

Appendix 5: The process and progress during the research period using the studio work

The following is a chronological listing on the main points and milestones that have been obtained or achieved since beginning the DVA research and studio work:

2010

- **April:** Released *Soldier Legacy #1*– Artist’s Alley, Brisbane Supanova Pop Culture Expo. Feedback on pencilling/storytelling: Stewart McKenny, George Perez.
- **October:** Melbourne Armageddon Expo 2010 on Chris Sequeira table (reprint *Soldier Legacy #1*).
- **December:** *Dark Detective: Sherlock Holmes #6* Christmas-based pin-up, written brief by Christopher Sequeira.

2011

- **February:** Sydney Armageddon Expo on Black House Comics table (*Soldier Legacy #2* solo print).
- **April:** Brisbane and Melbourne Supanova expo 2011 – Solo table (with Black House Comics *Twilight Age* writer/artist Jan Scherpenhuizen) *Soldier Legacy #1* and #2. Feedback on issue 3 pencils and storytelling: Greg Capullo. *Tides of Hope* *Soldier Legacy* pinup published (Charity book for QLD Floods by Supanova), plus panel with Christopher Sequeira (Melbourne).
- **April:** Picked up by Black House Comics to publish my comic book series, began cross-over in *Dark Detective: Sherlock Holmes #7* (6 pages illustration & lettering: Marvel method with Christopher Sequeira).
- **June:** Sydney Supanova Expo 2011: Reprint of comics under Black House Comics label (New Publisher). Feedback: W. Chew Chan.
- **July:** Visit San Diego Comic-Con with Christopher Sequeira, and W.Chew Chan. 2011 Folio print book (with Sequeira pitches). Feedback: Walter Simonson, Mark Waid and editor Ben Abernathy. Industry-based seminars for theory/background.

- **September:** *The Soldier Legacy* used as subject of Youi Insurance TV Commercial released on Channel 7, and plays prime time until January/February 2012. Concept art and comic books feature in ad, as well as other Black House Comics titles:

They [Youi Insurance/FilmSmiths] had originally tried to use a Star Wars concept, but they couldn't get the rights, so they looked to local publishers. They approached us and they were really impressed with *The Soldier Legacy*. (Baden Kirgan, cited in Giles 2011)
- **October:** Melbourne Armageddon expo with new *The Soldier Legacy* #3.
- **November:** Brisbane Supanova expo 2011 on Black House Comics booth: Black House Comics panel given with Bruce Mutard, Jason Franks and Chris Sequeira. Promo material and giant Soldier legacy cut out from TV Commercial present.
- Named Australian Society of Authors Comics creator of the Month for Nov 2011.
- *The Soldier Legacy* at 'Comics etc.' comic store, Brisbane.
- Attend the Colleen Doran Master class hosted by the Australian Society of Authors.
- 2011: Pages from *Soldier Legacy* #2 on display at the Gympie Regional gallery in a QCA exhibition with other DVA candidates, Doctoral holders and Professors. Also, pages on Display at the 5th Jilian Animation exhibition in China.

2012

- **April:** First obtained 'Supa-star Guest' status with Christopher Sequeira- for Melbourne Supanova and inaugural Gold Coast Supanova expos April with new released *The Soldier Legacy* #4, the first *Soldier Legacy* trade paperback (Collected edition vol 1), part 2 of *DD:SH* #8 back up/cross-over story, and provided layouts for *DD:SH* artist from script. Panel with Chris Sequeira at Gold Coast show. Interview/TV spot with 'Geek Speak TV'. Feedback from retailer: Kaboom! Comics, Toowoomba. Brian Michael Bendis Master class.

- **April:** Interview with Jason Nahrung for WQ magazine.
- **June:** Black House Comics booth on Artist's Alley at Sydney Supanova Expo 2012 with all comic books and trade paperback. Interview on 'Kapow!' Comic Book Review show (Kapow! 2012). Feedback: W. Chew Chan.
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ch9eAikOgg&feature=player_embedded
- **July:** Invited guest at inaugural Melbourne OZ Comic-Con: 2 panels with Australian comic creators. Feedback: Dark Horse Comics Editor-in-Chief Scott Allie. Wolfgang Bylsma (Gestalt Publishing). Brief feedback/encouragement from Stan Lee.
- **July:** San Diego Comic-Con 2012 . 2012 print folio book produced. Meeting/feedback from DC Comics senior editor Ben Abernathy (at DC Comics offices Burbank), IDW publishing folio review/feedback: Editor John Barber (at IDW Offices, San Diego). Industry-based seminars for theory/background. Illustration Pin up published in SDCC Souvenir book.
- **July/August-November:** Teaching animation students 'Visual Story' at Queensland College of Art, Griffith University.
- **November:** 'The Late Nite Show' interview/appearance, on public TV (Briz 31 Digital)
- **November:** Guest at Brisbane Supanova expo, November 2012, new *The Soldier Legacy #5* release. Feedback (and Master class): Howard Chaykin. Panel with James Brouwer. Interview for 'This Town Brisbane' TV segment filmed. Interviewed and comic review by Whatcha Podcast.
- Illustration Pinup for novel *Who is Killing the Great Capes of Heropa?* by Andrez Bergen, published by Perfect Edge books.

2013

- **January:** ‘The Late Nite Show’ appearance/interview, at Briz 31 Digital
- **January:** Invited to teach Comics workshops to kids at the State Library of Queensland, School holiday program.
- **February:** Interviewed by ‘Geek Speak TV’: 30 minute special. "Man Cave" episode. Public TV across Australia.
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=-KrbL9-McH8
- **March/April:** Invited guest at Perth and Adelaide OZ Comic-Con: Australian comics Panels. Feedback: Wolfgang Bylsma Gestalt publishing. (“fan moment”: *Soldier Legacy* comics taken by William Shatner) Part three of *DD:SH* back up/cross-over story completed, released in one-shot comic book *The Soldier Legacy’s Strange Tales #1*, with 8 page back up story *The Maleficus Seven*, with Christopher Sequeira.
- **April:** ‘Supa-Star’ guest at Melbourne and Gold Coast Supanova (with Christopher Sequeira, W.Chew Chan and Jason Franks). ‘Geek Speak TV’ Interview segment at the Gold Coast (billed as “Exclusive” re: *The New Adventures of the Human Fly #1* news for US publisher.
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pO76Dc2FufU&list=UUCTv_fKt1c4alhSG4kT1gog&index=1
- **May 4th:** Free Comic Book Day- Invited guest for an in-store appearance/sketches at ‘Gifts for the Geek’, Geelong Victoria, with comic illustrator Paul Abstruse.
- **July:** guest of Melbourne Oz Comic-Con 2013. Australian comics creator panels. Interviewed by Oz Comic-Con for segment,
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1njlogjbFs0&feature=youtu.be>
- Interviewed by Nerd Culture Podcast.

- **July:** San Diego Comic Con 2013. Folio print book release. Release of *The New Adventures of the Human Fly #1* for 'Human Fly International'. Successful pitch to Mark Waid for 'Thrillbent (*Maleficus Seven*)', discussion with Ben Abernathy, Senior editor for 'Madefire', feedback from Klaus Janson.

Brand new adventures of the Human Fly, based on the real-life stuntman, superhero and rock star extraordinaire, featuring artists Bob Layton (*The Invincible Iron Man*), Steve Leialoha (*Fables*), Don Perlin (*Werewolf by Night*, co-creator of 'Moon Knight') and Al Milgrom (*ROM: Spaceknight*) from the Fly's original 1970s comic book series. Contributors also include iconic '70s/'80s artist Gerry Talaoc (*Unknown Soldier*, *The Incredible Hulk*), Steven Butler (*Web of Spider-Man*, *Sonic the Hedgehog*), hot alternative comic book creator Jim Rugg (*Afrodisiac*), legendary letterer Janice Chiang, Rafael Navarro (*Sonambulo*, *Guns A Blazin*), Javier Hernandez (*El Muerto*, *Aztec Zombie*), screenwriter of the upcoming *Human Fly* movie Tony Babinski, Jason Baroody, Paul Mason and Kathryn Renta... (Amazon 2013)

- **August-November:** Teaching animation students 'Visual Story' at Queensland College of Art, Griffith University.
- **August:** Guest at inaugural ZICS event (Zine and Indie Comic Symposium), at 'The Edge', Brisbane. Panels given.
- **September:** Guest at 'Brisbane Writer's Festival': panel with Eddie Campbell, Dylan Horrocks, and Zac Smith-Cameron (on 'Creator-Owned Comics').
- **October:** Conducted interview as host of a one hour 'Creator Focus: Len Wein' panel for 'Graphic' Festival at the Sydney Opera House, Sydney

NSW.

- **October:** 'The Late Night Show' interview on Briz 31 Digital.
- **October/November:** 'Shadow of a Mouse' Art Exhibition, with Griffith Film school post graduates/Lecturers at Royal Queensland Art Society Gallery, Brisbane.
- **November:** Guest at Brisbane Supanova Expo 2013. Panel with other local creator guests. Feedback (and Master class): John Higgins.

2014 (to March 2014)

- **January:** Invited to teach Comics workshops to kids at the State Library of Queensland, School holiday program.
- **February:** Interview on 'The Late Nite Show', Briz 31 Digital.
- Semester 1: Teaching 1st year animation and Games students 'Drawing for the Moving Image' at QCA, Griffith University. Also a 5-week block for 3rd year students in 'Sequential Art and illustration'.
- Announced as guest for Adelaide (April), Melbourne (July), Brisbane and Sydney (September) OZ Comic-Con 2014.
- Announced as a guest for 'Sugar City Con' - Mackay Queensland. (August 2014).

