

## Volunteer Spotlight Interview



# LIZ FENNEL

**Nadine: What is your day job?**

Liz: I work as a licensed real estate assistant at Royal LePage Atlantic. I work for a couple of awesome ladies in a group and basically do all their marketing and deal processing. I'm the back-end, the magic behind the curtain.

**N: I like that! It applies to your role at the film festival too. How did you get involved with FIN? How long have you been a volunteer?**

L: I moved to Halifax almost five years ago. I got here at the beginning of September, I didn't really know anyone and I didn't have a job, so I needed something to do without spending money. I was broke and I was bored! I'd just traveled across the country: I bought a cheap old car and I drove it all the way [from British Columbia] to Saint John's, Newfoundland and then back-tracked here. I highly recommend it to anyone!

**N: What is your favourite FIN Atlantic International Film Festival memory?**

L: Well, it's kind of a silly memory. I think it was my second year. I'd gone on a date with a guy and then, a few days later, I ended up accidentally running into him and his parents while I was scanning tickets into Theatre 8. And... that guy is now my fiancé!

**N: That's not silly; that's so cute!**

L: I mean, there are so many good moments. You meet some really interesting people and they turn into really good friends.

**N: What part of the film festival would you recommend to a first-time festival goer?**

L: The whole thing, really. Try to see as many films as you can. If you have time, go see whatever, even if it doesn't look like something you'd usually see. You never know—it could be the best film you've ever seen. Just try it!

**N: What do you most look forward to every year at FIN?**

L: Wearing the headsets! It makes me feel important.

**N: Ha, I love that answer!**

L: When else do you get to wear a headset with a little microphone on it and tell people what's going on?!

**N: What is your favourite film?**

L: I haven't watched it in a while, but I really love SEABISCUIT. The acting's great, the story's great, the way they filmed it is just beautiful. And I like horses!

**N: What is your favourite movie snack?**

L: I have a love-hate relationship with popcorn. I'll eat the whole bag. It's a problem. But I don't usually get popcorn when I'm volunteering!