



DAILY SHOW ARTIST R. SIKORYAK TO TALK AT ARTS ON THE LAKE

Cartoonist Robert Sikoryak who created “The Decider” parodies for *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* will give an illustrated talk, *Masterpiece Comics*, at Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Lake Carmel, on Sunday, June 3, at 4 pm.

R. Sikoryak, whose illustrations and comics have appeared on the covers of *The New Yorker*, *Fortune*, *Harvard Business Review*, in numerous publications including *The Onion*, *Esquire* and *MAD* as well as *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, will illustrate the intersection of “high art” literature and “low art” comic strips through the work of many cartoonists who have adapted classic novels and plays.

Famous attempts made in the 1940's *Classics Illustrated* series have been continued by Sikorak in his own *Masterpiece Comics* series.

“If you haven't seen his lectures you're in for a treat,” notes Patrick Montero of the *New York Daily News*. “Sikoryak’s love and understanding of comics inspires his audience to look at comics in a whole new light.”

Mr. Sikoryak will be introduced by Cold Spring cartoonist and editor Chris Duffy who worked with Sikoryak on projects for *Nickelodeon Magazine* and *SpongeBob Comics*.

“Sikoryak's comics [are] a double take every time. Why is Charlie Brown a cockroach? When you look closer you realize it's the story of *The Metamorphosis*, but recreated as if cartoonist Charles Schulz had told the tale instead of Kafka,” said Duffy.

In addition to writing and illustration, Sikoryak teaches at Parsons School of Design and curates “Carousel”, a series of cartoon slide shows.

Although the talk is free because of support from the New York Council for the Humanities’ *Speakers in the Humanities* program, reservations should be made to rsvp@artsonthelake.org or (845) 228-2685 to better gauge seating in advance.

This program is part of the Writers and Writing series at Arts on the Lake that has presented readings of *Poems for New Parents* and short stories by Peruvian writer Andrei Bezzubikoff and is currently offering an on-going writers' group meeting at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

More information on all upcoming Arts on the Lake activities is available at www.artsonthelake.org or (845) 228-2685.

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