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San Francisco Zine Fest

Saturday, August 22 from 11:00am – 6:00pm

Sunday, August 23 from 11:00am – 6:00pm

SF County Fair Building

(formerly the Hall of Flowers)

9th Ave. at Lincoln Way. (in Golden Gate Park)

<http://sfzinefest.com/>

Zine Fest is returning on August 22nd and 23rd! The San Francisco Zine Fest will be back for our eighth annual celebration of small press, zines, comics, and all things DIY at the San Francisco County Fair Building, in Golden Gate Park. As always, the Zine Fest is free and open to the public! Over 100 small-press and DIY creators will be selling, trading, and otherwise sharing their work with over a thousand attendees.

The Zine Fest serves as a vital annual showcase of the diversity, vitality, and ongoing exuberance of the small-press movement. The exhibitors range from established small-press publishing houses including RE/Search Publications, Microcosm, AK Press, Manic D Press, Sparkplug Comics, and Tugboat Press to first time self-publishers and creators. Writers, cartoonists, crafters, illustrators, printmakers, and all manner of artists will be in attendance. While the majority of the exhibitors hail from the Bay Area, creators from across the West Coast and beyond will be represented.

Our special guests this year include Andy Hartzell (*Fox Bunny Funny*), with more to be announced soon. Q & A sessions will be held with all guests at the Zine Fest.

Andy Hartzell is a Xeric Award-winning cartoonist and one of the founders of Global Hobo. In addition to his visually adventurous, emotionally complex self-published work such as *Fox Bunny Funny* (which was re-released by Top Shelf Comix), Andy's comics have appeared in *The Book of Boy Trouble*, *Papercutter*, and many other publications. *Monday*, his ongoing graphic-novel project, works a few new wrinkles into the world's oldest story. In his daytime role as designer at Telltale, Andy recently wrote and directed two Wallace and Gromit videogame adventures, "Fright of the Bumblebees" and "The Bogey Man".

The Zine Fest will be hosting an expanded schedule of panel discussions and hands-on workshops throughout the weekend, including a nature journal class held in the adjoining San Francisco Botanical Garden, a hand bookbinding workshop, and a class on the basics of screen printing taught by John Isaacson, author of the comics how-to book *Do It Yourself Screenprinting*, released by Microcosm Publishing. Other off-site events include our second annual auto-bio comics reading at the Cartoon Art Museum.

The San Francisco Zine Fest was begun in 2001 by Jenn Starfiend, and is currently run by a hard-working group of volunteers, including Aaron Cohick, Romy Ilano, Rick Kitagawa, Jonas Madden-Connor, François Vigneault, and others.

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For more information, including a full list of exhibitors, an ever-expanding slate of special events, and the workshop schedule, please visit www.sfzinefest.com

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