



Ayana Strutz

Dancer/Aerialist/Contortionist

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Height: 5'0

Weight: 115

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown

Voice: Alto

THEATRE

The Music Man	Ensemble (Tumbling/Partner Acrobatics)	Goodman Theatre	D. Mary Zimmerman
Charlotte's Web	Charlotte (Silks/Tumbling/Contortion)	Arden Theatre Company	D. Whit MacLaughlin
Pippin	Theo/Player (Tumbling/Contortion)	Skylight Music Theatre	D. Ray Jivoff

CORPORATE AND GALA EVENTS

Navy Pier Family Pavilion Grand Opening	Lyra Performance (Duo Act)	Navy Pier, Chicago IL
"Zoobilee" Lincoln Park 150 th Zoo Ball	Contortion (Ambient)	Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago IL
Cirque Du Cabaret	Champagne Silk Aerialist	Untitled, Chicago IL
4th Annual Chicago Veterans Ball	Contortion (Ambient)	Chateau Del Mar, IL
"Cirque De Citadel" Citadel Theatre Gala	Contortion (Ambient)	Lincolnshire Marriott Resort, IL
Knollwood Club Halloween Celebration	Contortion (Walk-Around)	Knollwood Country Club, IL
Two Roads Hospitality Corporate Party	Contortion (Ambient)	Chicago Athletic Association, IL
Westin Chicago Hotel Corporate Party	Contortion (Ambient)	Westin Chicago River North, IL
Ravinia Country Club Golf Outing	Contortion (Ambient)	Ravinia Green Country Club, IL
Haunted House Bar Mitzvah Party	Contortion (Walk-Around)	Loft 21, Lincolnshire IL
Private Birthday Party Celebration	Contortion (Walk-Around)	Lake Geneva, WI

VARIETY SHOWS

Check This Sh*t Out! 2018	<i>Loom</i> (Contortion/Tumbling Solo)	Greenhouse Theatre Center, Chicago IL
(EX)TENSION, 2018	<i>La Luna</i> (Lyra Solo),	The Actors Gymnasium, Evanston IL
- Circus Protraining Showcase	<i>Loom</i> (Contortion/Tumbling Solo)	

TRAINING

- **Professional Circus Training Program: 9-Months:** Actors Gymnasium, IL (Sep 2017- June 2018)
- **BA in Sociology with Dance Minor:** Ohio State University (2015)

Dance (20+ years):

Jazz: (Joel Hall, William Gill, John Rampage, Lisa Kimsey) **Tap:** (Time Brickey, Caryn Yee)

Modern: (William Gill, Rodney Brown) **Contemporary:** (Van Collins, Ronn Stewart, Jose Silva)

Ballet: (Paul Maley, Sylvia Yamada-Brown, Karen Eliot) **African:** (Esther Baker-Tarpage, Abby Zbikowski) **Hip Hop:** (Daniel Williams)

Circus Arts and Acrobatics (5+ years):

Aerial Arts: Lyra, Trapeze, Silks, Spanish Web (Krystyn Tsagarakis, Sylvia Hernandez-DiStasi)

Contortion: (Oyunchimeg Yadamjav) **Tumbling:** (Flora Bare, Amanda Crockett, Lisa Kimsey)

Hand-balancing, Partner Acrobatics, Chinese Pole: (Nourbol Meirmanov, Javen Ulambayar)

Acting: Vagabond School (On-Camera Acting), Linda Johnson, Charlesanne Rabensburg

Voice: Alex Newkirk

SPECIAL SKILLS

Expert dancer (20+ years), Aerial dance (3+ years), Tumbling (5+ years), Contortion (3+ years), Fluent in Japanese (native speaker), Circus School graduate, Partner Acrobatics, 3-ball juggling, Costumed character experience, Valid passport