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**Desert Island and PictureBox** present:

**The Brooklyn Comics and Graphics Festival**

*A gathering of the best of contemporary graphic art*

Saturday December 5th 2009: 11 AM - 7 PM

Our Lady of Consolation Church

184 Metropolitan Ave.

Williamsburg, Brooklyn

[www.comicsandgraphicsfest.com](http://www.comicsandgraphicsfest.com)

Free admission

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# BROOKLYN COMICS AND GRAPHICS FESTIVAL



New York has long been the hub of contemporary graphics and comics publishing, and Brooklyn the borough of choice for many of the city's best cartoonists and graphic artists. Bringing together an international cast of cartoonists, illustrators, designers, and printmakers, **The Brooklyn Comics and Graphics Festival**, founded by local bookstore Desert Island and local publisher PictureBox, is the first festival to serve this vibrant community.

The Brooklyn Comics and Graphics Festival will consist of 4 components:

- Over 50 exhibitors selling their zines, comics, books, prints and posters in a bustling market-style environment
- Signings, panel discussions and lectures by prominent artists
- Exhibition of vintage comic book artwork
- An evening of musical performances

In the cozy basement of *Our Lady of Consolation Church*, exhibitors will display and sell their unique wares. Exhibitors include leading graphic book publisher *Drawn & Quarterly* of Montreal; famed French screenprint publisher *Le Dernier Cri*; artist's book publisher *Nieves* of Zurich, Switzerland; Italian art book publisher *Corraini*; master printer David Sandlin; and tons of individual artists and publishers from Brooklyn.

Featured guests include the renowned artists Gabrielle Bell, R. O. Blechman, Charles Burns, Kim Deitch, Ben Katchor, Michael Kupperman, Gary Panter, Ron Rege Jr., Peter Saul, Dash Shaw, R. Sikoryak, Jillian Tamaki, and Lauren Weinstein, among others.

The commerce portion of the Festival is partnered with an active panel and lecture program nearby at **Secret Project Robot** gallery, down the street at 210 Kent Ave. This mini-symposium will run from 1 to 6 pm and is being overseen by noted comics critic **Bill Kartalopoulos**. Also at Secret Project Robot will be an intimate exhibition of original comic book pages from 1950s romance, western and science fiction comic books, curated by PictureBox's Dan Nadel.

Finally, at the end of the day visitors can troop over to Death by Audio at 49 S. 2nd Street, for an evening of musical performances by cartoonists, organized by Paper Route, and including performances by Boogie Boarder, Ambergris, Scary Mansion, Nick Gazin, and many others.

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### **Exhibitors and Artists:**

Our Lady of Consolation Church  
184 Metropolitan Ave.  
Williamsburg, Brooklyn  
11 AM - 7 PM

### **Panel Discussions, Lectures & Art Exhibition:**

Secret Project Robot  
128 River @ corner of Metropolitan Ave.  
Williamsburg, Brooklyn  
1 PM - 6 PM

### **Musical Performances:**

Death by Audio  
49 S. 2nd St Between Kent & Wythe  
Williamsburg, Brooklyn  
9 PM onward

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