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## About the Cover

Phoenix Jones and members of the *Rain City Superhero Movement*: Pitch Black, Purple Reign, Phoenix Jones, Nameless, Aquarius Knight, and Mist ("Double-Face") at Seattle's Pike Place Market. Ghost and El Caballero are missing in this photo. Phoenix has added a GoPro video camera to his chest.



According to photographer David Mark Erickson, "The idea came from Phoenix himself to have the crew all line up in a V formation. It has turned out to be a very iconic shot. I love the way they lined up, the various heights and body positions. It gives a normally static photo some energy. The lighting was tough as I was using the ambient light in the market, but it was nice and soft and gives enough depth and shadow."

Read more about David Mark Erickson and his travels on his [blog](#) and see more of his photos on [FaceBook](#) and in his [gallery](#).

