

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.

Note: This spotlight has been slightly updated on July 15, 2019 due to the name change from World of Dlp to World of Disney Parks.

Q 01 | THE ICON

Please introduce yourself to our readers.

Gauthier: Hi! I am Gauthier Ampe. I'm 21 years old and I live in Deerlijk, Belgium. I study Event Management together with Mathilde and we are also a couple. I started World of Dlp (now: World of Disney Parks) in March 2015 and I have a lot of different interests! I like football, gaming, Apple, EDM, racing and of course Disney!

Mathilde: I'm Mathilde Baelde and I'm 20 years old. I live in Houthem, a small village in Belgium. Together with Gauthier I study Event Management and that's also how we met. We are both Magic Plus Passholders.



Picture provided by Gauthier and Mathilde

Q 02 | THE PARKS

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

The list of Disney Parks that we have visited:

- Disneyland Park (Disneyland Paris)
- Walt Disney Studios (Disneyland Paris)
- Magic Kingdom (Walt Disney World)
- Disney's Hollywood Studios (Walt Disney World)
- Epcot (Walt Disney World)
- Disney's Animal Kingdom (Walt Disney World)
- Blizzard Beach Water Park (Walt Disney World)

Our home park is the Disneyland Park in Paris. It's the first Disney Park that we both visited. Main Street USA in Paris with Sleeping Beauty Castle is just the best combo ever!

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

You can find us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Our core business is Instagram. We post our content always first on Instagram! For live updates in the Parks we use Instagram Stories. We also link the photos to Twitter and Facebook. And on Twitter we tweet about our trips and opinions.

Q 04 | THE FORMAT

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.

Gauthier: In 2015 I started an Instagram page called 'instadisneylandparisgram'. But because a lack of time I didn't post a lot on the page. Summer 2017 we did a 'restart' of the page and renamed it to 'World of Dlp'. We had a lot of nice pictures of the parks and we wanted to share them with the world. But an important detail is that all our photos are shot on iPhone! Why #ShotoniPhone? Since the iPhone 4s I shot my entire life with my phone. These days, our phone is our personal assistant. We capture a lot of moments with our phones. So that's the whole idea behind our page which is now called World of Disney Parks!

Every time when Mathilde and I go to Disneyland Paris or another Disney Park, we take a lot of pictures with our iPhones. And of course, with the current generation of phones is it possible to make some unbelievable pictures. We hope you like the pictures that we take and let's hope that we inspire you to try some things with your phones!

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

Gauthier: I grew up with Disney! I went to Disneyland Paris with my parents every year and that's the reason that I love Disney and the Disney Parks. Since 2017, I have an Annual Pass and now I go regularly to Disneyland Paris together with Mathilde.

Mathilde: Before I met Gauthier, I only went twice to Disneyland Paris. I liked the parks, but I didn't love them. I wasn't a big fan at the time. Since I'm together with Gauthier, he passed on his love for the Disney Parks to me. Now we both can't get enough of it.

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?

We try to go every season, most of the time we go for 1 day but sometimes we go for a couple of days. We also go to events like Electroland!

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

Gauthier: My favorite attractions are “Big Thunder Mountain” and the “Tower of Terror”. My favorite show is “Disney Dreams” (nighttime spectacular). I think that Dreams was one of the bests shows in storytelling! I miss that show...

Mathilde: Well, that’s a different question for me. It’s difficult to choose one so I’ll give some of my favorites: “Tower of Terror”, “Star Wars: Hyperspace Mountain” and “Big Thunder Mountain”. I love rollercoasters. I also really liked the “Disney Dreams” show.

Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

Gauthier: Maybe a weird one. I broke my arm as a child at Disneyland Paris. I fell out of a bed in the Disneyland Hotel. I had to go to hospital. The lobby called the ambulance and suddenly there were seven ambulance agents around my bed together with my parents and the manager. One of the agents took me up in his arms and brought me to the ambulance. We walked through the whole hotel and even used the big stairs in the lobby. Everybody was watching. It was pretty weird! But when we got back in the room, the manager called us to ask how it was and there were some gifts for me in the room. I’m still thankful for the great help from the hotel!

Mathilde: I think I’ll say the first time I’ve went together with Gauthier to Disneyland Paris. Going with him was a totally different experience than the times I’ve went before. He told me a lot of interesting things that I didn’t know before. He knows a lot of details about everything. He is so passionate about Disney and that’s something I really appreciate.

Q 09 | THE TIP

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

Gauthier: Don’t be afraid to ask Cast Members questions. They are really helpfull. And a tip for busy days: Lines to eat at quick service restaurants are always long in the parks. But it’s much quieter in Disney Village, especially in the afternoon!

Mathilde: Plan your day and know what you want to do. Use FastPasses on a regular basis. Use the app of the park to check the attraction’s waiting time regularly, it’s really helpful. Take your time to enjoy the moment!

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

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

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Q 11 | THE QUESTION

Do you have a question for me?

What is your favorite Disney Park? And Why?

Niels: *That's a difficult one! I have visited both parks at Disneyland Paris and all 6 theme/water parks at Walt Disney World. In Paris it's definitely the Disneyland Park. A magical place with great theming, beautiful landscaping, and lots of interesting details. The Paris castle might be the most magical Disney Parks castle worldwide. Although Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World is a similar (but bigger) park, theming is less beautiful in my opinion. At Walt Disney World I was pretty impressed by Disney's Animal Kingdom. It's a totally different park compared to the 'regular' castle and Hollywood themed parks. It's so big and so green. I love the authentic theming, especially in the Africa and Asia 'lands'. The*

addition of Pandora (The World Of Avatar) makes it even more impressive and magical (by day and night!).

THE END

I would like to thank Gauthier and Mathilde 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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