



# MICHAEL ANDERSON

## Lead Aerialist

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### SUMMARY

Dynamic and innovative Circus Performer with a distinguished background in acrobatics and aerial artistry. Extensive experience performing in prestigious circuses and theatrical productions, showcasing exceptional talent in captivating audiences through extraordinary feats of strength and agility. Proven expertise in choreography and performance arts, adept at collaborating with diverse teams to create memorable experiences.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Lead Aerialist Cirque du Soleil

Jan 2023 - Present

- Executed complex aerial routines with precision and grace.
- Collaborated with choreographers to develop new performances.
- Trained new performers in aerial techniques and safety protocols.
- Participated in promotional events to enhance brand visibility.
- Maintained aerial equipment and ensured safety compliance.
- Performed in over 200 shows annually, receiving rave audience reviews.

#### Acrobat Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey

Jan 2020 - Dec 2022

- Performed high-energy acrobatic acts in front of large audiences.
- Worked closely with a diverse team of performers to create cohesive shows.
- Executed stunts that required extensive training and physical conditioning.
- Contributed to costume design and stage setup for performances.
- Engaged with the audience to enhance their experience and enjoyment.
- Participated in extensive rehearsals to ensure flawless execution of routines.

### EDUCATION

#### Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance Arts, University of the Arts, 2016

Sep 2019 - Oct 2020

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Technical Skills:** Aerial Acrobatics, Choreography, Performance Arts, Team Collaboration, Safety Protocols, Audience Engagement
- Awards/Activities:** Won the International Circus Festival Gold Clown award in 2020.
- Awards/Activities:** Successfully performed a solo aerial act at the Sydney Opera House.
- Awards/Activities:** Increased audience attendance by 30% through innovative performance marketing.
- Languages:** English, Spanish, French