

Q&A

What's happiness for you? Happiness is a state of mind. Thoughts, words and actions that bring you pleasure, happiness.

First creative memory... Pretending to be a ballet dancer when about 5 or 6 years old. I really went all the way with costumes (towels and bed linens (laughing out loud, I was reprimanded). Writing a story for my English class in elementary.

When I'm not at work, I can be found...

In a state of euphoria, in a natural high, it is SO peaceful, alone, where I can fully be.

Favorite destination... I don't have a favorite destination. Any place I can find beauty and any place where I can meet people and their willingness to share, so basically anywhere. Although my mind keeps going back to Austria.

Words to live by ... Dignity. Respect. Humanity. The fact that every human being wants to be loved, understood and heard.

Favorite books... "Del Amor y Otros Demonios" -Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Favorite films... Difficult, I love films, period. I can watch a film over and over, 5, 10 times... currently watching "Valentino" with Rudolph Nureyev, over and over. Obviously I do it on my own since nobody wants to watch a film more than twice, or so it seems. Before "Valentino" it was "La Mome" with Marion Cotillard, before that one was a Cuban documentary called "Mariposas en el Andamio". Historical films and biographies capture my attention most of the time, if not all the time.

What quality do you value most in your friends? Integrity.

What quality do you value most in yourself? Integrity.

Favorite way to celebrate your birthday... Alone or with anyone who is willing to tell their LIFE story.

What's always in your refrigerator? Always: Water, milk, butter, gluten-free bread, cheese, broccoli, zucchini, carrots, blueberries, blackberries, Kefir and champagne.

What is your go-to way to get your creative juices flowing? Quietness, walking and people watching. Observing, basically.

What's been the most helpful advice you've received? Expect from your friends ONLY the best advice.

What super power do you wish to have? Go back in time and say all the "I love yous I didn't say, hold my brother in my arms one more time and say It's going to be OK.'

If you could only pick one hobby to take on for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Document history, those untold stories that escape us, that are forgotten, and give them LIFE.

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