

30th Anniversary Special Interview

Pat Paone Fan

1) When did you become a B&B fan?

I became a fan in 1988 when the series first aired in the UK.

2) What attracted you to the series?

It was such a unique series, unlike anything I had seen before and I found myself waiting impatiently for each new episode.

3) What changes have occurred in B&B fandom over the years?

The fandom is mostly online these days, whereas in the early days of B&B we relied on quarterly hard-copy newsletters for any news or info on the series and its cast members. There were also many more conventions – in the UK we sometimes had three conventions a year, but there were always two every year or many years. But the UK cons ended a number of years ago, and so many fans have moved on to other things.

4) What do you enjoy most about the series?

I loved the bond between Vincent and Catherine, the warmth and generosity of the tTunnel community in the World Below, and the way they all loved and protected Vincent as he loved and protected them.

5) What do you wish B&B fans would do?

Be kind to each other and carry on helping to keep the dream alive.

6) How much time do you devote to B&B in an average month (including social media time)?

I've lost count of the number of hours I've devoted over the years to B&B, and to Perlman's Progress, the quarterly newsletter dedicated to Ron Perlman I produced for four years, before taking it online as the Perlman Pages website. However, I have to honestly admit I don't devote a great deal of time to B&B these days, as other priorities have taken over my life.

7) How many B&B fans have you met?

I've met hundreds of B&B fans over the years, as I attended virtually all the UK conventions, right up until they ended, plus 5 in the US and one in Germany.

8) What is your favourite memory as a fan?

This is a difficult question as I have so many wonderful memories, but if I had to choose one then it would be meeting Ron Perlman for the very first time. I flew to New York with several B&B friends in 1996 to see Ron performing on stage in 'Bus Stop' in the Circle in the Square theatre on Broadway, and we were lucky enough to spend some time chatting with him after the performance. Happily for me, I got to meet Ron on a number of other occasions, but that first time will always be a special memory.

9) How has B&B changed your life?

B&B enriched my life in many ways. I met some wonderful people, made many good friends, had great fun at the conventions, and did a lot more travelling than I might otherwise have done, to so many interesting places, both at home and abroad, to attend B&B related events.

10) If you could have one B&B wish granted, what would it be?

Like so many hundreds of B&B fans, I would have loved to see a happier ending for Vincent and Catherine.