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The Alter Egos Society is comprised of a collection of artists, writers, and other superhero enthusiasts who have lent their time and efforts to working on costume-related projects in the Portland, Oregon area. Founded in 2007 by Benja Barker, the AES has produced a series of video shorts (all distributed online), started two annual costumed events ("Power Struggle" in the Spring and "Ceasefire" in the fall), and released an amateur short film ("Archives of the Fantastic: The 9th Cosmic Convergence"). Profits raised from DVD sales and event tickets are donated to p:ear, a local non-profit that mentors homeless youth. The Society's events are regularly supported by many local comic shops and companies, with Spring event assistance provided by Drunken Rampage Events. Part of the mission of the Alter Egos Society is to explore the various mythos of superhero genres through costume making, role playing, filmmaking and other forms of storytelling.



Benja Barker is a Portland artist whose works include graphic design, writing, acting and filmmaking as well as costume fabrication with plastics. His interest in superheroes first appeared at the age of six when he accidentally punched his hand through a pane of a glass while imitating Superman flying. Benja eventually found himself in Alaska, performing daily in a vaudeville-style melodrama as part of a reenactment gold rush camp, also working as a director and script writer. Returning to Portland in 2007, he founded the Alter Egos Society. This led him to perform superhero street theater under the pretext of "promotion." In the past few years he has appeared in various parts of the city dressed as a robot, a late 19th century gentleman, the moon wearing a derby hat, a spaceman, a zombie, and five different original superheroes. Deeming world conquest to be too competitive a field, he enjoys playing Ms. Pac Man and planning for future creative endeavors that may or may not involve wearing tights.

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TIMELINE OF EVENTS FOR THE ALTER EGOS SOCIETY

October 2007

- The Alter Egos Society founded by Benja Barker
- Alter Egos: Super Villains & Heroes Masquerade, costume party/charity concert to benefit p:ear

April 2008

- Interview on 105.1 The Buzz by hosts Mitch & Daria to talk about The Alter Egos Society and upcoming pub crawl
- Alter Egos: New Recruits, a costumed pub crawl for Portland Comics Month (in partnership with Drunken Rampage Events)
- Exhibited at Stumptown Comics Fest 2008
- Released two-minute video "Superhero FX test" to generate interest in upcoming film project

June 2008

- Started production on "Archives of the Fantastic: The Ninth Cosmic Convergence," a 50-minute tongue-in-cheek film homage to superheroes

October 2008

- Released minute-long video "Alter Egos Party, 10/11/08" to promote second annual fundraiser for p:ear
- Interview on 101 KUFO by hosts Cort & Fatboy to promote upcoming fundraiser event
- Alter Egos: Hero/Villain Ceasefire Party, the second annual costume party/charity concert to benefit p:ear

March 2009

- Began releasing the weekly miniseries of seven-minute video shorts, "Hero/Villain Communiques, Parts 1-7," to promote upcoming annual pub crawl

April 2009

- Alter Egos: Power Struggle, a costumed pub crawl for Portland Comics Month (in partnership with Drunken Rampage Events)
- Released three-minute video "SPECIAL REPORT: An Interview with Alloy" to promote "Archives of the Fantastic: The Ninth Cosmic Convergence"
- Released a teaser trailer for "Archives of the Fantastic: The Ninth Cosmic Convergence"
- Exhibited at Stumptown Comics Fest 2009

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July 2009

- Premiered "Archives of the Fantastic: The Ninth Cosmic Convergence" at Bagdad Theater; all profits from showing pledged to p:ear
- Released first edition of "Archives of the Fantastic: The Ninth Cosmic Convergence" on DVD; all profits from DVDs sales pledged to p:ear

October 2009

- Released minute-long video "BREAKING NEWS: Alter Egos Hero/Villain CeaseFire Party" to promote third annual fundraiser for p:ear
- Alter Egos: Hero/Villain Ceasefire Party, the third annual costume party/charity concert to benefit p:ear

November 2009

- Showing of "Archives of the Fantastic: The Ninth Cosmic Convergence" at PCC Cascade Campus to benefit p:ear
- "Archives of the Fantastic: The Ninth Cosmic Convergence" aired on Portland's CAN 11

December 2009

- Showing of "Archives of the Fantastic: The Ninth Cosmic Convergence" at Invasion Cafe as part of The 12 Days of p:ear, a fundraising effort for p:ear

April 2010

- Alter Egos: Power Struggle, a costumed pub crawl for Portland Comics Month (in partnership with Drunken Rampage Events)
- Exhibiting at Stumptown Comics Fest 2010
- Releasing a minute-long video to promote The Alter Egos Society
- Releasing a new trailer for "Archives of the Fantastic: The Ninth Cosmic Convergence" to promote a new edition of the DVD to be available at local comic book stores

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LOCAL HEROES, VILLAINS CEASE FIRE TO BENEFIT HOMELESS YOUTH

Portland, Oregon, September 29, 2009: The heroes and villains of our fair Portlandia have once more agreed to set aside their petty differences for a single night... and gather together for the betterment of their community!

The Alter Egos Society is excited to announce our 3rd Annual Hero/Villain Ceasefire, a fundraising event on Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 7 p.m. to midnight. The evening, co-hosted by The Society's most heroic Mister Marvelous and the rather sinister Purr-tender, will be held for the second year at the p:ear Gallery, located at 338 NW 6th Avenue in Portland. All attendees--be they hero, villain, or chaotic neutral--are asked to pay a cover of \$5, with proceeds from the evening's door, games, and merchandising benefiting p:ear.

Highlights for the event include:

- a screening of "Archives of the Fantastic: The Ninth Cosmic Convergence", The Society's original short film (approximately 50 minutes)
- music by DJ Ghostdad and a surprise live band
- vending of food and drink
- a Phone-Booth-To-The-Future, letting costumed adventurers record a video message to send to the future (and maybe the Internet)
- school carnival-themed game booths and costume contest, with PRIZES!

The Alter Egos Society is made up of intrepid superhero enthusiasts, artists, and functional nerds who put on events for creative expression... and the chance to wear tights in public (for the greater good, obviously). The group was conceived as a plan to throw one killer superhero-themed house party, and evolved to become the community supporter it is today. We coordinate multiple annual events to raise money for p:ear (www.pearmentor.org), a local organization that works to better the lives of at-risk and homeless youth.

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LOCAL SUPERHEROES HELP HOMELESS YOUTH

ARCHIVES OF THE FANTASTIC: The Ninth Cosmic Convergence is altogether different from the big-budget superhero movies we've already seen. A tongue-in-cheek labor of love by local artists to bring colorful characters to the screen, *ARCHIVES OF THE FANTASTIC* was created by the costume events group, The Alter Egos Society as an all volunteer Portland original. Billed as an amateur short film of epic proportions, the movie does more than satisfy our inner nerdiness; On Saturday, July 25, at 2 pm, *ARCHIVES OF THE FANTASTIC* will premiere at the Bagdad Theater as part of the Alter Egos Society's mission to celebrate superheroes and to raise money for p:ear.

Directed by Benja Barker and Daniel Miller of Southeast Portland, *ARCHIVES OF THE FANTASTIC* was filmed over the past year in Portland with an all volunteer cast and crew. The film is a DIY effort that includes some professional elements such as miniature models and a score by local composer Paul Evans (*From One Rose: The Story of the Rose Festival*).

In *ARCHIVES OF THE FANTASTIC*, three heroes track their respective enemies as those enemies try to thwart the heroes and control the world. Above the earth an alien archivist narrates the tale as the conflict threatens the fate of the world.

After the movie, a representative from p:ear will talk about their mission and the work they do. p:ear is known for building positive relationships with homeless and transitional youth, ages 15 to 24, through education, art and recreation that affirms personal worth, creating more meaningful and healthier lives. Each year their programs serve more than 350 homeless and transitional young people in Portland.

The Alter Egos Society is a local group of Portland artists, nerds and superhero enthusiasts that organize costumed events for fun, to encourage creativity, and to raise money for charity. They've held annual fundraisers for p:ear since 2007.

To learn more about p:ear and their programs visit their website, www.pearmentor.org.

To learn more about *ARCHIVES OF THE FANTASTIC* visit alteregossociety.com.

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ALTER EGOS: New Recruits

On Saturday, April 12th, 2008, Portland's premier super hero and villain organization invite costumed super adventurers of all stripes to join us for ALTER EGOS: New Recruits, a superhero/supervillain bar crawl.

This event is a collaborative effort between DrunkenRampage.com and The Alter Egos Society to encourage creativity and merrymaking and to raise interest in the 2nd annual charity event, ALTER EGOS: Hero/Villain Ceasefire Party in the Fall of 2008.

Villains and heroes will start downtown in different bars (The Crown Room and R Palate, respectively) before the opposing forces face off for drinks at Blitz and CC Slaughters.

Activities and contests will include a dance-off between good and evil, and "You've Met Your Match" (finding your arch-nemesis, speed dating style). Prizes for contests will be provided by Stumptown Comics Foundation, Bridge City Comics, Cosmic Monkey Comics, and Floating World Comics. Participants must come costumed as heroes or villains of their own creation (to avoid ridicule as an obvious knockoff). They are also required to bring a valid ID are encouraged to bring cash. Examples of original characters and more information about the event can be found at: www.myspace.com/alteregosparty.

Event Details:

What: A costumed Bar Crawl with games and prizes. This event is 21+

Where: Villains will start at The Crown Room, 205 NW 4th Ave.

Heroes will start at R Palate, 219 SW 6th Ave.

When: Saturday, April 12th, 2008, 6PM

Cost: Free to participate

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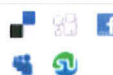
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Third Annual Alter Egos Hero Vs. Villain Pub Crawl April 10!



Written by [Elisabeth@TFAW](#)
April 9th, 2010 at 3:31 pm

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On Saturday, April 10, Portland's own Alter Egos Society is throwing their Third Annual Power Struggle: Hero Vs. Villain Pub Crawl!

Attention villains and heroes! Tension between superheroes and super villains has been running high lately. Saturday, April 10, the conflict erupts! Choose whether you are a hero or a villain, come in your unique costume (not as a character from comics or movies), and face down the other side. Take part in games, shenanigans, and prizes!

The festivities start at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 10:

Heroes:

Start at [Silver Dollar Pizza II](#)

Villains:

Start at [Shanghai Tunnel](#)

Once everyone is assembled heroes and villains will meet up for drinks, Super Olympic, speed dating, karaoke duels, and a costume contest. The grand prizes for Best Hero(ine), Best Villain(ness), and Best Costume Overall have been provided from us at Things From Another World, so get your costume together now!

The Third Annual Power Struggle: Hero Vs. Villain Pub Crawl is being put on by [The Alter Egos Society](#) & [Drunken Rampage Events](#). The event is for ages 21 and up—please bring ID and \$5 bills to make bar hopping easier for everyone!

Questions? Comments? Post them below! And if you end up going . . . we expect pictures. Lots of 'em.

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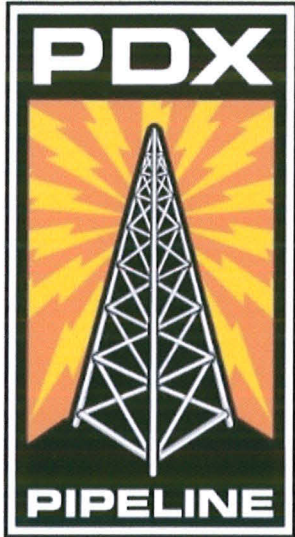
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Saturday: A Heroes vs. Villains Pub Crawl – 3rd Annual ALTER EGOS POWER STRUGGLE!

April 9, 2010 — PDXPIPELINE

From our partners at Blitz Pearl



Saturday April 10th, Blitz Pearl will be hosting the third annual Super Villains/ Super Heroes pub crawl. The eternal conflict will erupt between 6:30 and 8pm on Saturday April 10th, 2010. To create peace in the universe Blitz will be hosting speed dating for Supers!

The following communiqué was recently

intercepted.

NEXT EVENT: **Power Struggle! April 10th!**

ATTENTION VILLAINS and HEROES! Tensions between superheroes and supervillains have been running high lately. Saturday, April 10th the conflict erupts! Come in your unique costume (not as a character from comics or movies) and face down the other side. **GAMES! SHENANIGANS! PRIZES!**

HEROES

start @ 4pm at the SILVER DOLLAR PIZZA II (225 SW Broadway)

VILLAINS

start @ 4PM at the SHANGHAI TUNNEL (211 Southwest Ankeny St).

THEN we will come together to duke it out over a few drinks!

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BRING YOUR ID!

BRING \$5 BILLS (it make everything run smoother)

Grand Prizes for Best Hero(ine), Best Villain(ness) & Best Costume Overall provided by THINGS FROM ANOTHER WORLD (TFAW.com) — A Proud Sponsor of the Alter Egos Society.

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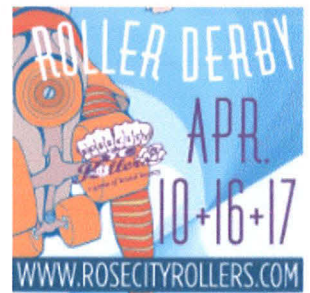
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Pop Talk: Portland's Alter Ego Society pay homage to superheroes, more

By Kristi Turnquist, **The Oregonian**
July 24, 2009, 6:39AM

TRUTH, JUSTICE AND THE PORTLAND WAY

The creators of comics have amply demonstrated that the form works beautifully for all kinds of expression -- memoir, social commentary, short stories, history, love stories and more. But for those of us who first got hooked on comics by devouring the adventures of Superman, Spider-Man, Wonder Woman, Batman and the like, costumed superheroes are the comfort food of the comics world. They're brave! They're buff! They're boffo!

This Saturday, Portland's superhero-lovin' group, the **Alter Egos Society**, teams up with **p:ear** for the world premiere of "Archives of the Fantastic: The Ninth Cosmic Convergence." This 50-minute film is "a tongue-in-cheek homage to superheroes! An amateur short film of epic proportions!"

The Alter Egos Society is "made up of intrepid adventurers, artists, and functional nerds who invent opportunities for creative expression ... and to wear tights in public (for the greater good). We call Portland Oregon home." But of course! The Saturday event is a benefit for p:ear, the Portland organization that mentors homeless youth. You can watch a trailer for "Archives of the Fantastic" at www.myspace.com/alteregosparty. Intrigued? Amused? See more this Saturday at the **Bagdad Theater**. Doors open at 1 p.m.; the movie starts at 2 p.m. Admission is \$3, and minors are welcome, accompanied by an adult.



"Archives of the Fantastic" movie poster

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Hello Members of Portland City Council,

My name is Benja Baker; I am the founder of The Alter Egos Society, a group of artists and superhero enthusiasts that host costumed events, many of which raise money to support mentoring of homeless youth in Portland. We also use video production both to promote our events and as an additional vehicle to raise funds to support local causes while telling fun stories.

It's officially Portland Comics Month and superheroes have deep roots in comics. The comics medium has expanded beyond the superhero genre just as superheroes have also expanded outside of comics. We wanted to make you aware of the events of The Alter Egos Society and the work we do, which simultaneously celebrates superheroes and tries to bring something of benefit to the community we live in.

Thank you,

Benja Barker
April 2010
The Alter Egos Society

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Parsons, Susan

From: alteregossociety@gmail.com on behalf of Alter Egos Society [benja@alteregossociety.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 10:52 AM
To: Parsons, Susan
Subject: April 14th Council communications slot

Hello! I've gotten emails forwarded from emails from Kaebel Hashitani about speaking at the April 14th City Council communications session. I just wanted to confirm that I'll be speaking for the Alter Egos Society. Thanks for your time and let me know if there's anything else you need from me!

-Benja Barker
Founder of
The Alter Egos Society

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Request of Benja Barker to address Council regarding the
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By *Susan L. Adams*

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