

# **Today's Artist: Nathan Sawaya**



**Nathan Sawaya was born in Washington, raised in Oregon and currently lives in New York City.**

**Nathan went to law school at NYU and became a lawyer. After stressful days at work he would come home and play with his children's Legos.**

**He realized he had a talent and was eventually able to quit being a lawyer and make money selling his sculptures.**

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**This sculpture was commissioned by Tony Hawk**

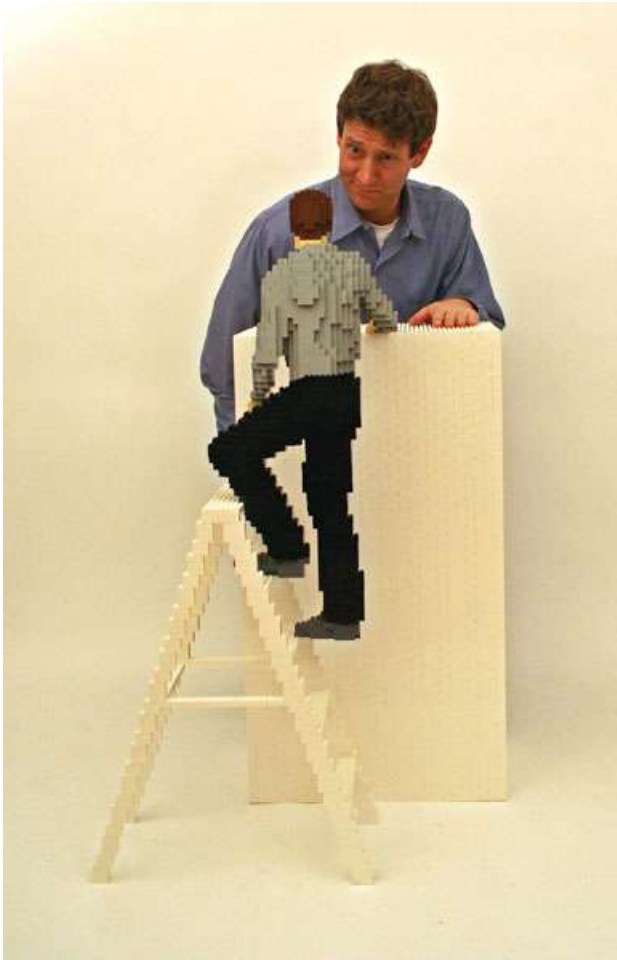
**He has exhibited work all over the world.**

**Several museums own work he has created, including the Discovery Center Museum.**

**He is so in love with Lego as an art material that he tattooed the indentation that the bricks leave upon his finger.**

**Although it is structurally unneeded, he glues his pieces together after construction to ensure they stay together as they travel between museums.**

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**Much of his work is designed to teach lessons. This piece is about how you can not always avoid road blocks and that you sometimes need to overcome challenges.**



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**Aside from 3-D sculptures he also creates flat “paintings using small Legos.**

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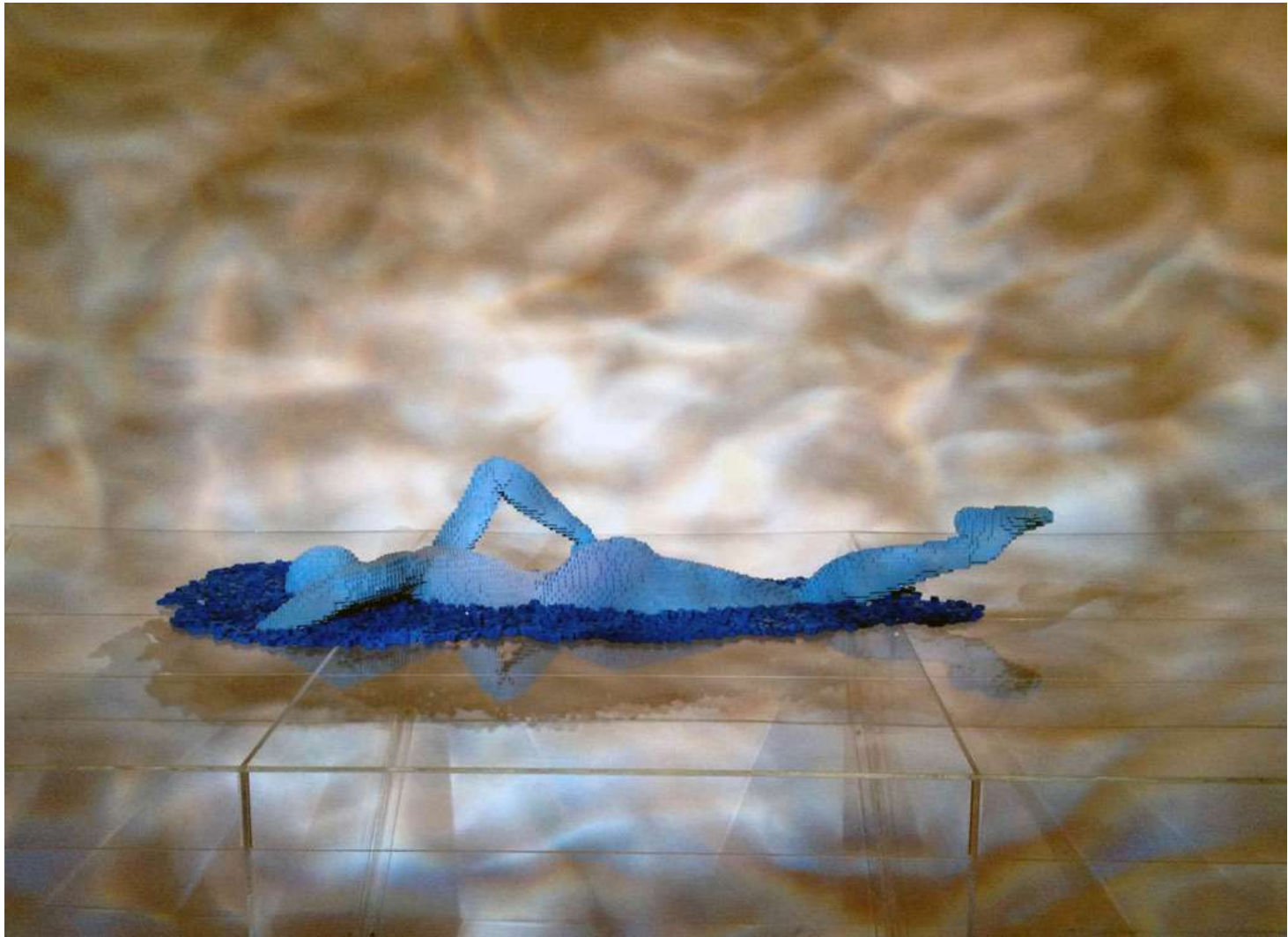
**Art adds color and richness to life.**



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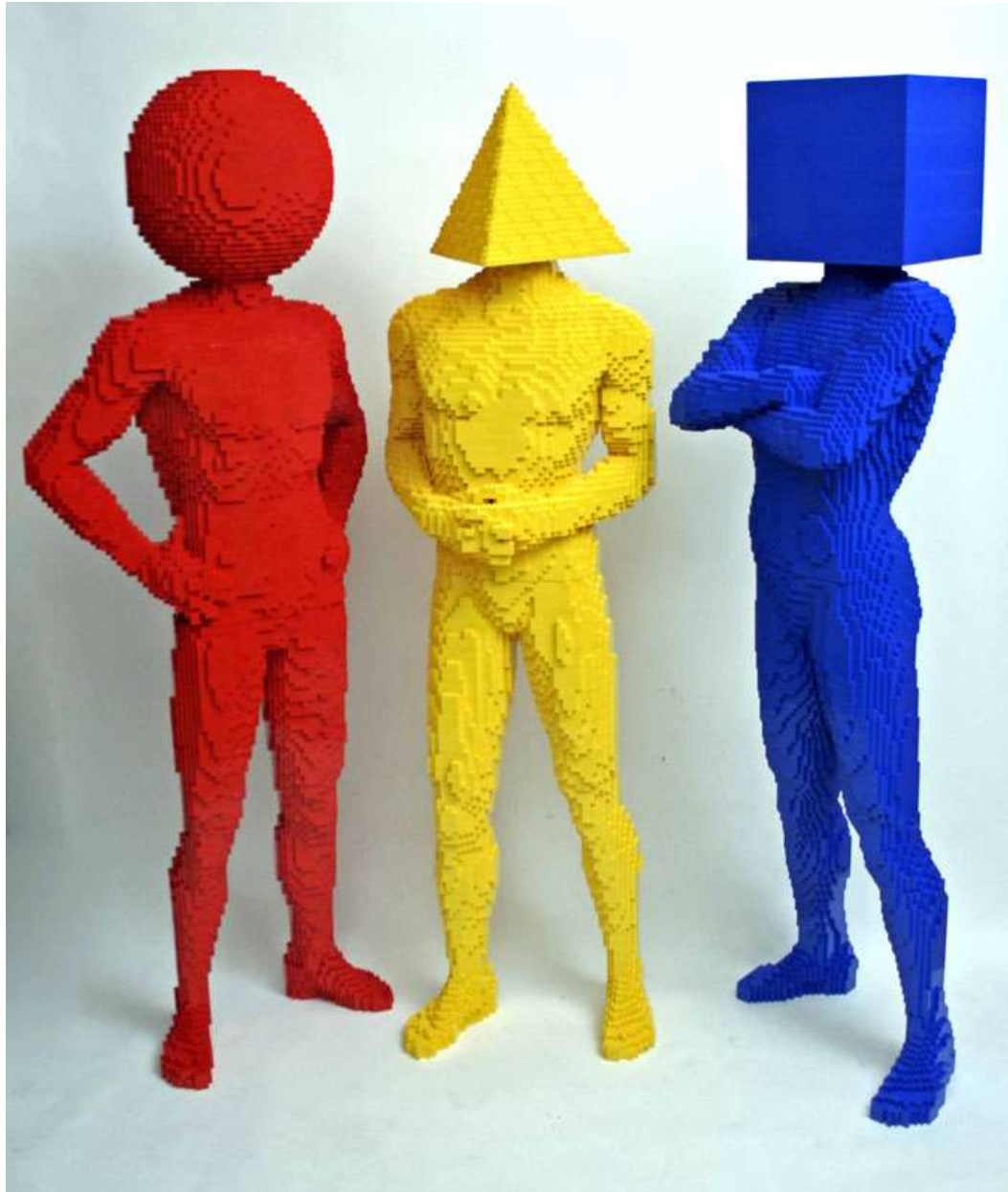


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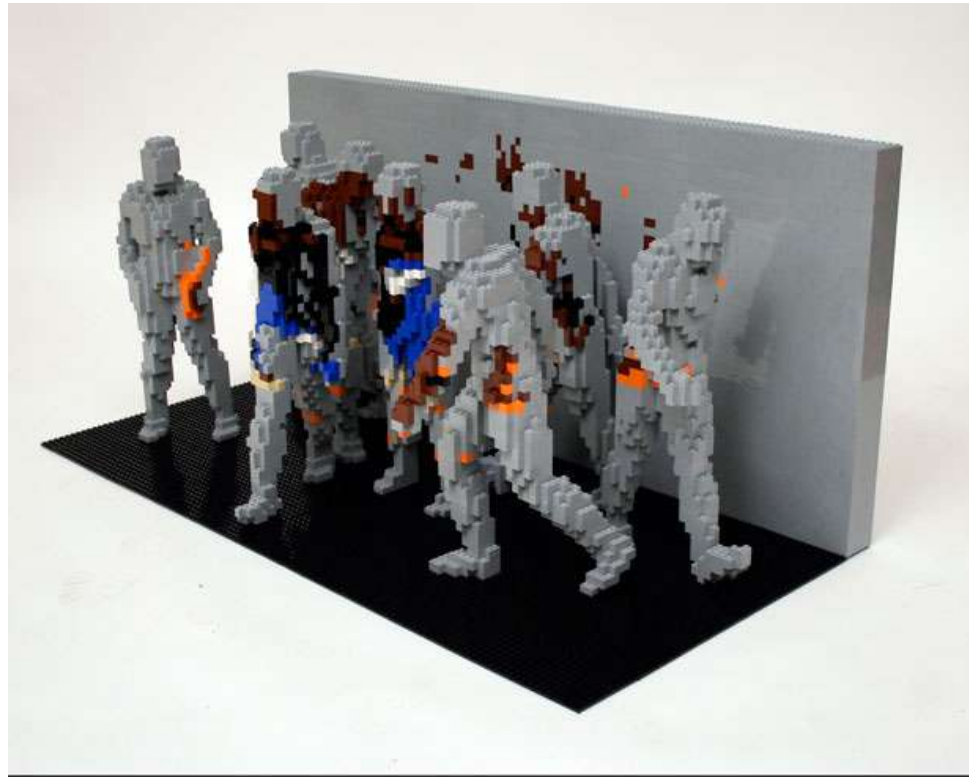
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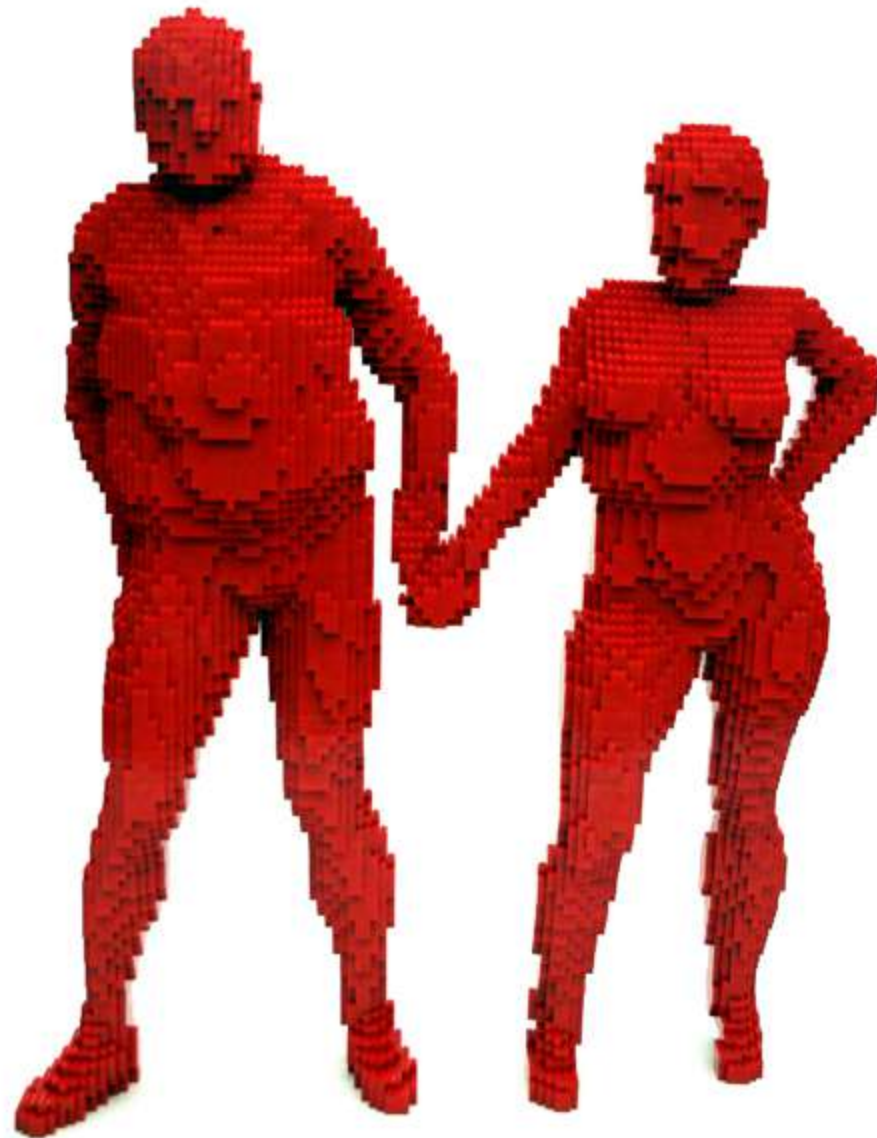


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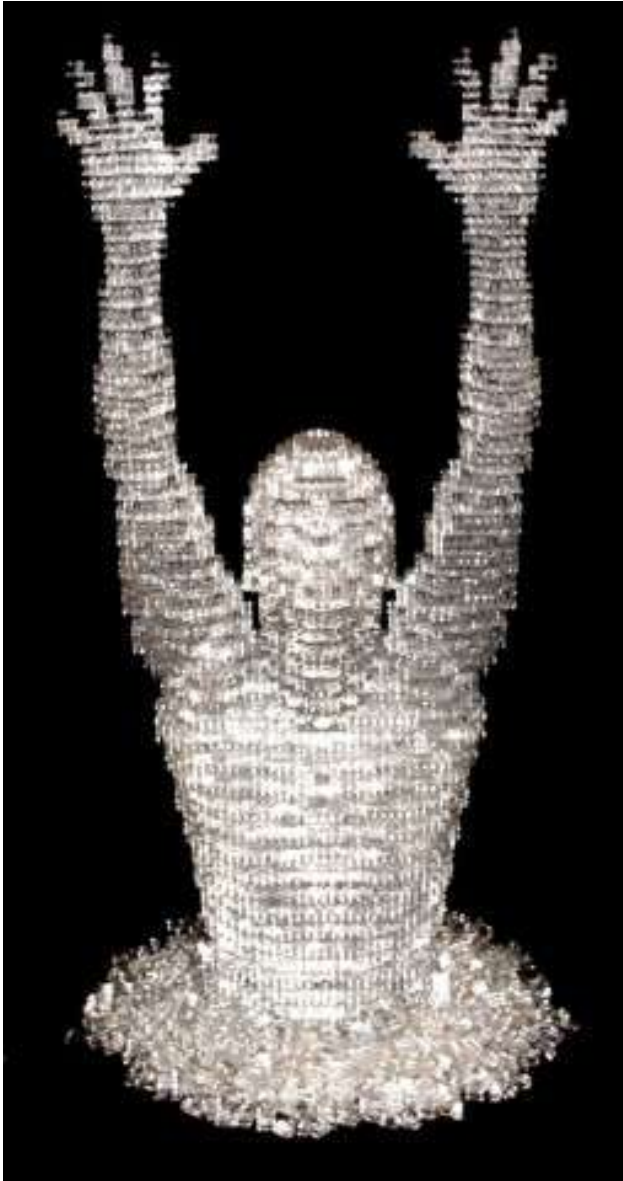


**Love is a  
funny thing.  
Sometimes it  
is heartfelt.  
Sometimes it  
is heartache.  
Sometimes it  
is just  
heartburn.**

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**As the winter season approaches, I wanted to try my hand at ice sculpture. Out of LEGO. So I created this Melting Man sculpture completely out of transparent LEGO bricks. I also lit it from within, to give it a glowy-feel.**

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