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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