DIEGO TINOCO

Clay Cid Corona is a Los Angeles based TV & film actor, writer, director, producer, and stunt performer who offers his strength, the ability of being able to "take a punch" and his "Hollywood" sensibilities to the entertainment industry. He is also a multi-talented, creative, a hardworking entrepreneur, and the vision to give back to the children of his community. A map not his long path from young actor/a model to a longtime pillar in the Hispanic community in Los Angeles.

Diego Tinoco joins photographer by Brianna Brasco with Fashion by Kaleen J. Christie. Grooming by Kara Calabria, and words by Miguel Cuevas

Diego Tinoco's inestimable rise up the ranks of the acting world looks like it happened almost as fast as an unmistakable connection—unbeknownst to everyone—except the producers at Netflix. "It didn't just happen overnight," he said the day after his first appearance on the Netflix series, Ginny & Georgia, "I've been working for a long time." Indeed, he has been in the game since the early 2000s, a time when he, I decided to mention, was very cute in B.C. In order to claim classes, at B.C.'s Acting Studios. That was back in 2004, when Jeff Wright passed away. Wright, who was known for his "cute and sweet-nature" personality, was a beloved acting teacher who was also a mentor to many young actors, including Tinoco. Wright was also a "tough-love" teacher, who was known for his "no-nonsense" approach to acting, and he was a "stickler" for being on time. Tinoco, who was a young actor at the time, recalls that he was "a little bit of a rebel." Wright was also

didn't care about the marks on my skin, they were just my boys and they just wanted to skate, have a good time and laugh.

So, I had to deal with that growing up and it really took a toll on my family. But right now, I'm happy and I'm good.

MOOD: In that same interview, you also said that you wanted to form your own organization someday. That's wonderful! Would this organization have a focus on charity, children's health, or something completely different?

Diego Tinoco: I would love to develop an organization, in time, where I can fully focus on kids and give back to kids who haven't had the best health and medical luck. Just talking about that right now, hits a soft spot in my heart. Because when I was little, I got some really shitty news and I didn't really think I was going to make it. I remember saying, "F*ck, this is it. Why is God doing this to me? I'm only twelve." But luckily my circumstances turned out differently. I got to see some more years and I'm still here. So, I definitely want to do something for kids somewhere down the line. Or if an organization approaches me and would like to collaborate, I definitely would love to work with them. I think right now, I'm really trying to build right now so that I can give a lot more, somewhere down the line. Because, what good is working for yourself if you're not going to give back? So, it's definitely in my plan. I've got it all written down.

MOOD: Back in 2020, you became the youngest juror on a panel at the 35th annual Santa Barbara International Film Festival. While you were there, you had the chance to meet your idol, Brad Pitt. Can you tell us about that encounter? And did you have the chance to ask him for any career advice?

Diego Tinoco: That was insane! I was literally, so starstruck that I was shaking. I heard that he was going to be in town and as a juror I knew that we had backstage access and we'd get to hang out with him and all that. So, we saw his movie (Ad Astra) and we did a cross Q&A with him and David Fincher (Fight Club). And then afterward, we got invited to go and hang out with him. So, I got to meet him briefly, we shook hands and I asked him about "World War Z." I love that movie, so I asked him if there was going to be a second one because I saw in an interview of his where he mentioned that it was coming. It was a surreal moment, seeing my idol, being able to shake his hand and listen to him tell stories. It was crazy!

MOOD: Since we're talking about Brad Pitt, if you could insert yourself into an iconic role that he's played, which one would you choose and why?

Diego Tinoco: Probably, World War Z (laughs). That would be cool.

MOOD: Hey, you never know, maybe you'll be in the sequel that you asked him about.

Diego Tinoco: (Laughs) Exactly! That would be cool…I'll put it out in the universe like that…

MOOD: As an entertainer, what are you most excited about this year?

Diego Tinoco: I just want to see all of the cinemas open back up again and see people enjoy a night out at the theater and have it done safely. I just want everybody to be good, like the way it was before Covid hit.

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