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Inspired while self-isolating: Tim Routledge

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 the global Coronavirus 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.

Tim is a well-known award-winning international lighting designer whose recent work includes tours with music artists like Stormzy, The Spice Girls, Florence + The Machine, Dave and more and this recent television work has included BBC dance talent show The Greatest Dancer.

Robe: Where are you right now?

Tim: Home in Hampton Wick, which is in the London Borough of Richmond, UK, where I already have a home studio and office set up, complete with lighting consoles and visualisers.

Robe: What are you doing to fill the time whilst isolating / on lockdown?

Tim: The biggest thing is that I am home-schooling my daughter full time, which is brilliant! Although ... I'd not give up lighting design as a career! I am really enjoying the quality time with her; we have a good and varied timetable which includes French which she wasn't learning at school. She is loving that and enjoying the one-on-one attention!

I am also doing a few hours of design and concept work each week on some future upcoming projects.

"Crumbs" a lively Cavapoochon (a triple-cross breed combining the best traits of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Bichon Frise and Toy Poodle) joined the household in September and is providing hours of amusement and fun! She helps keep us all sane and exercised with her daily walks!

Robe: What's the most creative thing you've done so far in isolation?

Tim: I presented a webinar demonstrating Depence2, a new visualiser from Synchronorm GmbH that is becoming popular with LDs. 166 people watched live with around 70 watching again later.

I have been super-impressed with the software and it's completely changed my preparation workflow with incredible results.

After some initial Instagram posts about it, so many people contacted me that I decided to set up the webinar ... I believe we'll be hearing a lot more about this product in the future.

Anyone wanting to catch that webinar can check: www.twitch.tv/trld_lighting

Robe: Are you looking after anyone else during the Covid-19 crisis?

Tim: Yes - the family.

Robe: Has anyone inspired you since this started?

Tim: It's really been the collective effort and imagination of people in creating a range of improvised content for all sorts of platforms that I have found inspiring. People have an appetite to see and absorb this, gain knowledge and learn. Also watching TV shows adapt to the 'new normal' has been pretty interesting!

Robe: Favourite book / movie / Netflix series / viral video?

Tim: American comedy series Curb Your Enthusiasm on Sky is very funny and I am also enjoying Breeders, a new American-British comedy series.

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

Tim: Have a good get-together, catch up and night out with all my friends.

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

Tim: I hope things are different afterwards! There's potential for the world to change for the better and maybe worry and obsess less about trivial things, while I hope we can all care for each other a bit more!

It's our chance to reset. We will never get this time back, so a good point for reflection!

