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A Hero for Post Hurricane Maria:

Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez writer and creator of La Borinqueña

“Miranda-Rodriguez’s comic book creation — an Afro-Latina, environmentally powered superhero, La Borinqueña — is a superpowered love letter that basks in the spiritually connective pride that all Puerto Ricans feel toward La Isla del Encanto. He created the heroine, who shares a name with the Puerto Rican national anthem, not just to continue the growing diversity that has reached superhero comics, but to serve as a reminder that Puerto Rico can weather its storms, be they financial or natural disasters.”

– *The Washington Post*

Join critically acclaimed graphic novelist Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez in a discussion that ties in Puerto Rican history into the current state of the island post Hurricane Maria, six months later.

Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez is the Creative Director and owner of his own Brooklyn-based production and creative services studio, Somos Arte. With close to 20 years of experience, Edgardo has delivered exemplary services in graphic design for both digital and print for such clients as Atlantic Records and Columbia University. Under his leadership, Somos Arte, provides graphic novel production, web design/development, branding, key artwork and video production. In addition, Edgardo is a curator of art exhibitions having already produced three original Marvel comic book art exhibitions and his very own La Borinqueña for the Smithsonian



Museum Asian Pacific Islander Center’s CTRL+ALT exhibition in New York City.

Edgardo continues to be recognized widely for his work on CNN, the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, NPR and numerous other media outlets as a graphic novelist having already produced his creator owned project, the critically acclaimed La Borinqueña. In addition he has produced graphic novels under the Darryl Makes Comics imprint which he co-owns with Darryl DMC McDaniels (from RUN DMC), and the comic book series *Freak* written by Emmy award winning writer John Leguizamo. He has also written for Marvel Comics critically acclaimed anthology, *Guardians of the Galaxy: Tales of the Cosmos*.



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