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Inspired in self-isolation: Felipe Serey Martinez

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.

Based in the vibrant, cosmopolitan metropolis of Santiago, Chile, lighting designer Felipe would normally be touring with an artist in the USA or working on designing multiple shows and festivals in his home country.

Robe: Where are you right now?

Felipe: In Santiago, Chile staying at home with my wife and baby daughter.

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

Felipe: With a baby in the house, its hard to be quiet or sad ... babies are great morale boosters! The rest of the 'free' time has been spent practicing guitar and learning to cook - which normally I hate! Also, I have been practicing photography.

Even being in 'prison' for over 30 days and the time is flying by ... and it's VERY hard for me to be still for long!

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

Felipe: I have not yet reached that moment in this 'isolation' process, but it will come soon as I really miss programming lights! Seeing photos of major tours makes me imagine that someday I could be there, and sometimes I like to create theoretical designs, just to see how they might work and what they would look like.

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

Felipe: I'm taking care of the two most important people in my life – my wife and 9-month-old daughter.

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

Felipe: Honestly ... not yet! In fact, I have been struck by the selfishness and opportunism of people and politicians!

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

Felipe: Netflix is always a great alternative! I've watched four seasons of "La Casa de Papel" (AKA "Money Heist" a gripping, hi-action Spanish heist crime drama TV series created by Álex Pina ... which is absolutely THE BEST!!!!) and some classic movies.

I listen to music on Spotify – mainly Queen, Miguel Bose, and the Beatles ... they are my favourites!

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

Felipe: Go to a show and also to a lighting warehouse ... I need to see lights in motion and changing colour. I miss my world as I don't have so many close friends and I am continually surprised and engaged with the drama and emotion that can be created with lights!

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

Felipe: It's a good time now to make future plans ... and I want to try and be a better person. It costs nothing to send a message of support or encouragement to friends. I think there are many people who are suffering and having a terrible time through this and so we should try and show them some solidarity.

