

Author Presentations by Laura Lee Gulledge

Eisner Award nominated YA graphic novelist Laura Lee Gulledge her creative process for comics & visual storytelling in this inspiring, informative, and interactive presentation!



Laura Lee's classic **90 minute presentation** starts with her origin working in sketchbooks, exploring self publishing, and eventually breaking into comics. She then walks you through how she makes a graphic novel from original inspiration, outlining the plot, writing the script, making thumbnail sketches, then of course penciling and inking while passing around original book artwork.

Laura Lee then **demonstrates this process by DRAWING LIVE**, Artnering with students to create a unique crowd-sourced character and six panel short story. If the teacher is interested in making mini-comics, Laura Lee can share sample comics made by other students. Lastly she closes with a Q&A. ***Students receive Artistic Licenses and teachers receive educational handouts!

- An adjusted presentation without live comic drawing can fit within 45-60 minutes.
- Appropriate for ages 10 and up, for a single class or a large group.
- Requires access to a laptop/ projector & drawing surface for live drawing.
- Speaker Fee: Sliding scale of \$250-350 for a single talk, \$750-875 for the whole day.
(+ travel expenses if more than 1 hour away from Charlottesville)
- Adjusted "Virtual" Author Visits are also available via video chat for \$200-300.

- ❖ **Virginia Commission of the Arts Teaching Artist**
- ❖ **Statewide Faculty Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**
- ❖ **MA Art Education James Madison University**

"Laura Lee is not only a star, but also a warm and welcoming human being in every context."
—Dr. Katharine Kittredge, Ithaca College (NY)

"Laura Lee is such a dynamic and vivacious person. The students were captivated by her talent, enthusiasm and energy."
—Betty Moore, Blacksburg Regional Art Association (VA)

"Her enthusiasm for her art is infectious. Laura Lee shares her life story and offers insight on how to follow your dreams."
—Christine Capriolo, Brookfield Central High School (WI)



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