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Personal file: Rick Lombardo

Born: Brooklyn, N.Y., March 24, 1959

Your first ambition: "To be a rock 'n' roll drummer."

First stage experience: "Playing in a Latin jazz band as an early teen."

First stage performance: "It was in a high school play. It was 'L'il Abner,' and I played Pappy Yokum."

Favorite fictional character: "Rosalind in 'As You Like It.'"

Why? "She's the kind of woman who I would easily fall in love with, and most like my wife."

Someone who should be more

famous: "One of my absolute favorite actors is Chris ... I'm forgetting his second name. ... Did you see 'Seabiscuit'? And 'Adaptation'? [We looked it up: Chris Cooper.]

Someone who should be less

famous: "Ben Affleck."

What don't Boston audiences

understand: "That the price of a ticket is only a part of the funds that allow our nonprofit theaters to survive."

An artwork that would lend itself

to stage interpretation: "Picasso's 'Guernica.'"

Something that would surprise your

friends: "I'm a carpenter and furniture maker."

Your idea of fun: "A quiet evening at home with my family."

What are you doing this evening?

"I'm going to be at the Super Bowl! I got a call from a friend [Wednesday] ... who had two seats on the Patriots' charter. Pregame party, everything!"

A key question I should have asked:

"Why do I direct plays?"

And the answer is? "I can feel

completely fulfilled if I help create a holy moment in the theater."

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