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PACE Artist-in-Residence to host 24 Hour Comic Party during Comic Book Shark Week

PACE artist-in-residence Troy Little has a great week of activities planned for Comic Book Shark Week, including a 24 Hour Comic Party on Thursday, August 4, 2011 at the PACE cottage in Summerside.

Comic Book Shark Week, which coincides with the Discovery Channel's popular *Shark Week* event, is a special time of the year when comic creators across the globe work themselves up into a creative frenzy and become productive artistic machines.

So in addition to working on the first draft of his next book, and taking part in the Arts in Motion Festival in Summerside, Little plans to host a 24 Hour Comic Party at the PACE cottage, 471 Notre Dame Street in Summerside.

This event was created in 1990 by graphic artist, Scott McCloud. The goal is to create a complete 24 page comic book in 24 continuous hours. Little is inviting comic artists to bring paper, pens or whatever they like to work with and be ready to go at 9:00 am sharp Thursday, August 4th. As Little says, "Participants should be prepared to crank out the pages without stopping for 24 hours! I've done this twice before, and it's gruelling but fun in a group." He also notes that table space at the cottage is limited, so artists who have a portable drawing table are encouraged to bring it.

The City of Summerside and the PEI Council of the Arts are excited to see the progression of this artist-in-residence program. The PACE program is designed to stimulate conversation between artists, area residents and visitors, as they connect with special programming presented by the artists-in-residence throughout the year.

Troy Little is the artist-in-residence for the summer of 2011. Little is one of the Island's most successful graphic artists. He is best known for the Eisner nominated *Angora Napkin* (which is also an animated pilot for Teletoon) and his Xeric winning *Chiaroscuro* graphic novels. During his PACE residency, he is developing his fourth graphic novel. Those interested in following Little's progress are encouraged to check out his blog *Caffeine and Sleep Deprivation* at meanwhilestudios.blogspot.com

BACKGROUND

The City of Summerside and the PEI Council of the Arts supports a self directed artist-in-residence program called PACE, which is based in the city of Summerside. The year-round program stimulates conversation between artists, area residents and visitors, as they connect with special programming presented by the artists-in-residence throughout the year.

The PACE program provides studio facilities and furnished accommodations to emerging and established contemporary artists, fine craft practitioners and creative industry professionals to

support the development of their practice. Residency activities revolve around making, learning about and sharing contemporary arts in all their forms. There are three residency periods per year: summer (July – August), fall (September – October) and spring (March – May).

Residencies are available for individuals or small groups/bands and collectives at the established and emerging professional artist levels.

All interested Island artists are invited to apply to the PACE program for the next residency period in the spring of 2012 (March-May). The deadline is September 1, 2011. For more information, contact Annette Campbell, Program and Communications Officer for the PEI Council of the Arts, at 620-3417, toll free at 1-888-PEI-ARTISTS (734-2784) or via email at acampbell@peica.ca

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