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A Heads Up with Meg Mawhinney

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.

Meg graduated from Guildford School of Acting in 2017 and has pretty much been on the road since then. She is normally a Deputy LX, and up until the start of the UK lockdown on 23rd March ... was working on We Will Rock You!

Robe: Where are you right now?

Meg: Currently I am residing in Watford, England, waiting for this virus to blow over so that I can get back to doing what I love.

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

Meg: I managed to buy a couple of puzzles before the shops shut, and I'm on call for the family as I am fit and able to collect prescriptions and shopping for relatives and friends. Being able to drive has its perks as I can drive around the countryside to find new walks for my exercise routines.

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

Meg: I am in the middle of decorating my mum's living room for her! Including painting old ornaments to fit the new colour scheme and making cushion covers out of curtains!

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

Meg: I'm living with my mum and brother who are both fit and well, but my grandparents are unable to leave their house due to recent operations and their age, so I'm going to the shops when they need me to!

My uncle and his family have gone into isolation as they are showing symptoms so I'm also doing prescription runs for them too ... and taking lots of precautions to avoid being in close contact!

Robe: Has anyone inspired you since this started?

Meg: Those on the front line – they're relentless! I thought our industry was tough as nails, but we're nothing compared to them!

Supermarket staff (including the drivers) dealing with angry customers and working round the clock to keep the shops stocked, and the NHS which is dealing with an insane amount of illness, plus all the other emergency services and first responders ... just being incredible as always.

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

Meg: I'm trying not to watch too much TV, I don't normally when I am on tour so I'm trying not to change that routine. If I had to pick one, it's Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. That was amazing!

My movie would be The Lion King. (acclaimed 2019 American computer-animated musical directed and produced by Jon Favreau)

Book... that's a tough one. I like an easy read as they let me escape reality!

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

Meg: GO TO THE THEATRE! I really miss it. I miss working too, and I never thought I'd say that!

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

Meg: Just keep hanging in there. We'll be back on our feet in no time, enjoying and appreciating our jobs like never before!

