

# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Rob-Con Returning to Viking Hall** Annual comic, toy and fantasy convention

Over 20 artists and writers, both local and regional, will be guests at Rob-Con 2013, the annual comic book, toy and fantasy convention set in Bristol's Viking Hall on Saturday, July 27, 2013. Hours of the convention are from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

Jeremy Ambler, who has portrayed a zombie on AMC's "The Walking Dead" will be a guest at the show and will be signing autographs. Making his first appearance at Rob-Con will be DC and Marvel comic book colorist Rico Renzi. "Rico Renzi is a nice addition to Rob-Con in its 28<sup>th</sup> year. We have been doing this for a long time and each year it just seems to grow. We are really excited about this show. There is truly something for everyone, so bring the kids and make it a family outing," said Robert Pilk, co-owner of Mountain Empire Comics, the business sponsoring the show.

A Bristol favorite, the Batmobile replica, will be on display at the entrance of the venue during the convention. Other artists making appearances include Gary Kwapisz from Lebanon who has worked on such comics as "The Punisher" and "Conan" and is currently producing "Civil War Adventures." Todd Goodwin from Old World Comics, Brett Cook and Clint Blevins, both from Bristol, Bridgit Scheide of Charlotte, N.C., Gene Tipton and Jeremy Massie of Wise, Va. will also be in attendance. Book authors also being showcased will include Jennifer Estep, best known for her Elemental Assassin urban fantasy series; Bristol's Misty Martin and also James Crawford and Natasha Larry. A panel taught by Tangent Artist Studios' Monica Marier and David Joria will demonstrate "How to Create Online Comics."

Another popular event of Rob-Con is the annual Costume Contest. The contest will begin at 3:00 P.M. and will have both categories for children and adults. The six categories are Best Marvel Costume, Best DC Costume, Best TV/Movie Costume, Under 12, Age 12 and over, and Best Group. Prizes will be given for each category.

Darlene Cole, Venues Manager for the city said, "Rob-Con made its first appearance in Viking Hall last year and it was a blast. It was indeed one of the more fun events we have hosted in a while. We are so excited about having them back this year. Robert and his partner George Stone are the best people to work with, they know their audience, most by name and that always makes for a good time."

Admission is \$5.00 for adults and children under 10 will be admitted free. For more information on ticketing call the Viking Hall Box Office 423-764-0188, for information on the show or vendor information contact Robert Pilk at 423-274-0450 or 423-989-8245 or checkout the Rob-Con website at [www.BristolRobCon.com](http://www.BristolRobCon.com).

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