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## Keeping *The Invisible Man* visible: *The Invisible Man* stages a successful return to San Diego Comic Con

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After an absence of three years, *The Invisible Man* once again had a presence at the San Diego International Comic Con, the largest comic book and popular arts convention in the world. Located at table number C-7, the fan-run booth gave away *The Invisible Man* fan-created collectibles like magnets, keychains, waterbottles and many other items. They also sponsored a drawing in which the winner took home a region-free DVD player and the complete first season DVD set of *The Invisible Man*, region 2 UK edition. In addition, those manning the booth solicited over 1,300 signatures requesting that a film version be brought to the big screen by the new NBC Universal group.

Fans gathered to talk I-Man, exchange anecdotes and memories, and just say how much they liked the show. Among the visitors who contributed their signatures were a number of I-Man alumni, including cast and crew members, and even writer-producer Craig Silverstein, currently executive producer of USA Channel's *The Dead Zone*, who graciously accepted a selection of collectibles to be presented to Matt Greenberg, creator of *The Invisible Man*.

The most frequently asked question was: "when are the DVDs coming out?" The enthusiastic response to seeing I-Man back in the public eye was encouraging to fans who continue to fight to return the show to the air in some form, whether in syndication, or best of all with new episodes. All those who participated in supervising the booth agreed that it was a rousing success. Plans are underway to bring an *Invisible* presence to other cons, including the upcoming Galaxy Con, being held in Maryland this coming November.

Photographs of the booth and some of its visitors can be found at:

<http://wave.prohosting.com/axzanier/ComicConDisplay.html>

Links to this site will be available at:

<http://www.perseusproject.com/>

<http://www.invisiblemanvs.com/>

<http://www.imaniacs.org/>

<http://www.invisiblemanonline.com>



## About The Invisible Man

*The Invisible Man* -- one of the SciFi Channel's top 3 original series and consistently one of the top 10 genre shows in syndication -- premiered to critical acclaim in June 2000. With a fresh, hip retro style and sly, witty tone, this show is utterly unlike anything else on TV today. The characters are beautifully flawed and human and the sci fi conceit never gets in the way of the wonderful banter and chemistry this top-notch cast and crew created each week. For two seasons the fans have been treated to a roller-coaster ride of plot twists, clever dialogue, comedy, drama, and unpredictable plot lines.

The chemistry between the two lead actors, Vincent Ventresca and Paul Ben-Victor, has garnered numerous accolades and the show has drawn critical acclaim, including several Saturn Award nominations for both its seasons and a best ensemble award from *TV Zone* magazine. Additionally, numerous episodes were included on The Futon Critic's list of the Top 50 Episodes of 2001 and 2002, and the show swept numerous categories in the fan-based voting for the 2002 Roswell Awards.

Created by talented Matt Greenberg (*Reign of Fire*), the show has also created quite a buzz in the creative community, attracting such luminaries as: Armin Shimerman (*Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*), Craig Silverstein (creative consultant, producer, *The Dead Zone*), George Huang (director of *Swimming with Sharks*), Greg Yaitanes (director of episodes of *Las Vegas*, *Cold Case*), Justine Miceli (*NYPD Blue*), Joel Bissonette (*Boulevard*, *Fight Club*), David Burke (*Joan of Arcadia*), Michael Welch (*Joan of Arcadia*, *Star Trek: Insurrection*) and Adam Storke (*Mystic Pizza*, *Prey*).

*The Invisible Man* was abruptly cancelled after negotiations fell through for not one, but two more seasons in late September 2001. Yet the series' popularity remains high, with a large, international fan base. In fact, a recent chat with the series' two stars had to be cancelled when a record number of fans tried to log on to SciFi.com, accidentally overloading and crashing the server.

I-Maniacs, members of the show's unofficial fan club, are currently spearheading a massive write-in campaign to get *The Invisible Man* picked up by another network. Efforts to date have included a mass mailing to various networks; one online petition that closed as of December 7, 2001, with close to 4000 signatures; and ads in the New York and Los Angeles editions of *Daily Variety*. A new online petition can be found at [www.petitiononline.com/imans3/petition.html](http://www.petitiononline.com/imans3/petition.html) and has already garnered over 5000 signatures, bringing the total number of signatures to over 9000.

By popular demand, *The Invisible Man* was also added to [www.savethatshow.com](http://www.savethatshow.com), an online site dedicated to helping fans voice their support of cancelled or threatened shows, where it has jumped to Number Three on the list of Top Five Vote Leaders with over 20,000 supporting responses, 98 percent of which say the show is "perfect."

For more information on *The Invisible Man*, the Virtual Season, or the campaign to renew the show, please email [www.saveinvisibleman.com](mailto:www.saveinvisibleman.com) For in-person contacts, please call:

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Kathleen Finn, Treasurer, O:VI: 805 523-7310

URLs for your reference:

Message boards:

I-Maniacs.org: [pub63.ezboard.com/bIManiacs](http://pub63.ezboard.com/bIManiacs)

Perseusproject.com: [www.perseusproject.com/MB/mb.html](http://www.perseusproject.com/MB/mb.html)

Official SciFi board: [www.scifi.com/invisibleman](http://www.scifi.com/invisibleman)

Sites devoted to the show and campaigning for season three:

Operation: Visible Ink: <http://visible-ink.net>

I-Maniacs Fan Club: [www.Imaniacs.org](http://www.Imaniacs.org)

perseusproject.com: [www.perseusproject.com/FAQ/Dispatch\\_Index/I-ManPassion/i-manpassion.html](http://www.perseusproject.com/FAQ/Dispatch_Index/I-ManPassion/i-manpassion.html)  
and [http://www.perseusproject.com/Standing\\_Ovation/standing\\_ovation.html](http://www.perseusproject.com/Standing_Ovation/standing_ovation.html)

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