

Claudia Cooper - Circus Performer, Coach, and Creative Consultant

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Summary

Dedicated and energetic performer fusing Musical Theatre training with years of Circus performance. Worked four years internationally with various resort entertainment companies to integrate elements of circus into theatrical productions, both as a consultant and as a performer herself. She has extensive experience in development of aerial choreography, meticulous with detail and a shared focus on both storytelling and actor safety. Proven success instructing and encouraging flyers of wide variety of skill levels and backgrounds, including those with disabilities, language barriers, fears, etc. A firm believer in the unique power of human movement and collaboration in the air as a form of bazaar beauty and expression, meant to both provoke and inspire, entice and bewilder through the unfamiliar.

Skills

Aerial/Ground Act Choreography, Aerial/Ground Instructor (Beginner-Advanced), Swing/Captain Abilities, Script Analysis & Dramaturgy, Rigging and Maintenance

Experience

Circus GO

Club Med La Plantation D'Albion • Albion, Mauritius

06/2022 - 05/2023

Performer: Performed 6 Nights a week in rep: *Eden* (Eve - Double Straps), *Paul et Virginie* (Virginie), *Rockwood* (Annabelle - Spanish Web), *Tour Le Monde* (Meriposa - Lyra), *Soiree Blanche* (Double Trapeze, Straps, Spanish Web), *The Greatest Christmas* (Barbie - Lyra), *Aladdin* (Ensemble), *Josephine Baker* (Tango Trio, Ensemble)

Aerial Creation Consultant for: *Eden*, *Rockwood*, *Greatest Christmas*

Instructor: Flying Trapeze, Lyra, Hammock, Single Trapeze, Partner Acro

Gentile Circassian

Creactive by Cirque Du Soleil • Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

09/2021 - 05/2022

Performer: *CUTS* (Spanish Web, Standby Flying Trapeze, Lyra, Bungee), *Ruby* (Straps), *Magical Gifts* (Double Straps), *Soiree Blanche* (Spanish Web)

Instructor: Flying Trapeze, Aerial Wall, Bungee Trapeze

Circus G.O.

Club Med Sandpiper Bay • Port Saint Lucie, FL

05/2019 - 09/2021

Performer: 6 Nights a week in Rep: *Quest* (Aphrodite et. al., Fight Captain), *Around the World* (Spanish Web, Triple), *Division* (Sp. Web, Charivari, Fight), *Out of Time*, *Dream on* (Vocal Lyra), *Cabaret* (Lyra), *Glow* (Double Lyra)

Aerial Creation Consultant for: *Quest* (Lead), *Around the World*, *Division*, *Charlie's Angels*

Instructor: Trapeze, Hammock, Lyra, Charivari

Coach (Aerial, Ground, Clown)

Time Flies Circus • New York, NY

10/2024 - Present

Traveling Circus School programming after school classes, live performances, etc. Ages 2-Adult

FLY Team, Coach

STREB Lab for Action Mechanics • Williamsburg, NY

11/2023 - Present

España – STREB Trapeze Academy, Flying Trapeze Instructor and Performer

Flying Trapeze, Coach

New England Center For Circus Arts (NECCA) • Brattleboro, VT

06/2024 - 08/2024

Education

Circus (Aerial, Ground)

NECCA • Brattleboro, VT

08/2024

Summer Intensive + PBC 2024

Musical Theatre

Emerson College • Boston, MA

05/2020

BFA Musical Theatre

– Ind. Study in Circus Theory and Performance

– Cum Laude

Languages

English, French, Spanish

Highlighted Performances

Special Creations for:

- CUTS – *Creactive* By Cirque Du Soleil
- *La Foundation* Club Med
- An Evening for The Honourable Mr. Avinash Teeluck (Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage of Mauritius)
- The Musical Theatre Society (*American Idiot*)