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KURTZMAN, LAWSON AND JOHNSON JOIN KITCHEN, LIND & ASSOCIATES

Amherst, MA—Denis Kitchen and John Lind are proud to announce the addition of three clients to their recently formed agency:

— The estate of legendary *MAD* creator, HARVEY KURTZMAN. Kurtzman has long been hailed as a satirical and cartooning genius by the likes of **Robert Crumb**, **Art Spiegelman** and others. Besides *MAD*, Kurtzman masterminded *Humbly*, *Trump* and *Playboy's* "Little Annie Fanny." His influence on humor is felt worldwide throughout the entertainment industry. The annual **Harvey Awards** for excellence in the comics industry are named after him. (See quotes below).

— **JIM LAWSON**, best known as an early member of *Mirage Studios* and the regular artist on the landmark black & white series *The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*. He also co-created the series *Planet Racers* with Peter Laird and designed a number of action figures for the TMNT toy line.

— Webcartoonist **BRYANT PAUL JOHNSON**, creator of *Teaching Baby Paranoia*, one of the most popular strips on *ModernTales.com*. Johnson has received numerous praise for the long-running strip, which he describes as "faux intellectualism".

Lawson and Johnson will be concentrating their efforts on longform solo projects, while Kitchen, Lind & Associates' book packaging entity will be working to bring the prestigious and highly influential Kurtzman catalogue of graphic novels back into print.

These creators join Kitchen & Lind's previously announced client list of cartoonists *Eleanor Davis*, *Drew Weing* and *Bernie Mierault* and comics historian and author *Todd Hignite*.

KLA will have a booth at SPX on October 13th and 14th to promote its upcoming packaged books and is looking to meet with talented creators who are seeking representation. The week following SPX, KLA will also be launching its Web site which will feature galleries of clients' work and news regarding upcoming projects.

Kitchen, Lind & Associates, LLC is co-owned by industry veteran Denis Kitchen and book designer John Lind. The formation of KLA was announced at the NYC MoCCA Festival in June 2006.

Quotes regarding Harvey Kurtzman:

Had he not existed, I'd be a dull, humorless lout working in a muffler shop somewhere, and so would practically everyone I know. I shudder to think how horrible the world would be today without that which Harvey Kurtzman began! —**Dan Clowes**

I love this guy! I really do! I'll never forget the moment I first saw the cover of MAD number eleven. I think it was one of the most important moments of my life, and therefore the history of the world... but seriously [Kurtzman] is as good as any cartoonist in history that I know of! —**R. Crumb**

Kurtzman has been the single most significant influence on a couple of generations of comic artists. —**Art Spiegelman**

To most historians of pop culture Mr. Kurtzman is one of the most important figures in postwar America. —**New York Times Book Review**

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