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Multi-apparatus aerial coach and performer with over 5 years of experience teaching adult recreational aerial classes, with an emphasis on safety, biomechanics, and progressions. Over a decade of aerial training, with extensive formal instructor training and rigging education. Insured under general liability insurance for aerial instructor and aerialist performer insurance.

Primary apparatus: Silks/Tissu, Rope/Corde Lisse

Experience with: Sling/Hammock, Static & Dance Trapeze, Aerial Hoop/Lyra/Cerceau, Spanish Web, Straps, Duo Trapeze, Solo & Ensemble Dance

COACHING AVAILABLE

Intro to Aerial: fundamentals and progressions for brand-new students (cross-apparatus)

Silks: Beginner through Upper Intermediate, Skills & Sequencing

Rope: Dynamic Fundamentals, Beginner & Intermediate

Sling: Beginner & Intermediate, Skills & Sequencing

Trapeze (Static & Dance): Beginner

Lyra: Beginner

Conditioning for Aerial

Act Development

Open Practice Supervision

Workshops: Intro to Dynamic Fundamentals, Intro to Straps, Intro to Act Development, Unlock Your S-Locks, Climbs Compendium, Silky Slippery Hitches, Spinning on Silks

COACHING EXPERIENCE

In the Dark Circus Arts, Baltimore, MD

Instructor: Mixed Level Silks, Dynamic Silks, Special Topics Silks, Aerial Conditioning

Apr 2024 – present

Substitute Instructor: Silks (All Levels), Rope (All Levels), Sling (Beg/Int), Trapeze (Beg/Int), Lyra (Beg)

Jun 2023 – present

Freelance, Takoma Park, MD

Instructor: semi-regular private small group lessons (silks, sling, trapeze)

Jan 2022 – present

Producer: student showcase

Dec 2024

Versatile Arts, Seattle, WA

Instructor: ABCs (Aerial Basics Class, silks & trapeze), Aerial 1A (silks & trapeze)

Mar 2019 – Mar 2020

Teaching Assistant: Vertical 2A & 2B (silks & rope)

Sep 2019 – Mar 2020

Teaching Assistant: Aerial 1A & 1B (silks & trapeze), ABCs (Aerial Basics Class, silks & trapeze)

Nov 2017 – Mar 2020

Open Gym Monitor: open studio supervision, rigging, new student assessments, unangling

Jan 2018 – Jul 2020

TRAINING / QUALIFICATIONS

NECCA LATS [Leveling Up Aerial Teachers Symposium], Brattleboro, VT

Instructor Training: Intermediate & Advanced Vertical Skills and Teaching Methodology (18hrs)

Feb 2023

Jonathan Deull [ETCP Certified Rigger and ETCP Certified Trainer], Seattle, WA

Rigging and Risk Management Workshop (20hrs intensive)

Nov 2019

Born to Fly Aerial Instructor Training Certification

Certificate Obtained: Aerial Silks Level 1 (50hrs)

Sep 2019

Paper Doll Militia [recognized by ACE (American Circus Educators) Association], Seattle, WA

Instructor Training: Aerial Silks Level 1 (30hrs intensive)

Jun 2018

Instructor Training: Rope Level 1, Fast-Track (5hrs intensive)

Jul 2018

Versatile Arts, Seattle, WA

Instructor Training: Aerial Silks & Trapeze (20hrs intensive + ongoing continued education)

Feb 2017 – Mar 2020

Mixed Aerial Classes

Jul 2015 – Mar 2020

PRIVATE & SEMI-PRIVATE TRAINING

Sable Stewart: Skills Progressions, Body Mechanics, Rope, Lyra, Tippy Lyra, Spanish Web	<i>Mar 2024 – present</i>
Jenn Bruyer: Silks, Dance Trapeze, Hammock, Rope, Lyra	<i>Jul 2015 – present</i>
PJ Perry: Rope, Anatomy & Physiology, Body Mechanics, Conditioning, Pilates	<i>May 2017 – present</i>
Emily Scherb [Circus Doc]: Physical Therapy, Anatomy & Physiology, Body Mechanics	<i>Nov 2016 – Sep 2023</i>
Gena Marie DuBose: Instructor Training, Lyra Skills Clinic, Body Awareness	<i>Sep 2022</i>
Beverly Sobelman & Lauren Kehl: Instructor Training	<i>Feb 2017 – Mar 2020</i>
Anna Thomas-Henry: Act Development, Silks Sequencing, Aerial Net	<i>Jun, Dec 2019; Sept 2017</i>
Rain Anya: Instructor Training, Silks, Act Development	<i>Jun 2018; Mar 2017</i>

EDUCATION

Stanford University , Stanford, CA	
M.S. in Mechanical Engineering: Design Methodology	<i>Sep 2011 – Jun 2013</i>
B.S. in Product Design, Minor in Japanese	<i>Aug 2007 – Jun 2011</i>
Dance Department, No Degree Obtained	<i>Aug 2007 – Jun 2013</i>

WORK EXPERIENCE

World Wildlife Fund , Washington DC	
<i>Senior Program Officer, Corporate Climate Engagement</i>	<i>Jul 2022 – present</i>
Pacific Market International , Seattle, WA / remote	
<i>Sustainability Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility</i>	<i>Mar 2022 – Jul 2022</i>
<i>Sustainability Engineer, R&D</i>	<i>Jan 2020 – Mar 2022</i>
<i>Technical Product Developer, Design Engineering and R&D</i>	<i>Jun 2017 – Dec 2019</i>
Watson Furniture Group , Poulsbo, WA	
<i>Industrial Engineer, Operations</i>	<i>Jan 2016 – Jun 2017</i>
<i>Design Engineer, Product Development</i>	<i>Sep 2013 – Jun 2017</i>