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## VISUAL ARTISTS AS storytellers

Join us for this interactive panel discussion as we explore how visual artists tell stories and communicate ideas through their work. You will be able to ask questions of four highly regarded professional artists in **illustration, 3D art, cartooning** and **photography**. Stay after the Q&A to chat one-on-one with the artists and learn more about careers in art.

### Jim Di Bartolo, illustrator



Jim Di Bartolo was inspired to draw and paint by early exposure to his father's art and Saturday morning cartoons, but he didn't commit to being an artist until after college, when he turned gratefully from dull, grownup work to his early creative love. He has worked as a freelance illustrator on books, comic books and role-playing games, and has collaborated on several projects with his wife, author Laini Taylor. Their latest

book, *Lips Touch: Three Times*, was a 2009 National Book Award finalist. [www.jimdibartolo.com](http://www.jimdibartolo.com)

### Jennifer Corio, metal sculptor



Artist Jennifer Corio designs sculptures for public and private collections using a wide variety of metals, fabrication techniques and finishes. Jennifer is a member of Women Who Weld, a six-woman artist collaboration that has completed two large-scale public commissions in the Vancouver area. Along with husband Dave Frei, Corio owns Cobalt Designworks LLC, specializing in artistic metalwork. They

are currently working on a sculpture commission they won for the City of Bremerton. [www.cobaltdesignworks.com](http://www.cobaltdesignworks.com)

### Aron Nels Steinke, cartoonist/publisher



Aron Nels Steinke has been creating and publishing comics since 2006 and has a certificate in hand-drawn animation from the Vancouver Film School in British Columbia. Winner of the Xeric Award in 2006 for self-publishing in comics, Aron has contributed to several issues of the Ignatz Award winning anthology *Papercutter*. This summer saw the release of Aron's first graphic novel, *Neptune*, published by Sparkplug Comic Books.

Currently, Aron is in graduate school at Lewis and Clark for Elementary Education. [www.aronnelssteinke.com](http://www.aronnelssteinke.com)

### Michael Durham, wildlife photographer



Born in 1964 in Oregon, Michael started his photo career in commercial photography and eventually migrated into natural history and journalism. Michael has worked with the Oregon Zoo for 20 years, and his work has appeared in books and magazines in Europe and North America, including *Nature's Best*, *National Wildlife*, *Sierra*, *Defenders*, *Nature Conservancy Magazine*, *BBC Wildlife*, *Orion*, *National Geographic for Kids* and many more.

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No registration required. Please join us early for this special event, and stay after the panel to meet-and-greet the artists and attend the awards ceremony.