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Inspired in self-isolation: Andres Sarv

With Covid-19 lockdowns worldwide and health authorities urging people to self-isolate and practice social distancing on a massive scale as part of an enormous effort to #FlattenTheCurve of this global pandemic ... we are reaching out to industry friends, colleagues, associates, partners, etc., and asking them to share their #StayAtHome and #QuarantineAndChill activities with us during this extraordinary time.

Andres is head of lighting at Vanemuine Theatre in Estonia – the oldest theatre in Estonia, founded in Tartu in 1870 it is the only three-genre theatre in the region, staging music theatre (operas, operettas and musicals), dance theatre (classical ballet and modern dance) and drama. The theatre has three buildings and employs close to 400 people. Andres also works as a lighting designer for rental company E&T Light – designing for concerts, exhibitions, and installations.

Robe: Where are you right now?

Andres: Right now, I am in my country home in Tartumaa, Estonia.

Robe: How are you spending time whilst isolating / on lockdown?

Andres: Doing work in the garden and repairing my house! Barbecuing and going to the sauna on the weekends with my family.

Robe: What is the most creative thing you're able to do whilst in isolation?

Andres: Working on my wife's studio lighting!

Also, I have been trying to learn new lighting desks online and discovering new fixtures and their abilities from Robe.

Robe: Are you looking after anyone else during the Covid-19 crisis? Like neighbours or others in the family?

Andres: I am part of a 5-person family, and we are checking on other relatives as well.

Robe: Has anyone particularly inspired you since this crisis started?

Andres: My wife and kids.

Robe: What has been your favourite book / movie / Netflix or TV series / viral video

Games / music?

Andres: I have stuck with my usual "Midsomer Murders" (popular detective drama set in modern-day England) and watching its new season. I have also enjoyed the various livestreams from Estonian musicians and artists.

Robe: What is the first thing you'd like to do when we are through this crisis?

Andres: I'm excited to do the lighting for Tõnis Mägi's (Estonian singer, guitarist, composer, actor and one of the most influential names in Estonian rock music of the past 40 years) new concerts, visit a pub and a restaurant and start up my weekly basketball training with friends again.

Robe: Own question / answer / message of solidarity or something you would like to say?

Andres: I hope we will come out of this smarter and stronger!

