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ARTISTS RACE AGAINST TIME TO DRAW ONE MONTH OF WORK IN ONE DAY AT WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

(WORCESTER, Mass., September 23, 2009) – Worcester Art Museum (WAM) will host the annual 24-Hour Comics Challenge on Saturday, October 3. Starting at 3:00 p.m., artists of all ages will pack into classroom studios in WAM’s Higgins Education Wing and race against the clock to produce a completed 24-page story within a 24-hour period.

Developed by Comics Professional Retail Organization (Comics PRO), 24-Hour Comics Challenge is an international comic marathon that attracts artists around the world. Completed works will be on display in the Education Wing through October 25. Photographs of completed works will be submitted to Comics PRO for consideration in their annual 24-Hour Comics Challenge Anthology.

“We are thrilled to host this comics marathon for the second year at WAM,” said Honee A. Hess, Director of Education at WAM. “This event challenges artists’ creative and physical energies, and it’s exciting to watch artists fill our studios with vibrant characters and poignant stories and hear youth and adults encourage each other to produce one month of work in one day. The ideas that people come up with are amazing.”

Youth and students under 18 are welcome at no cost to participate in the 3-hour and 8-hour challenges; those under 18 attending the 24 hour challenge must be accompanied by parent or guardian. All challenges begin at 3:00 p.m. Registration for the 24-hour challenge is \$5. To register, call (508) 793-4433 or (508) 793-4334. For more information about the international event, visit [://www.24hourcomicsday.com/](http://www.24hourcomicsday.com/).

Located on Salisbury St., in Worcester, Massachusetts, the Worcester Art Museum opened in 1898 and is one of America’s most respected art museums. The Museum is world-renowned for

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