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Inspired in self-isolation: Roni Huber

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.

Roni Huber is responsible for developing technical concepts at event management company Winkler Livecom in Switzerland, which includes creating and implementing lighting designs. Additionally, as an independent LD, he designs and operates lighting for a range of exciting projects.

Robe: Where are you right now?

Roni: Mostly I am at home, near Zurich, Switzerland, and every now and then in the office, which is nearby.

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

Roni: I made up my mind to do everything I could that falls by the wayside, but I haven't done that much yet! I spend a lot of time online, researching on topics that interest me. A little self-study of equipment and software, just to be calm and slow down.

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

Roni: Create designs for upcoming projects and maybe visualize them in a little more detailed than usual.

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

Roni: Not in my narrow environment. My mother lives in Austria, my brother in Zurich. But I am in intensive exchange - unfortunately only over the telephone - with a group of colleagues / friends, keeping each other entertained. :)

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

Roni: Hmmm, I believe there are a lot of people who deserve respect for their actions or words. The small, fine things touch me more. For example, a mother of a good friend posts a picture she painted herself on her FB account every day. Or I know people who have organized themselves immediately and quickly to look for and find alternative employment. To me, especially these silent stories are inspiring right now.

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

Roni: Netflix and I are the best buddies because I am also a serial junkie.

This ranges from "Casa de Papel" (AKA the amazing and ever-popular "Money Heist") to "Picard" (a fictional Star Trek franchise character, most often seen as the captain of the starship USS Enterprise) and from various Marvel stories to the "Star Trek Universe".

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

Roni: Hug good friends, just going back to a restaurant, actually doing all the things again that haven't been able during the lockdown - only now when you don't have these ... Do you realize how much you miss them!

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

Roni: I think a lot has happened during this time because the quality of communication has improved. In the past, the simple question "How are you doing" was answered succinctly - and actually one even didn't want to hear more.

Today the answers are often more personal, and the exchange is more intensive. I like that. We also notice that there are more important things than just those we thought were important. I hope we'll take this experience with us into the future, think about who and what we actually are and just learn to say thank you again!

