**Heather Bentley**

 **MUSICIAN AND AERIAL ARTIST**

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 CV2025

 **Education**

 **CREATRIX**

**5 night retreat for artists looking to rediscover their creative fire through shadow work and creative excavation.**

May 13-18 2025

 Edisto Island, South Carolina

 Coaches: Rachel Strickland**,** Genese Gee-Schmidt, and Satya Jvala

 **ADVANCED FULL CIRCLE: AERIAL HOOP AND ACT CREATION RETREAT**

**8 day aerial hoop retreat with a deep dive on spin technique, original choreography, and creative exercises and excavation.**

February 1-8, 2025

 Puerto Escondido, Mexico – Sweet Retreats, Casa Changa

 Coaches: Jenny Tufts and Rachel Strickland

 **SPIN GAME**

**10 week virtual Program designed to help experienced aerialists build a solid repertoire of spinning skills on aerial hoop.**

May 28-July 30, 2024

Done Virtually

Coaches: Brit Crumpton

 **RE-WILD AERIAL RETREAT**

**4 day aerial retreat for the intermediate/advanced aerialist to hone in and elevate aerial silks and sling skills**

Rock Creek, British Columbia

 May 23-May 27, 2024

 Coaches: Jenny Bruyer and Jody Poth

**CARDINAL TEACHER TRAINING**

 10 month 200 hour teacher training

 Done virtually

 January1st -October 1st 2024

 Jessica John, coach

**FIDGET FEET IRISH AERIAL DANCE FESTIVAL**

**2 weeks of up to four 1.5 hour classes each day in various circus disciplines of each individuals choosing**

 Letterkenney, Ireland

 July 17-21 2023

 July 15-29, 2024

 June 14-27, 2025

Coaches worked with: spiral: Jenny Tufts and Oran Leong; vertical dance: Lindsey Butcher; counterweight, Chantal McCormick, aerial storytelling, group hoop, and act creation: Rachel Strickland; aerial fabric: Kate Dunne; aerial rope: Emma Poole; straps: Emma Foster; cyr wheel: Beverly Grant; act refinement: Lee Clayton; dance bungee: Chrissi Ardil; aerial hammock, Sara Granda.

**THE CONCLAVE: Cycle 2 and Cycle 3**

**A personalized 3 month coaching program for unlocking aerial skills**

Done virtually

September 6-December 6

 March 14-June 14

 Jessica John, coach

**SALT CITY CIRCUS EXTENDED RETREAT**

**6 day aerial retreat with up to 6 hours of workshops on multiple apparatuses each day**

Remote cabin outside of Salt Lake City, Utah

June 13-18, 2023

Coaches: PJ Perry, Lena Alani, Kate Hofflich, and Rachel Belling

 **THE AUDACITY PROJECT:** **Cycle 19**

**8 week mentorship to equip performing artists, coaches, and creatives with the tools necessary to be working professionals**

 Done virtually

May 17-July 11 2021

 Rachel Strickland, coach

**BORN TO FLY**

**Level 1 Aerial Silks Teacher Training**

Done virtually

Fall 2020

Rebekah Leach, coach

**AERIAL PHYSIQUE**

**Level 1 Aerial Silks Teaching Certification**

Altitude Aerial Arts and Fitness in Fresno, TX

April 2019

 Jill Franklin, coach

**NIMBLE ARTS**

 **Introduction to Teaching Aerial Arts**

April 29, 2018-May 4, 2018

Monarca in Flight in Fall Church, VA

 Ukoiya Mastin, coach

 **Master of Music in Performance, Clarinet-**

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**

 **Department of Music**

 **College of Fine Arts**

 **Albuquerque, NM**

2008-2010

Keith Lemmons, Professor of Clarinet/Presidential Teaching Fellow

 **Bachelor of Music Education**

**NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**

 **School of Creative and Performing Arts**

 **Natchitoches, LA**

 2003-2007

 Dr. Malena McLaren, Assistant Professor of Clarinet

**Aerial Performance Experience**

**Irish Aerial Dance Festival Emma Insley Cabaret**

 **2025**

 Aerial Hoop Solo

**Sweet Retreats-Full Circle**

 **2025**

 Aerial Hoop Solo

**Cailleagh**

 **Aerial Film**

 **2025**

Aerial Fabric Solo

 **Irish Aerial Dance Festival Emma Insley Cabaret**

 **2024, 2025**

Group Hoop

**Private Party**

 **2023**

 Aerial Hammock

 **Link Rot**

 **LOUDHOUSE**

 **2023**

 Aerial Hammock

 **[Spek-truhm] The Quiet & The Chaos**

 **The Acadian Circus**

 **2023**

 Aerial Fabric

**Rio Ball**

 **Krewe of Rio**

 **2023**

 Aerial Fabric

**Louisiana Renaissance Fiare**

 **2022**

 Aerial Hoop Solo

 **Mad Hatter Luncheon**

 **Baton Rouge Symphony League**

 **2022**

 Aerial hammock

 **Seasonal Performances**

 **Refuge Aerial Fitness and Performance**

 **2021-2025**

 Aerial Fabric duo

 Aerial Hoop solo

 Aerial Fabric solo

 Aerial Hoop solo

**Louisiana Renaissance Faire**

 **2021**

Aerial Fabric solo

 **13th Gate- Carnevil**

 **2021**

Aerial Hammock solo

 **Seasonal Performances**

 **Above Ground Aerial Studio**

 **2019- 2021**

Aerial Fabric solo

 Aerial Hoop solo

 Aerial Hammock trio

 Aerial Fabric trio

 **A Garden in Glass**

 **The Ballet Studio**

 **2019**

 Aerial Hoop solo

**The Greatest Showman**

 **St. John’s Episcopal School**

 **2019**

 Aerial Fabric solo

**Music Performance Experience**

**Solo Clarinet Recital**

**2016**

Asbury Methodist Church

**American Horror House**

 **2012**

 Principal Clarinet

 Movie on Syfy

 **University of Louisiana Lafayette**

 **2012**

 First Clarinet, Second Clarinet

 Small ensemble performance

 **Lafayette Concert Band**

 **2011**

 Rotating Second Clarinet, Third Clarinet

**Lafayette Concert Band**

 **2010**

 First Clarinet

**University of Louisiana Lafayette**

**2010**

First Clarinet

Small ensemble performance

**University of New Mexico Symphony Orchestra**

**2009-2010**

Rotating Principal Clarinet, Second Basset Horn

Italy Summer Concert Tour: 2010

**University of New Mexico**

**2010**

Master’s Degree Recital

**University of New Mexico Wind Symphony**

**2010**

Second Clarinet, Eb Clarinet

CBDNA Southwestern Division Conference

Las Cruces, New Mexico

**University of New Mexico Graduate Clarinet Quartet**

**2009**

Third Clarinet

**University of New Mexico**

**2009**

Solo Performance on Recital

**University of New Mexico Wind Symphony**

**2008-2010**

Second Clarinet, Third Clarinet, Eb Clarinet

**Acadian Wind Symphony**

**2007-2019**

Rotating Principal, Second Clarinet, Eb Clarinet

**Northwestern State University**

**2006**

Senior Recital

**Northwestern State University Symphony Orchestra**

**2006**

Second Clarinet

**Northwestern State University Fall Winds**

**2006**

Rotating Principal Clarinet

**Northwestern State University Wind Symphony**

**2003-2006**

Second Clarinet

**Northwestern State University Demon Marching Band**

**2003-2006**

Clarinet, Marching Baritone

**Coaching Experience**

**Heather Bentley Aerial**

 **Lafayette, LA**

 **2021-present**

coaching private aerial silks lessons, classes,

and team building events

 **Refuge Aerial**

 **Baton Rouge, LA**

 **2021-2025**

coaching and co-coaching all levels aerial fabric class, aerial hoop, and team

 building events

**The Ballet Studio**

 **2018-2020**

 Coach and Substitute aerial fabric coach for all levels

 Moving at the Zoo instructor

 **Broussard Middle School**

**2012**

Coached Clarinet Section

 **University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

 **2012-2013**

Adjunct Professor of Clarinet

 **Delcambre High School**

 **2012**

Coached Clarinet Section

**Lafayette High School**

**2007**

**Student teacher under Scotty Walker**

Coached Sectionals

Assisted in Directing Symphony Band

**Northwestern State University Honors Wind Ensemble Camp**

**2003**

**Counselor**

Coached Chamber Music Ensembles

**Private Music Studio**

**2002-2016**

Clarinet Instructor

 **Private Instructors/Coaches**

 Brit Crumpton, aerial coach and mentor specializing in aerial hoop, 2022-present

Jenn Bruyer, aerial coach and mentor, specializing in aerial fabric, aerial hoop, trapeze, and rope, 2023-present

PJ Perry, circus artist and coach specialzing in corde lise, 2023-present

Lena Alani, contemporary circus performer specializing in vertical apparatuses, 2023

Jessica Jay, owner of Sora Aerial Arts and Sora Contemporary Circus, 2022-2023

 Jessica John, owner of Circus Mobility, 2021-present

Miranda Walker, Aerial Hoop Artist, 2021, virtual

Rachel Strickland, owner of The Audacity Project, 2021-present, virtual

 Shannon McKenna, owner of The Artist Athlete, 2020-2022, virtual

 Madison Burke, Circus Center Las Vegas, 2020-2021, virtual

 Dan Rosen, owner of The Pole Destroyers Platform, 2020-present, virtual

 Amanda Hamburger, owner of Above Ground Aerial, 2018-2021;

 Erin Welch, The Ballet Studio, 2016-2018

 Keith Lemmons, University of New Mexico, 2008-2010

Dr. Malena McLaren, Northwestern State University 2003-2006

  **Masterclass Participation**

 Linda Bartley, University of Wisconsin-Madison

 John Cipolla, Western Kentucky University

David Etheridge, Oklahoma University

 Jerome Fleg, University of Wyoming

 Kimberly Cole-Luevano, Eastern Michigan University

 Anthony McGill, Principal Clarinet, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, NYC

 Linda Merrick, Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, England

 Jeremy Reynolds, Northern Arizona University

 Jana Starling, Arizona State University

 **Professional Organizations, Honors, and Awards**

 **International Clarinet Association**

 Member, 2002- present

 **Northwestern State University**

 Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society, 2006

 Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity,2005-2006

 Bless McNeely Scholarship for outstanding band membership, 2005

National Honors Scholars Society, 2003-2010

**Other Skills/Experience**

**Triple Certified Placenta Encapsulist:**

 APPAC (Association Placenta of Preparation Arts Certified)

 Louisiana Food Handlers

 Bloodborne Pathogen

**Certified Birth Doula:**

 Childbirth International