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“Cloaked Crusader: George Washington in Comics and Pop Culture”[™] — Exhibit opens at Fraunces Tavern Museum Oct 5th

Two Originals: George Washington and the American Comic Book Come together just in time for New York Comic Con!

If you think that our modern day super heroes have nothing in common with our First President, you’d have another think coming! In fact they have been co-stars in our various universes for some time!

We are looking forward to showing *when* and *how* in a new and exciting collection opening Oct 5th at The Fraunces Tavern Museum, entitled “Cloaked Crusader: George Washington in Comics and Pop Culture,” featuring original art and rare comics by Michael Golden, Arthur Suydam, Neal Adams, George Perez, George Evans, Fred Fredericks, Curt Swan, Daniel Scott, Graham Nolan and many more.

Only the fertile proving ground of the American Revolution and spirit of a new born country could have created an iconic historical figure such as Washington. It was a perfect storm of grit and goals. The freedom attained to create something new.

Perhaps it’s that same freedom of expression that fostered the uniquely American art form of sequential art (comics books), that we know today, and which has virtually spread across the globe.

There was a time when every household in the country contained at least one portrait of our first President. But over the last 100 years, those *portraits* also started appearing in all sorts of comic books and media, often bringing Washington to life in a way never done before, and continuing to this day in books, TV shows such as *Turn* and musicals such as *Hamilton*. There is a reason!

As Washington’s persona has traveled through history, it has lent itself as a metaphor for strength, loyalty, perseverance, and courage in the numerous tomes that we will explore. What better shorthand to make a point than by using one of the most recognized visages in the world!

The exhibition not only includes traditional sequential representations of historical events, but also stories where Washington is a key character in modern times and comic book universes, including Superman, Captain America, and other comic book icons.

Opening night will take place on Oct 5th with a reception from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm featuring a silent auction, live sketching, remarks from our speaker **Marvel Editor-in-Chief Jim Shooter**, and appearances by featured artists **Michael Golden— Co-creator of X-Men's Rogue**, and **Arthur Suydam— Artist for Marvel Zombies and Deadpool**.

A VIP Dinner will follow from 8:00 pm to 10:00 PM, and will include original art and signing opportunities with our guest talent, taking place in this historic building— Fraunces Tavern— where Washington himself— *the flesh and blood one*— dined most notably with his officers to say farewell after the Revolutionary war.

Now we welcome the comic book version back home.

All proceeds benefit the Fraunces Tavern Museum. Please join us as we introduce you to our first super hero and pop culture icon— *George Washington*.

For more information on how to order tickets go to: www.frauncestavernmuseum.org

Fraunces Tavern Museum is located at 54 Pearl St; 2nd Floor; New York, NY 10004