (*Wonder Woman*), **Alex Ross** (*Justice, Kingdom Come*), **John Byrne** (*Superman, X-Men*), **Matt Wagner** (*Grendel, Mage*), **Pete Woods** (*Amazons Attack*), **Darwyn Cooke** (*New Frontier*), **Gilbert Hernandez** (*Love & Rockets*), **Jaime Hernandez** (*Love & Rockets*), **Jim Lee** (*All-Star Batman*), **Mike Grell** (*Green Arrow*), **Terry Moore** (*Strangers in Paradise*), **Jan Eliot** (*Stone Soup* comic strip), and **Guy Gilchrist** (*Nancy* comic strip).

Additional art contributions showcase the incredible talents of Aaron Sowd, Acir Galvao, Adam Dekraker, Al Bigley, Al Rio, Alex Saviuk, Alexandre Tso, Alfredo Lopez Jr, Allison Sohn, Amy Pronovost, Andres Ponce, Andy Smith, Anne Timmons, Anthony Tan, Ariel Padilla, Aries Mendoza, Art Baltazar, Bill Maus, Bill Tucci, Bong Dazo, Bonkz Seriosa, Brian Williamson, Brock Heasley, Cat Staggs, Chris Dibari, Colleen Coover, Craig Rousseau, Dan Burgonos, Dan Parent, Daniel Crosier, Daniel Hdr, Dave Gutierrez, Dave Hoover, David Chelsea, Dean Haspiel, Diane Carroll, Don Perlin, Doug Baron, Eduardo Pansica, Elvis Moura, Eric Wolfe Hanson, Evan Bryce, Franchesco, Fred Hembeck, Gary Frank,

About Raphael House of Portland (a 501(c)3 charity) www.rafaelhouse.com

Raphael House of Portland has been offering shelter to women and children fleeing domestic violence since 1977. Each year, more than 300 women and children access shelter, food, clothing, transportation, support groups and individual support at our Emergency Shelter, and over 3500 people are served by our in-house crisis line. Raphael House of Portland is one of the largest domestic violence shelters in Oregon and has over 30% of the available bed space for survivors of domestic violence in the State. Raphael House of Portland is also dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence through education in the community for people of all walks of life and ages.

About Bradley-Angle House (a 501(c)3 charity) www.bradleyangle.org

Founded in 1975 as the first domestic violence shelter on the West Coast, Bradley-Angle House continues to develop innovative programs for women and children of all backgrounds experiencing domestic violence. Besides bilingual Spanish and English Emergency and Transition Services, Bradley-Angle House offers culturally specific support services for women battered by women.

About Portland Women's Crisis Line (a 501(c)3 charity) www.pwcl.org

Founded in 1972, the Portland Women's Crisis Line provides services to survivors (both female and male) of domestic violence and sexual assault, including rape, incest, and sexual harassment. The Portland Women's Crisis Line was the first crisis line of its kind in the state of Oregon, and one of the first five crisis lines of its kind in the United States. The Crisis Line provides services via the toll free statewide hotline number.

About Andy Mangels www.andymangels.com

Andy Mangels is the *USA Today* best-selling author and co-author of over a dozen novels — including *Star Trek*, *Roswell*, and *Star Wars* books — and is an award-winning comic book anthology editor and past comic book writer. He has also written several nonfiction books, and regularly contributes to *Just Out* newspaper and other publications. He directs and produces DVD documentaries for Ink & Paint DVDs. Andy is a national award-winning activist in the Gay community, and has raised thousands of dollars for charities over the years. He curates the online Wonder Woman Museum.

About Excalibur Comics

Founded in 1976 by Peter Fagnant and Kathy Putnam, Excalibur Books & Comics is the oldest comic book store in the State of Oregon. Currently managed by Debbie Fagnant — a Wonder Woman fan — Excalibur has an extensive line of comic books and graphic novels. Excalibur regularly donates books to schools and libraries, and welcomes fans of all ages for this spectacular event.

About Wonder Woman

Debuting in *All-Star Comics* #8 (December 1941-January 1942) as the creation of psychologist and lie-detector inventor William Moulton Marston, Wonder Woman soon graduated into two series of her own: *Wonder Woman* and *Sensation Comics*. In the 66 years since, over a thousand *Wonder Woman* comics have been published by DC Comics. Wonder Woman has appeared in animated cartoons such as *Justice League Unlimited* and *Super Friends*, but most famously was portrayed by statuesque actress Lynda Carter in the live-action series from 1975-1979.