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'm Megan and I'm a Disney content creator based in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

I'm a freelance Social Media Manager and Virtual Assistant! I'm a huge Disney parks and social media nerd, and I've met some of my best friends through connecting with the Disney community online!

My favourite Disney film is Aladdin and my favourite characters are Minnie, Goofy and Duffy.

One of my favourite things to do in the parks is pin trading! I'm often found in Pueblos Trading Post at Disneyland Paris comparing pin collections with the Cast Members!



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Q 02 | THE PARKS

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

My home park is Disneyland Paris – it's the only park I've been to. I do have plans to visit Disneyland Resort in October 2022 though!

Q 03 | THE PLATFORM(S)

Where can we find your Disney fan platforms?



I'm a firm believer in not putting all your eggs in one basket so....

Instagram @meganlovesdisney (https://www.instagram.com/meganlovesdisney)
Clubhouse @meglovesdisney (https://www.joinclubhouse.com/@meglovesdisney)
TikTok @meganlovesdisney (https://www.tiktok.com/@meganlovesdisney)

Blog <u>www.meganlovesdisney.com</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 started my Disney Instagram in late 2018, as a space to share my park photos without spamming my "real life" friends on my personal account. It's grown a lot since then and in March 2020 – I started taking my account more seriously and working with brands and small shops.

I still share my park photos on my Instagram account but my favourite type of content to create is short form video – Instagram Reels and TikToks!

I host 3 Disney-related Clubhouse rooms per week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays – including Creator Club where I share tips to help other Disney creators grow their presence online.

I use my Megan Loves Disney blog to share more long-form content such as Disneyland Paris hotel and restaurant reviews, trip reports and my Disney Small Shop Directory.

Being able to combine my love for Disney and social media brings me so much joy and I hope that my content is able to do the same for my followers.

Q 05 | THE LOVE

How and when did your love for Disney Parks start?

I've loved Disney since I was very small. I was given a Mickey plush when I was 1 week old and Disney has been a huge part of my life ever since.

I visited Disneyland Paris for the first time with my family in 1998 – I was 7 years old and I loved absolutely everything about it. My whole family fell in love with parks and we went back again a few years later.

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 have a Magic Plus Annual Pass, so I try and visit 3 times per year! Our trips range from 5-7 days at a time. We like to book a cheaper off-site hotel so that we can stay longer.



Q 07 | THE FAVORITS

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

Attractions Hyperspace Mountain

Parade Stars on Parade is wonderful because it feels like a whole new

experience every time you watch it, but the Christmas parade will always have a special place in my heart because I love seeing

Duffy the Disney Bear in Paris!

Show Surprise Mickey

Nighttime Spectacular Star Wars - A Galactic Celebration

Q 08 | THE MEMORY

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

It was on the last day of our trip in November 2019, I had said to my girlfriend that I would like to see Minnie one more time before we left, but she didn't have a meeting spot at this stage, so I didn't think it would be possible.

But when we were walking to the Thunder Mesa meet and greet spot to see Jessie, Minnie was outside Cowboy Cookout! She had a huge crowd of guests around her, but she pulled me out from the crowd, and it was the best interaction I've ever had with her.

Minnie is my favourite character and I'm not going to lie – I was a bit teary-eyed afterwards – truly magical!

Q 09 | THE TIP

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

If you're a first-time visitor – don't over-plan your visit, even though it's tempting! You will always end up discovering something new and magical like an unexpected character meet or parade as you're walking around – leave some room for flexibility in those plans.

If a Cast Member goes above and beyond for you (which they often do!), make sure to leave them a Cast Compliment at City Hall or via Twitter using @DLPHelp and #CastCompliment

Q 10 | THE CHOICES

Make your choice! You have to choose one			
	or	☐ Donald	
□ Characters	or	☐ Attractions	
Star Wars	or	☐ Marvel	
□ Parades	or	☐ Nighttime spectaculars	
☐ On-site hotel	or	☑ Off-site hotel	
	or	☐ Ticket	



	or	☐ Live-action
⊠ Pins	or	☐ TsumTsums
⊠ Early morning visits	or	☐ Evening visits
⊠ PhotoPass	or	☐ FastPass
☐ Jack Sparrow	or	☐ Captain Hook

Q 11 | THE QUESTION

Do you have a question for me?

Yes – I'd love to hear about YOUR most magical memory at Disneyland Paris! Thank you Niels, you're the best!

Niels: So many great memories... I pick 3!

1/ John Legend performing in front of the castle as a surprise act just before the first ever Disney Illuminations! Show (25th anniversary).

2/ My first rollercoaster experience in many years was Big Thunder Mountain. My little daughter convinced me to do it one time. That same evening, I rode it again. And now it's my favorite Disneyland Paris ride!

3/ The InsidEars events and parties I was invited for. Such an honor and great experiences!

THE END

I would like to thank Megan 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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