

Ayana Strutz

Height: 5'0" | Weight: 110 | Voice: Alto | EMC
Ethnicity: Japanese, Black, Native American
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NATIONAL TOUR

The SpongeBob Musical (1st National Tour) Sandy Cheeks u/s, Ensemble (d. Tina Landau c. Christopher Gattelli)

THEATRE (Selected)

<i>The Music Man</i>	Ethel Toffelmier u/s*, Ensemble	Goodman Theatre (d. Mary Zimmerman c. Denis Jones)
<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	Charlotte	Arden Theatre Company (d. Whit MacLaughlin)
<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Connie Wong	Porchlight Music Theatre (d. Brenda Didier c. Chris Carter)
<i>Priscilla Queen of the Desert</i>	Cynthia	Mercury Theater Chicago (d/c Chris Carter)
<i>Big Fish: The Musical</i>	Dance Captain, Girl in The Water	Marriott Theatre (d. Henry Godinez c. Tommy Rapley)
<i>A Christmas Story</i>	Dance Captain, Ensemble**	Marriott Theatre (d. Scott Weinstein c. Tiffany Krause)
<i>Pippin</i>	Theo, Player	Skylight Music Theatre (d. Ray Jivoff c. Christal Wagner)
<i>The King and I</i>	Topsy, Royal Wife	Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook (d. Alan Paul c. Darren Lee)
<i>Holiday Inn</i>	Ensemble	Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook (d/c Matt Crowle)
<i>Peter Pan</i>	Tiger Lily u/s, Indian	Music Theater Works (d. Rudy Hogenmiller c. Clayton Cross)

TV/COMMERCIALS

NBC's <i>Frogger</i> (Season 1)	Principal	Self/Contestant	NBC Universal/Eureka Productions
Amazon	Principal	Quarantined Dancer	Motivo Media
<i>Dr. Pepper</i>	Principal	Swing Dancer	The Mill Chicago
<i>Carmex Lip Balm</i>	Principal	Non-Chapped Woman	Forward Motion Media
<i>John Frieda</i>	Principal	Curly Haired Woman	PUB Productions
<i>United Auto Insurance</i>	Supporting	Acrobat/Sports Fan	Delahoyde Projects
<i>Budweiser</i>	Talent	Swing Dancer	Arts & Sciences Dept LLC
<i>Dave & Busters</i>	Talent	Stunt Woman	Mother New York
<i>Hefty</i>	Talent	Contortionist	Onion Labs Chicago

TRAINING

- **Professional Circus Training Program:** Actors Gymnasium (Sylvia Hernandez-DiStasi)
- **BA in Sociology with Dance Minor:** Ohio State University

Dance (20+ years): Jazz, Tap, Modern, Contemporary, Ballet, African, Hip Hop

Circus Arts/Acrobatics (5+ years): Aerial Arts (lyra, trapeze, silks, Spanish web), Contortion, Tumbling, Hand-Balancing, Partner Acrobatics, Chinese Pole

Acting: Vagabond School of the Arts: On-Camera Acting Levels 1 & 2, Linda Johnson

Voice: Nicole Ferguson, Alex Newkirk, Ilyana Kadushin (voice over), Kate DeVore (dialects)

SPECIAL SKILLS

Expert dancer (20+ years), Aerialist (5+ years), Acrobatics (5+ years), Fluent in Japanese (native speaker), Circus School graduate, Costumed character experience, Passport, Drivers License, Great with children, Expert at fitting inside dryer machines, Local hire in Hawaii and Chicago

**Performed u/s role **Associate Choreographer*