

Marissa Shaffer

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Marissa is a multidisciplinary circus artist, coach, and student, with a background in rhythmic gymnastics & musical theatre, who seeks to bring character and physical expression to inventive and practiced technique.

Training & Student Performance Credits:

Brown Aerial Acrobatics Co-Director (2023-Present)

Providence, RI

Student Performance Company, Self-Training

- Co-Writer, Co-Director, Performer: "Nautilus" (2026) "Jukebox" (2025), "A Fairytale Most Foul" (2024) "Lucid" (2023), "Chronos" (2023)

Preparatory Program, San Diego Circus Center (2024-2025)

San Diego, CA

Coaches: Jean Luc Martin, Lauren Joy Herley, Lora Kapelczak

- Jubilee (2025) - Rope solo, hula hoop solo

- "Layers" (2024)- Lead clown, ensemble acts for hula hoop, rope, club juggling, contortion

- Friday Night Live: Mélange - Host/MC (Jan 2025), Solo Hula Hoop Act (Oct 2024, Feb 2025)

Circus Smirkus Camp (2021-Present)

Greensboro, VT

Staff Member (Juggling Coach, Counselor) (Summers 2023-2025)

Advanced Camp Participant (Summers 2021, 2022)

Youth Performance Prep Program, PSCA (2019-22)

Philadelphia, PA

Bala Gymnastics (2012-2019)

Bala Cynwyd, PA

Competitive Level 9 Rhythmic Gymnast, 2x National Qualifier, 3x Future Stars Team Member

Specialties:

- Hula Hoop
- Corde Lisse/Rope
- Cerceau/Lyra
- Clown/Character Work

Additional Skills:

- Dance & Acro Movement
- Contortion
- Club Juggling
- Musical Theatre & Singing

Other Credits:

- Washington County Fair - Richmond, RI (2026) : Hula Hoop, Rope, Trio Lyra, Contortion, Ensemble
- Cirque Us Benefit Show - Somerville, MA (2026) : Acrodance, Contortion
- Without Wall Festival - San Diego, CA (2025) : Clown, Hula Hoop, Contortion, Ensemble
- VIVA Fest - Las Vegas, NV (2025): 2nd Place Emerging Pro Aerial Rope, 4th Place Emerging Pro Hula Hoop