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A New Brunswick first Acadieman comic book hits the streets



MONCTON – The first Acadieman comic book will be launched during a reception at the Café Jacob, located in the Aberdeen Cultural Center in Moncton, on Tuesday, April 24th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Acadieman has become very popular since Rogers Television decided to broadcast an animated series featuring the first Acadian superhero. This comic book signals a return to the medium creator Dano LeBlanc loves the most.

“Acadieman started as a comic. I never intended to turn him into an animated character. My dream, ever since I was young, has always been to draw a comic book”, says LeBlanc.

The launch of this comic signals the arrival of a new Acadian art form. “As far as I know, it’s the first Acadian comic book. I hope it will change people’s perception of comics. They are not just for kids. People need to understand that this art form is just as legitimate as painting or sculpting. In Québec and Europe, you can study illustration at university. Art Spiegelman even won a Pulitzer prize in 1992 for his graphic novel *MAUS*”, says LeBlanc.

This first book of a four part series explores the early days of Acadieman. The story begins with his birth in Moncton’s East End. We are then led into the forest where our hero spends his childhood. After an intense physical and spiritual training by his master, Farty, Acadieman returns to the city. There, he will meet all the characters from the TV series such as his mom, Coquille and Johnny Dieppe.

This first issue is colored by local artist Sean Dowd. Being a comic book lover, Dowd says he’s happy to have worked on this project.

The Acadieman comic book is the second title published by *Short Circuit Publishing*. Since February 2006, this small company also publishes *La Rumeur*, a magazine written by students in French high schools across Atlantic Canada.

Dano LeBlanc is happy to see this project come to fruition at the dawn of the Frye Festival. He is one of the featured authors during the literary event. He’ll be at the *Underground Café*, April 25th, from 7:00 until 9:30 PM at the Empress. He’ll also participate in the Comic Jam, April 28th, from 8:00 to 10:00 PM at the Aberdeen center.

LeBlanc's art is also featured at the Musée Acadien at the Université de Moncton. His work is part of an exhibition on youth literature and illustration in Acadie. He's also featured at the Montreal exhibition on graphic art until August 15th.

On May 5th, Dano LeBlanc will be at Gamezilla during Free Comic Book Day for a book signing.

The comic will be available in most book stores. It can also be purchased online at www.courtccircuit.ca.

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