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More Than Rice and Beans® Meet Brooklyn's Legendary Toy Sculptor Dave Cortes

Episode description:

Have you ever wondered who is behind all the action figures and miniatures that line the aisles at toy stores? Chances are, you've seen something created by this week's guest, sculptor Dave Cortes! Tania and Miguel are joined by Cortes, a legendary sculptor from Brooklyn who has worked with Marvel, DC, Sideshow Toys, and more. In 2016, Cortes created the thirteen-foot bronze sculpture of Captain America that was unveiled in celebration of the superhero's 75th birthday. Don't miss this exciting episode of *More Than Rice and Beans* to learn about Cortes' rise to success, sculpting process, and more!

Highlights:

Tania and Miguel are joined by legendary freelance sculptor and native Brooklynite Dave Cortes.

Episode highlights include:

- Cortes tells us how he went from a fascination with stop-motion animation to sculpting toys.
- What a modern sculptor does, and how it's different from the clay we all used in high school art class.
- How Cortes broke into the mega-exclusive world of sculpting for comic giants DC and Marvel
- The story behind the famous Captain America sculpture we all know and love.
- What it's like to be a Latino working in the sculpting field.
- What Cortes is working on next.
- Miguel gets the answers to all his nerdiest comic questions.

About the guest:

Dave Cortes, a native Brooklynite, was attending the School of Visual Arts when a fascination with stop motion animation evolved into an obsession with creating the characters. Cortes worked at McFarlane Toys as a staff sculptor before snagging deals with DC Comics, Sideshow Toys, Toy Biz, and Marvel. He became a household name in 2016 with the unveiling of his bronze Captain America in his native Brooklyn to recognize the superhero's 75th anniversary. Today, Cortes continues to create art in his Park Slope, Brooklyn studio.

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