

GODFATHER OF THE AMERICAN GRAPHIC NOVEL PHIL YEH

LAUNCHES NEW "CARS & GUITARS" TOUR

IN LOS ANGELES AT THE PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM

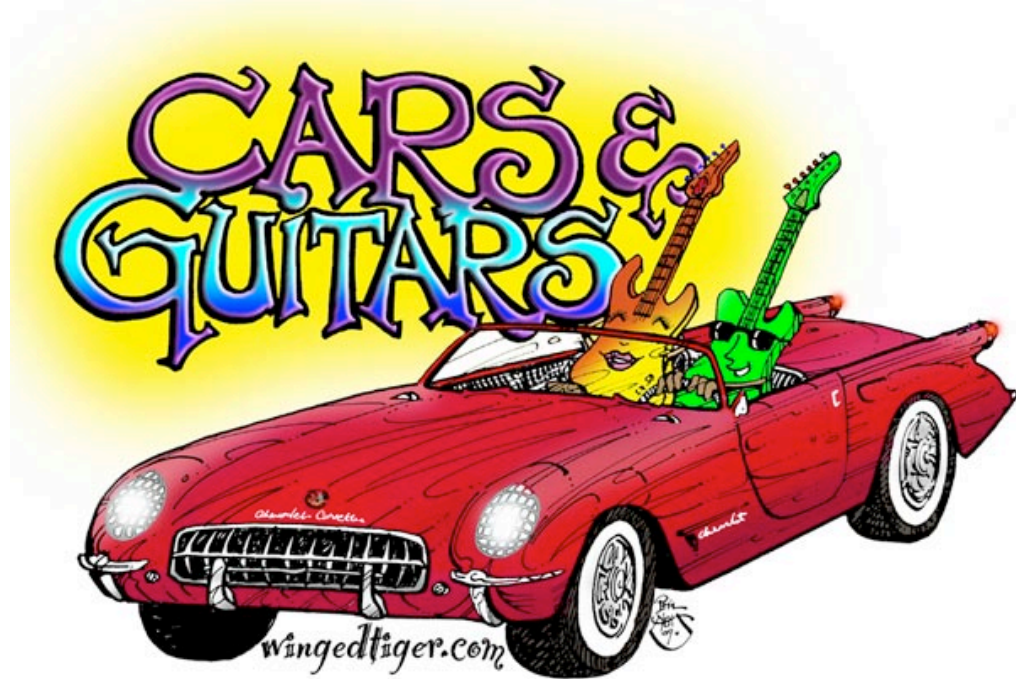
Phil Yeh, often called the Godfather of the modern American Graphic Novel, will be painting a colorful cartoon mural promoting reading and the arts at the Petersen Automotive Museum on Saturday, December 5, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., which is part of the museum's 4th annual family fun CARnival. Special guest artists for this December's CARnival event include *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* co-creator Kevin Eastman, Tony Hawk artist Matt Lorentz, and Copper Lace artist Lieve Jerger.

Everyone is encouraged to help paint these murals designed by Yeh, who will sign copies of his many cartoon books about the history and geography of this country including his award winning *Dinosaurs Across America* book and his new *Dinosaurs Across California* book. These books all feature many notable people from all fields and have inspired students throughout the country. *Dinosaurs Across America* won the Children's Choice Award from the Children's Book Council and the International Reading Association in 2008.

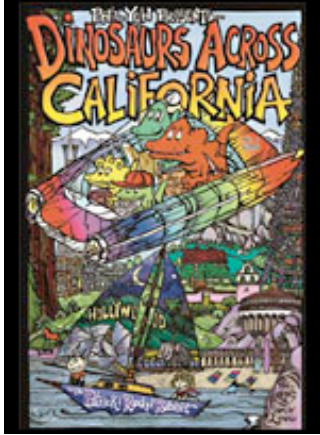
Yeh will also showcase three custom made guitars on this new "Cars & Guitars" tour featuring illustrations and signatures from

many incredible artists from all fields including: *The Joker's* creator Jerry Robinson; the voice of *Rocky the Squirrel* June Foray; *Groo's* creator Sergio Aragonés; writer Ray Bradbury; *Mulan* designer Alex Nino; *For Better or For Worse* cartoonist Lynn Johnston; *LuAnn's* Greg Evans; *Mutts'* creator Patrick McDonnell; Newberry award winning author Linda Sue Park; *Fantastic Four*

artist Joe Sinnott; singers Judy Collins and Peter Yarrow; comedians Cheech and Chong; *Elephantmen's*

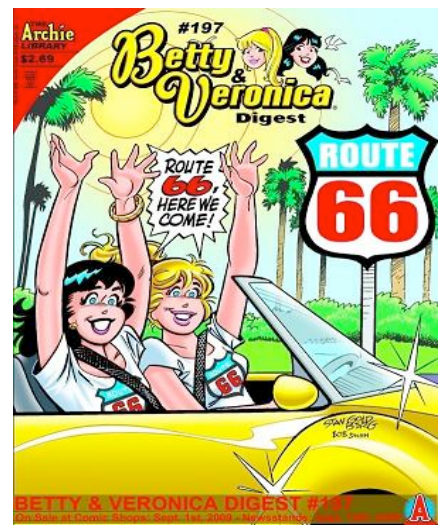


Moritat and Richard Starkings; *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*' creator Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird; actor Alan Alda; *Bone*'s Jeff Smith; *Hellboy*'s Mike Mignola, skateboarder Ryan Sheckler, and many others. The guitars are being made by Patrick Bubien from his Guitarification studio in Fallbrook, California and eventually will total five instruments for the bigger world tour in 2010.



Yeh's new *Dinosaurs Across California* comic features all 21 original California missions and includes many noted people and places in this state. He will also have copies of his bestselling *Dinosaurs Across Route 66* comics at these events this fall. The *Dinosaurs* series of comics will cover most of the 50 U.S. states with individual books over the next decade.

Phil Yeh, *Simpsons*' artist Phil Ortiz, and Matt Lorentz, were also featured in a recent issue of *Betty & Veronica Digest* #197, which features Yeh's *Cartoonists Across America Tour* in an *Archie* comic for the second time. The first time was a cover story in the 200th issue of *Archie's Pals 'n' Gals* back in 1988. Writer George Gladir was invited to one of *Cartoonists Across America*'s mural painting events at the central San Bernardino Library in 2006 and was inspired to write a story about Betty and Veronica traveling all along Route 66.



Yeh will be joined at the Petersen Automotive Museum by Lieve Jerger, his long time colorist and co-creator of their 1997 bestselling illustrated book, *The Winged Tiger and The Lace Princess*. Lieve's unique copper lace sculptures are made using traditional Belgian lace-making techniques. Her *Copper Lace Cube* was recently on display at an international lace conference held at the LAX Hilton and is featured in Yeh's watercolor paintings for an expanded edition of their magical book, a fairy tale and a love story, set in a world without art.

Cartoonists Across America & The World and have painted more than 1800 murals in the last 24 years promoting literacy, creativity and the arts. Yeh also speaks to students of all ages in schools, libraries, and community centers and will be touring through the end of 2010 when his 25 year road trip finally comes to an end.

Yeh pioneered the graphic novel form in the mid-1970s along with NBM publishing in the U.S. and encouraged his fellow artists in North America to embrace the new format and consider the bookstore and library market well before the majority of publishers in his field. His landmark 1977 graphic novel *Even Cazco Gets The Blues* featured introductions by *MAD* magazine cartoonist Sergio Aragonés and the late Golden Age comic book creator Don Rico, and was a real departure from the normal superhero subject matter in the comic book field. For more information about *Cartoonists Across America & The World's* ongoing campaign to promote literacy please check out our website at: www.wingedtiger.com Everyone is always invited to participate in creating these original works of art at these events.



Quantum Lace Cube. Copper lace sculpture by Lieve Jerger. 30” overall.