



MICHAEL ANDERSON

Lead Aerial Performer

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SUMMARY

Dynamic and innovative aerial performer with a profound mastery of aerial arts and acrobatics, possessing over a decade of experience in various performance settings. Expertise encompasses a diverse range of aerial disciplines, including silks, trapeze, and hoop, complemented by a strong background in choreography and stage presence. Recognized for a commitment to artistic excellence and the ability to engage audiences through captivating performances.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lead Aerial Performer **Cirque du Soleil**

Jan 2023 - Present

- Executed breathtaking aerial routines in front of large audiences, showcasing advanced techniques.
- Collaborated with choreographers to develop innovative aerial sequences that enhanced storytelling.
- Conducted safety checks on equipment prior to performances to ensure performer safety.
- Participated in daily training sessions to refine skills and maintain peak physical condition.
- Created engaging promotional content for social media platforms to increase audience engagement.
- Mentored junior performers, providing guidance on technique and performance delivery.

Aerial Arts Instructor **Local Performing Arts Academy**

Jan 2020 - Dec 2022

- Designed and implemented curriculum for aerial arts classes, focusing on technique and safety.
 - Assessed student progress and provided constructive feedback to enhance performance skills.
 - Organized student showcases to demonstrate skills and foster community engagement.
 - Maintained equipment and ensured all safety protocols were followed during classes.
 - Developed partnerships with local schools to promote aerial arts programs.
 - Conducted workshops at regional festivals to expand outreach and inspire new students.
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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance, **University of the Arts, 2014**

Sep 2019 - Oct 2020

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Technical Skills:** Aerial Silks, Trapeze, Choreography, Performance Art, Safety Protocols, Mentoring
- **Awards/Activities:** Performed at the prestigious Edinburgh Festival Fringe, receiving critical acclaim.
- **Awards/Activities:** Awarded 'Best New Talent' at the International Circus Festival in 2018.
- **Awards/Activities:** Successfully increased student enrollment in aerial arts classes by 30% within one year.
- **Languages:** English, Spanish, French