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Cloud Swing specialist: a versatile performer.

Qualifications

- BA Degree in Circus Arts from The Circus Space, London (2009).
- Ph.D. in Astrophysics (2007) and 1st Class MSci Degree in Theoretical Physics and Applied Maths (2002) both from The University of Birmingham.
- Level 2 Trampoline Coaching (2008) including disability module (2009).

Circus performance history

- **Feb 2010 – Nov 2011: Artist for Circus Gerbola**
  Two seasons with this traditional Irish tented touring circus. Over these 9 month tours of Ireland I performed everyday, about 11 shows a week. My roles included; two acts, cloud swing and silks violin(2011)/trampoline(2010), ring mistressing (compering, gags with the clown, piano), building and dismantling the ring on frequent move days, driving, various publicity work (photo shoots, radio interviews etc), occasional workshops/tours, extraneous shows for Killarney summerfest, Stewarts Hospital, Ballymun festival etc..

- **Oct 2006 – July 2009: Circus Space Degree perfomances**
  3rd yr Ensemble work, 'Watch this Space' outdoor festival for the National Theatre on London's Southbank, June/July 2009 directed by Heidi Rustgaard. A 1hr contemporary piece incorporating myself on cloud swing and in a prominent voice role.
  3rd yr show, 'When we were here together', March 2009 directed by Mitch Mitchelson. Included 6mins Cloud Swing act titled 'Aerial patas monkey', self devised.
  2nd yr show 'Premieres', July 2008 directed by Robin Dingemans. Included 6mins Cloud Swing act titled 'Pearly-anna's Story', self devised.
  2nd yr Ensemble work, film 'The Forgotten Circus' February 2008 directed by Shelly Love. Contributions on Cloud Swing and Trampoline are featured as well as group dance work.

Teaching Experience

- **2011** Galway community circus: teaching support for their autumn youth production.
- **2010-11** Circus Gerbola workshop leader: 2hr circus taster sessions for teenagers.
- **2009-10** Freelance tutor: maths and physics for children and adults.
- **2008-10** Tramponline Coach: experience with children, adults and disabled people: Nova Trampoline Club, Camden Tramponlining, Greenwich Leisure, Circus Gerbola.
- **2002-6** Post Graduate Teaching Assistant: during my PhD I was responsible for tutoring 1st year physics undergraduates and delivering their workshop module.

Other skills

- Grade 5 music awards for Violin and Piano, 'A' level Art.
- Clean UK driver's license, experience driving a van/minibus and towing a caravan.