



NYCC '07: The Art of Joe Quesada

The opening of *Santerians: The Art of Joe Quesada* at the Franklin H. Williams Caribbean Cultural Center/African Diaspora Institute was a crowded event Thursday evening with pros and press jamming the small two-level gallery on West 58th Street. The exhibit focuses on a group of Latino characters the Cuban-American Quesada created in the series *Daredevil: Father*, a story Quesada dedicated to his late father. This is the first solo exhibit for Quesada, who is editor in chief of Marvel Comics. Character designs, page layouts and the finished original art were hung next to large, full-color reproductions of the finished work.

A cadre of Marvel staffers were in attendance, including David Gabriel, C.B. Cebulski and Axel Alonso. Other comics pros in attendance included Top Cow President Matt Hawkins, Wizard writer Mike Cotton, Kabuki creator David Mack and Quesada's wife, Nanci Dakesian. Quesada was late to his own party, and was introduced by the center's founder, Dr. Marta Moreno Vega, and curator Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez. Exhibit runs through July 30. — **T.M.**