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.

Hi everyone! My name is Roger, I grew up in the Netherlands and since the summer of 2018 I live right next to Disneyland Paris, where I am making magic!



Pictures provided by Roger

Q 02 | THE PARKS

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

Besides my visits to the parks at Disneyland Paris, I have visited Walt Disney World twice these last years. The Disneyland Park in Paris is definitely my home park, I even call it my backyard as it is that close to my home!



Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?

I am active on Facebook and Instagram. I used to be very active on a Disney dedicated Instagram profile (@disneydreamerroger, <u>https://instagram.com/disneydreamerroger</u>), but somehow that got kind of forgotten, so these days people can find me on my regular account (@rogermullens, <u>https://instagram.com/rogermullens</u>)

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.

I always had a big love for photography, and what is more fun than being able to share it with the world. Especially since it's something fun and beautiful as Disney and its parks! Since DLP is my home park, this is featured most in my Instagram. I hope that the posts inspire people for their Disney experiences, by introducing them to options as character dining, character meet and greets, special events and the amazing entertainment of Disney. It is so much fun to share this and make new friends!

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

The first time I visited Disneyland Paris back in 1996, I was 8 years old. Mesmerized by all the elements from the movies, characters and songs I grew up with, I was amazed by the experience. I visited again in 2000 and 2004. But in 2013 I went back there together with my sister to celebrate the (extended) 20th anniversary. Since I loved theme parks and Disney movies, it really brought back all those childhood memories and I actually fell in love again. Disney is a combination of so many things, from the beautifully themed parks to the movies, the songs, the emotions and the beloved characters. For me the Disney Parks bring all of those elements together.

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?

Well, since I got my Annual Pass in 2014, I went more often as the time went by. It started with a seasonal visit, then I visited for specific events as well, and in the year before I moved here, I visited almost every month. My stays were mostly for 2 or 3 nights. I think it is important to be able to take your time, but also not to arrive and leave exhausted.

Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

My favourite attraction is "Phantom Manor". The fact that this is not just the ride but also involves all of Frontierland in its mysterious story makes it so special! Besides "Phantom Manor", I really like "Pirates of the Caribbean", "Big Thunder Mountain" and "The Tower of Terror".



For parades I love the "Christmas Cavalcade", "Magic on Parade", "Halloween Cavalcade" and of course "Stars on Parade". But also the special parades for the "Halloween Soirée" and the "Wow Parade" for New Year's Eve in 2017. Those parades were so impressive!

For shows it is almost impossible to choose. I love the "Jungle Book Jive", "Mickey's Christmas Big Band", "The Forest of Enchantment", "Mickey and the Magician" and "Pirates and Princesses: Make your Choice!". Probably less known are "Max Live", which was created for Fandaze and the "25th Anniversary Grand Celebration". They were incredible!

Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

I have too many! From playing hide and seek with Goofy and Pluto, to be kept asleep in a corner by the witch from Snow White, the Tremaine sisters fighting for my hand, but also very important: the memories made together with friends and family!

Q 09 | THE TIP

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

Use the mornings well! Of course, it is your holiday, but to make it as relaxed as possible, get up early before the big crowd gets into the park by noon! When you go and meet Disney characters, please talk with them! They love to have a fun conversation with you! And Disney has the most beautiful parks, so why not dress for it! The pictures will be great, the interactions even more magical, and memories will last forever. Oh, and if your budget allows it, the Sunday brunches at Inventions are A-MA-ZING! You will have a delicious buffet while characters will come to your table is exclusive themed outfits! We had the best fun there for many, many brunches! Some themes we had: Aladdin, Neverland, French, Orient Express, Wonderland, Pirates, Summer, Cinderella, Under the sea, Villains, Snow White, Mulan, Beauty and the Beast, New Orleans, Farmers and Christmas.

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

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



\boxtimes Early morning visits	or	Evening visits
⊠ PhotoPass	or	E FastPass
⊠ Jack Sparrow	or	Captain Hook

THE END

I would like to thank Roger 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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