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Long Beach Zine Fest Showcases Independent Publishers and Artists
More than 100 vendors to convene April 12 at Museum of Latin American Art

March 18, 2015 (Long Beach, CA) – Celebrating Southern California’s independent publishing and Do-It-Yourself (DIY) culture, the first Long Beach Zine Fest will take place on Sunday, April 12, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA).

The Long Beach Zine Fest is a one-day free event promoting zines and zine culture and will be the first independent-publishing expo of its kind in the city. The festival will bring together more than 100 writers, designers, cartoonists, photographers, artists, and DIY advocates from Long Beach and surrounding cities who believe in the power of print as a viable artistic medium in today’s web-centric world.

Historically, zines (short for “magazine” or “fanzine”) were half-letter size, spine-stapled paper goods used by underground communities in the pre-internet age to spread information quickly and portably. The term is used today to describe a wide range of handmade, self-published print-based items.

The Long Beach Zine Fest will feature an open zine marketplace where attendees can browse and purchase chapbooks, comics, graphic novels and zines directly from their creators. The event also features a full schedule of do-it-yourself workshops and discussion panels in the Museum’s art studio and screening room — where attendees can learn about the process and history of zines — as well as live performances from Long Beach-based bands throughout the day.

Admission to the Long Beach Zine Fest and MOLAA is free to the public as part of MOLAA’s Free Sundays, sponsored by Target.

More information is available at lbzinefest.com.

Long Beach Zine Fest
Sunday, April 12
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Free and open to all ages

Location:
Museum of Latin American Art
628 Alamos Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90802

Pre-events

The Long Beach Zine Fest will be hosting a handful of pre-events to acquaint the community with zines and provide media an opportunity to meet with organizers and local authors/artists. For a full list of pre-events, visit: lbzinefest.com/pre-events/

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