

LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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“The Art of Bill Morrison” at Lincoln Park Historical Museum October 15th

Award-winning cartoonist and illustrator Bill Morrison is being recognized with a special exhibit at the Historical Museum in his hometown of Lincoln Park. “The Art of Bill Morrison” will open on Saturday, October 15, 2016 and run through Friday, December 30, 2016. Bill, a 1977 graduate of Lincoln Park High School and an Eagle Scout, began his career as a technical illustrator in Detroit, following his studies at Detroit’s College for Creative Studies, but his dream was to be a cartoonist.

When Bill decided that he had rendered his last diesel fuel pump, he moved to Southern California with his wife, Kayre. Bill began working immediately in motion picture advertising and painted dozens of movie posters, including many for *Walt Disney Pictures*, such as *The Little Mermaid*, *Bambi*, *Peter Pan*, *Cinderella*, and *The Jungle Book*.

In recent decades, Bill has spent most of his waking hours on various projects related to *The Simpsons*. For that iconic property he has created thousands of drawings for T-shirts, video games, posters, toy packaging, books, calendars, limited edition prints, etc.

When *The Simpsons* creator Matt Groening founded *Bongo Comics* in the early 1990s, Bill was hired on as art director and realized his cartoonist dreams when he drew the very first *Simpsons* comic. He quickly took on the role of Creative Director, editing *Bongo’s* entire output, in addition to writing and drawing stories and covers for the publication. Bill also worked with Groening on early character designs for the TV show *Futurama* and served as the series’ art director.

In addition to his work on *The Simpsons* and *Futurama*, Bill has written and drawn his own comic book series; the four-time Eisner Award-nominated *Roswell*, *Little Green Man* and co-created two other comic book series, *Heroes Anonymous* and *Lady Robotika* (the latter with Jane Wiedlin of the legendary all-girl rock band, The Go-Go’s).

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Presently, Bill is tending to Bongo's digital comics endeavors while also working on an ongoing series of limited-edition Disney art prints published by ACME Animation Archives, writing and drawing his new series "Dead Vengeance" for Dark Horse Comics, and serving as the current President of the National Cartoonists Society.

The Lincoln Park Historical Society is pleased to be working with Bill on this upcoming exhibit, a retrospective of nearly four decades of his art career. The exhibit will run through the holidays, closing on December 30th. The museum's regular hours are Saturdays and Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; special holiday hours are Tuesday, December 27th through Friday, December 30th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bill Morrison will be in attendance for the exhibit's public opening reception, scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the museum. Bill will speak at 7:00 p.m. on highlights of his successful career. He will be available to sign copies of the museum exhibit's official poster, on sale at the museum along with his specially-designed T-shirt created for the exhibit. All proceeds will benefit the Lincoln Park Historical Society.

Bill will also be appearing locally for a signing at Big Ben's Comix Oasis, at 6711 Allen Rd, in Allen Park, from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday October 15th.

The museum is located at 1335 Southfield Road, one block west of Fort Street, in Lincoln Park. For more information, contact 313-386-3137 or lpmuseum@gmail.com; website: www.lphistorical.org; or find us on Facebook.

**[please see the art files attached to accompany this press release –
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Bill Morrison with his original painting for "The Little Mermaid", photographed at the "Treasures from the Disney Archives" exhibit at the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley, California.

[credit: courtesy of the Lincoln Park Historical Society]

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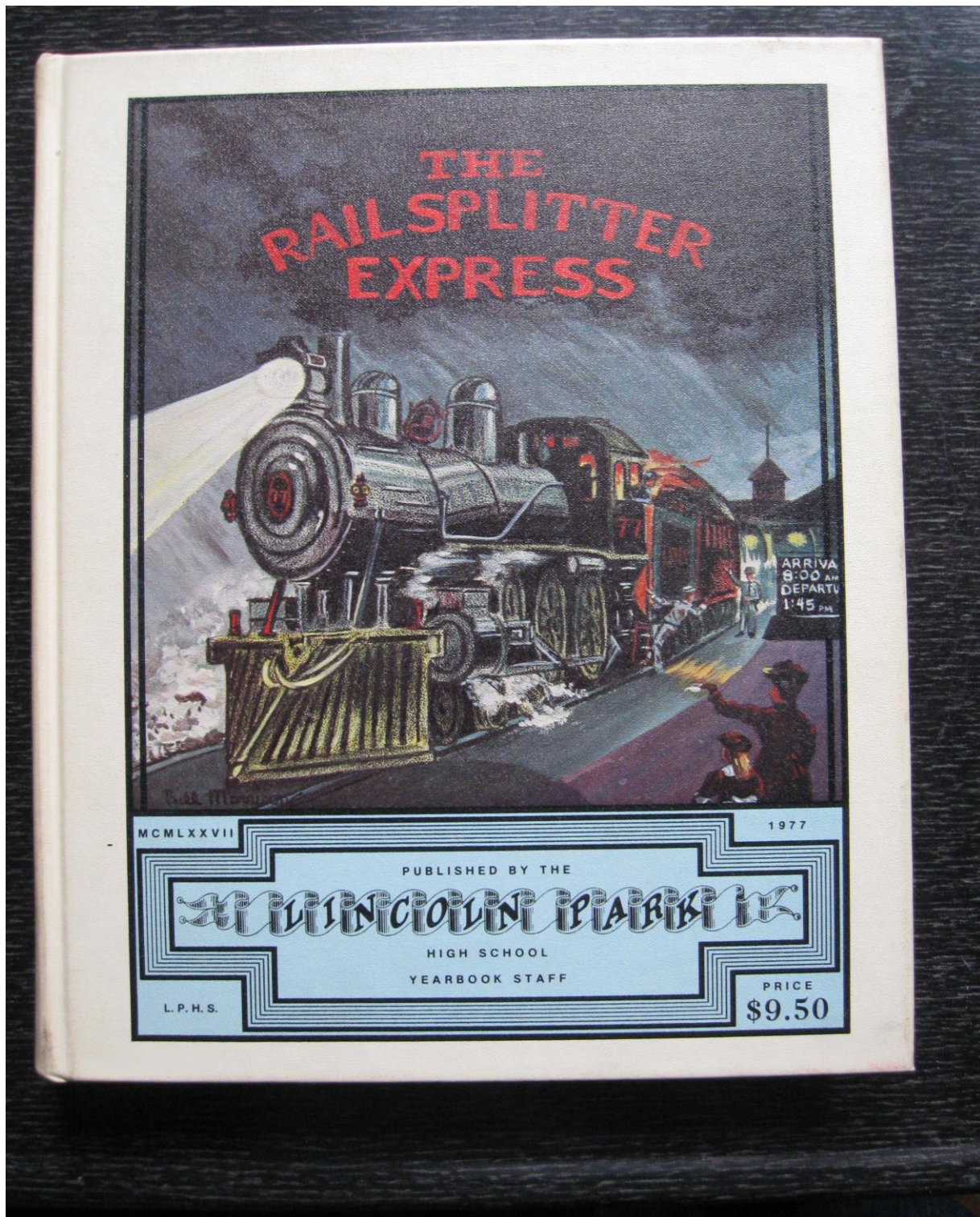
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Senior student Bill Morrison's art "The Railsplitter Express" created for the cover of the Lincoln Park High School 1977 yearbook [credit: courtesy of the Lincoln Park Historical Society]

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