Profile

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Birthplace: Marin County, CA.
Birthdate: June 7.
Marital Status: Married to Eric von Radics, owner of Musichead and music teacher at RCC. We have two daughters: Ellie, 18, and Clementine, 20.
Title: Marketing Director for Ashland New Plays Festival.

Tell us something about your organization: ANPF is now celebrating our twentieth year! Founded in 1992 and managed by a volunteer board of directors, ANPF is a nonprofit organization that encourages playwrights in the creation of new works through public readings. We also offer an educational forum to the community through discussions and workshops. ANPF’s flagship festival is our international playwright competition that culminates in the reading of four new plays culled from hundreds of submissions by a cadre of volunteer readers. This unique and much-loved event features professional actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and the community. At the heart of ANPF is our Reading Committee, which starts with training meetings in the fall and then reads blinded scripts through the winter and the spring. The four winning scripts are selected by the artistic director and four theatrical directors. The Board of Directors takes it from there, planning a 5-day festival that draws playwrights and theater lovers from across the country for a week of workshops, readings, and playwright appreciation as we celebrate new works for the stage.

How long have you lived in the Rogue Valley? We moved here from San Francisco on Halloween 20 years ago. This year our house turns 100 years old.

Favorite movies: High Fidelity and This Is Spinal Tap.
Favorite plays: Hamlet and Streetcar.
Favorite actors: Michael Elich, Cristofer Jean, Jeff King, Christopher Livingston, and Doug Rowe.
Favorite actresses: Brandy Carson, Liisa Ivary, Robynn Rodriguez, Kimberly Scott, and Vilma Silva.
Favorite TV show: The Rachel Maddow Show.
Favorite radio station: JPR, natch.
Favorite books of all time: James Joyce’s Ulysses and Thomas Hardy’s Tess of the d’Urbervilles.
Favorite magazine: Rolling Stone.
Favorite pet of all time: My cat Bob.

Other than friends and family, what person do you admire the most and why? I’m a big fan of President Obama for his achievements and principles.

What’s the first thing you turn to when you read a daily newspaper? Headline news, then opinion

Favorite part of the Sneak Preview: Readers’ Choice picks, the “Best of Ashland.”

Favorite hobbies: Animal husbandry; I keep cats, parakeets, rabbits, and chickens.
Favorite kind of music: Rock and blues.
Favorite Beatles and/or Beatles song: John; “I Want to Hold Your Hand.”
Favorite band: The Replacements.
Favorite local band: The Bathtub Gin Serenaders.
Favorite local restaurants: In Ashland: Cucina Biazzi and Dragonfly; in Medford: Pomodori and India Palace

What would you do if you won $10 million in the lottery? Pay off our mortgage and kids’ college tuitions and share the love.

What is the most important thing you learned as a child? Do unto others.

What person or event had the biggest impact on your life? My mom, who’s awesome.

Proudest achievement: My daughters, who rock.

Favorite thing about Ashland: The way the many arts organizations overlap and support one another.

What changes would you like to see in Ashland? I’d love to see a 250-seat nonprofit theater space for community use.