



**DRAWING A LAUGH:** It's comic art, but is it *really* art? This question has been posed by an Auckland art gallery showing work from some of the country's leading comic

artists. For Rhoda Fowler, right, of the Fisher Gallery, Pakuranga, the answer is clear. "Yes, it's definitely art. It's a very important and valid form of art. When people think of artists they think of fine artists ... but this whole

project is introducing people to the concept that comic artists are here, they have been here for a long time, and what they are doing is equally valid." She and the gallery director, Tim Renner, are shown admiring *Wall*

*Jam* by 12 artists. Rhoda Fowler said that comic art deserved wider recognition. The exhibition featuring 43 comic artists ends on Sunday, February 11.

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