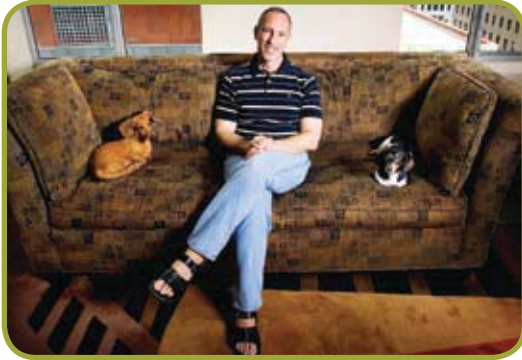


David Greiss



- Director of Sales & Marketing for Theater Under the Stars
- Board Member of Houston Downtown Alliance
- Dog owner
- World traveler

Where do you live and what you like best about it?

We live in Commerce Towers; I like it for several reasons. It's an historic building—a 1930's office building, not loft space; we have really high-end finishes. It's also the most centrally located residential building downtown. We were presented with a great opportunity and got it before anything was constructed. We hired an architect (Chris Lewis), and bought the raw space for a two-story unit.

What made you decide to live downtown?

I was one of those people who always wanted to live in New York. My sister gave me tickets to the symphony and in the program was an ad for Commerce Towers. We went to look at them the next day and wound up buying there. Living in downtown Houston gives me the best of both worlds. I have the energy and ambiance of living in a big city at a much lower cost than New York. But those were the most expensive free tickets to the symphony I ever got.

Favorite thing about living downtown?

I just like that there is such a mix of people both young and old. It's a great community; it's so unique. I love that you can walk to great restaurants and theater.

Favorite cool thing to do downtown?

We love to go to dinner at Hunan or Zulu and walk to the Angelika or one of the major theaters.



Best spot to take your dogs?

I'm looking forward to taking my dogs (Sophi and Gypsy, as in "Rose Lee" not as in "Tramps and Thieves") to Discovery Green (the new 12-acre park near George R. Brown Convention Center opening in 2008). It will have the only dog run in downtown. Currently we take them to Tranquility Park or the area in front of city hall.

Favorite downtown moment?

The pool in our building is on the 15th floor so to be up there at night with the lights of downtown all around you is fabulous.

What are you currently reading?

I am one of the few people who still read the paper everyday.

Favorite travel destination?

I was in the travel business for 20 years and I love Kenya. Kenya will change your life. It is amazing to go some place where I think you see the world as it was originally designed. Seeing lions, gazelles and elephants in nature, you feel really privileged to peek into that world.

Favorite music?

This will come as no surprise but I am a big musical theater fan. I have seen everything on Broadway; theater is a big part of my life. We also take advantage of the symphony, opera and ballet.

Television show you can't bear to miss?

I have several, we pretty early on got hooked on Desperate Housewives we also like Brothers and Sisters, Project Runway, Dancing with the Stars and Boston Legal.