Capturing Disney Parks presents **DISNEY ICON SPOTLIGHT**

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In this series of Q&A's, Capturing Disney Parks introduces you to some of the biggest and most iconic Disney Parks fans sharing the magic on their social media, video platform, blog, vlog, podcast, or website. Questions by Niels van Eijkelenburg.

Q 01 | THE ICON

Please introduce yourself to our readers.

I am curious Axel, I have been making YouTube videos about Disneyland Paris for the last four years and have been visiting Disneyland Paris from its very first opening.



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Q 02 | THE PARKS

Which Disney Parks have you experienced, and which one do you consider your 'home' Park?

I have visited all the Western parks, so: Disneyland Resort, Walt Disney World and Disneyland Paris. Disneyland Paris would definitely be my home park as a visit it a lot, but as a DVC member going to Walt Disney World, always feels like coming home.

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

The main thing is YouTube, I do have a Twitter account, Instagram and Facebook page but it does all revolve around the YouTube videos and all are easy to find on <u>CuriousAxel.com</u>.



Tell us something about the format of your online platform(s), how it all started, which Disney Parks you cover, and why you love to put such a lot of effort in those activities.

When we went to Walt Disney World for the first time, I was looking up all the information I could find and I stumbled on the YouTube channel of TheTimTracker, amongst many others, but those were videos where somebody shows you to park from a visitor's perspective, what are you going to do? What is it feel like to be here? That was something that I thought was still missing at that time for Disneyland Paris, so I gave it a try and four years later it's still going strong.

My main motivator has always been the reactions of so many people thanking me for the videos, coming up to me saying hi at the parks and telling how they appreciate the videos and try things for themselves after seeing something on my channel! That's is so rewarding, this is worth more than YouTube could possibly pay.

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

I think I was about six years old when I went to the cast preview for the opening of Disneyland Paris, so I could say it has been going on at least for 27 years.



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Q 06 | THE TRIPS

How many times/days a year do you visit Disney Parks (estimate)? And how many days are most of your trips?

I had to do some research for this question. I think we visit the parks with an average of once every 2 to 3 weeks. Trips to Disneyland Paris are mostly two day trips, a one night stay, of course when we go to Walt Disney World it's longer and that's everything between one week up to three weeks and with three weeks I mean three weeks Disney madness.

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

Please name your favorite Disney attractions, parades, or shows.

A favorite Disney attraction is for me and attraction that I need to do at least once when I'm at the park so that will be every haunted mansion or in Paris, "Phantom Manor". I would gladly add the "Carousel of Progress" to that in Walt Disney World. I've never been that much into parades, but the "Main Street Electrical Parade" has always had a special place in my heart, that's the one parade that I would watch every time that I could. Through the years I have seen so many shows starting with "It's Magic" in Disneyland Paris which was one of my favorites.



What's your most memorable Disney Parks moment? Tell us all about it please!

That will be my engagement at the Disneyland Park in California. I asked my wife to marry me on the Lilly Belle, which is a train carriage that was named after Lillian and was a gift from Walt to her. It is only out on special days and you need to have special access for it, but being the gift Walt gave Lillian, that meant so much that I knew that this was the place that although in a Disney Park we would be alone, so that's the place where I asked her to marry me.

Q 09 | THE TIP

Do you have a tip or advise - about anything Disney Parks related - to share with our readers?

Everybody enjoys the Disney Parks in his or her way... the only advise that I can give, no matter if you're there for the atmosphere, shows, the rides or the characters, I would say plan ahead so you can use your time to your advantage and enjoy your time being at a Disney park. Don't run from one place to another but take the time to feel the magic, look around and enjoy this magical place.

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

🛛 Mickey	or	Donald
Characters	or	Attractions
Star Wars	or	Marvel
Parades	or	⊠ Nighttime spectaculars
On-site hotel	or	Off-site hotel
🛛 Annual Pass	or	Ticket
Animation	or	Live-action
🛛 Pins	or	TsumTsums
Early morning visits	or	Evening visits
PhotoPass	or	⊠ FastPass
☐ Jack Sparrow	or	Captain Hook

Make your choice! You have to choose one ...



THE END

I would like to thank Axel for participating in this Q&A series. Hope you've enjoyed this episode. Until next time and have a magical day!



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