

Press Release

STUMPTOWN COMIC FEST HOSTS
TOO MUCH COFFEE MAN OPERA SEQUEL PANEL

Improbable Marriage of Classical Music and
Comic Book Characters Gives Birth to Caffeinated Opera

This September 29th at 3pm at Stumptown Comic Fest in Portland Ore Shannon Wheeler announces and discusses the sequel to the first opera based on a comic book; Too Much Coffee Man Opera. Stacey Murdock and accompanist Joey Prather will perform snippets from the opera, Shannon will give a brief talk and answer questions from the audience.

The 4th Annual Stumptown Comics Fest will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 29th and 30th, at the Exhibit Hall of the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel (1000 NE Multnomah Ave) in Portland Ore. Admission is \$5 at the door. The show is a celebration of comic books and the recognition of graphic storytelling as literature.

The *Too Much Coffee Man Opera* received its premiere performance at the prestigious Portland Center for the Performing Arts in October 2006. The production was a hit with local audiences and critics and will return to the PCPA for an extended engagement in April 2008. The musical score, written by Emmy Award winning composer Daniel Steven Crafts, will be musically directed by Joseph Prather, known for his collaborations and performances with Portland Opera, Portland State University and Central City Opera in Colorado.

The first and second parts of the opera will be performed together, making a 2 act 2-hour performance. The cast will have all the original performers in addition to some new players.

Cast for the Too Much Coffee Man Opera at the Stumptown Comic Fest:

Stacey Murdock	Too Much Coffee Man
Joseph Prather	Music Director and Pianist

TOO MUCH COFFEE MAN OPERA

Music by:	Daniel Steve Crafts
Libretto:	Shannon Wheeler and Damian Willcox
Lyrics:	In English

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