Emma Ríos at SPX 2018

SPX (Small Press Expo) 2018, the premier event for indie comics, cartooning and graphic novels, presents Spanish graphic novelist Emma Ríos.

Emma Ríos is a cartoonist based in Spain. She shifted her focus to a mix of both architecture and work with small press publishers until she started working on comics full-time in 2007. Having worked for Boom! Studios and for Marvel Entertainment (*Doctor Strange*, *Amazing Spiderman*), she returned to creator-owned comics in 2013, thanks to Image Comics, where she recently published *I.D.*, a solo graphic novel, and co-edited the *Island* magazine with Brandon Graham.

She currently co-creates *Pretty Deadly* with Kelly Sue DeConnick and *Mirror* with Hwei Lim. Ríos was nominated three times to the Eisner Awards: Best interior artist and Cover artist for *Pretty Deadly* in 2015, and as co-editor and collaborator of the *Island Anthology* in 2017.

Related event: panel discussion at SPX 2018

FEMINIST FUTURISM & FANTASY

- **On September 15, from noon to 1 pm**. At Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, White Oak Room.
- With Francesca Lyn, Emma Ríos, Carolyn Nowak, Aminder Dhaliwal, Kelly Kwang and Fiona Smyth.

Science fiction and fantasy have longed served as a way to couch deeper social, political and cultural meanings. Moderator Francesca Lyn and panelists Emma Ríos (*Island*), Carolyn Nowak (*Diana's Electric Tongue*), Aminder Dhaliwal

(*Woman World*), Kelly Kwang (*Frontier*) and Fiona Smyth (*Somnambulance*) discuss how they use various genre tropes to explore topics related to feminism like a world without men, the implications of having a robot boyfriend, mystical searches in surreal environments and much more.