

# Ayana Strutz

Height: 5'0" | Weight: 105 | Voice: Alto | EMC

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## NATIONAL TOUR

*The SpongeBob Musical* (1<sup>st</sup> 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>A Chorus Line**</i>	Connie Wong	Porchlight Music Theatre (d. Brenda Didier c. Chris Carter)
<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	Charlotte	Arden Theatre Company (d. Whit MacLaughlin)
<i>Holiday Inn</i>	Ensemble	Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook (d./c. Matt Crowle)
<i>Pippin</i>	Theo, Player	Skylight Music Theatre (d. Ray Jivoff c. Christal Wagner)
<i>Peter Pan</i>	Tiger Lily u/s, Indian	Music Theater Works (d. Rudy Hogenmiller c. Clayton Cross)
<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Connie Wong	Short North Stage (d./c. Edward Carignan)
<i>Hairspray</i>	Little Inez u/s*, Ensemble	Diamond Head Theatre (d./c. Andrew Sakaguchi)
<i>The King and I</i>	Little Eva, Ensemble	Diamond Head Theatre (d./c. Greg Zane)

## WORKSHOP

*The Notebook Musical* ± Ensemble, Mover Chicago Shakespeare Theater (d. Michael Greif, Schele Williams c. Katie Spelman)  
(Movement Lab)

## TV/COMMERCIALS

<i>NBC's Frogger</i> (Season 1)	Principal	Self/Contestant	NBC Universal/Eureka Productions
<i>Amazon</i>	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>United Auto Insurance</i>	Supporting	Acrobat/Sports Fan	Delahoyde Projects
<i>Budweiser</i>	Talent	Swing Dancer	Arts & Sciences Dept LLC
<i>Dave &amp; Busters</i>	Talent	Stunt Woman	Mother New York
<i>Hefty</i>	Talent	Contortionist	Onion Labs Chicago

## TRAINING

- **Professional Circus Training Program:** Actors Gymnasium
- **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

± Indicates World Premiere \*Performed u/s role \*\*Jeff Award Nominated