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Professional Summary and Background: I am a professional aerialist with over 15 years of experience in gymnastics, acrobatics, and aerial arts. I teach and perform on several aerial apparatuses including aerial fabrics, lyra, rope, hammock, static and dance trapeze, and aerial straps. I also have extensive experience practicing, teaching, and performing “L”-based partner acrobatics, tumbling, and gymnastics. I was formerly a competitive gymnast (Level 9 USA Gymnastics), and I am currently the owner of High Expectations Aerial Arts studio in Memphis, TN, and an active gymnastics coach at Gymnastics Plus in Denver, CO.

Aerial and Gymnastics Training:

- Competitive Gymnast, DU Gymnastics, Denver Colorado 1990-1996
 - Highest Level Competed: Level 9 Optional, USA Gymnastics
 - Qualified for Level 9 Regional meet and Level 10 competition
- Aerial Arts, Lyra, Fabrics, and Trapeze: Valeria’s Wings, Memphis, TN 2013 -2014
- Aerial Arts, Lyra, Fabrics, Trapeze, Rope, Sling, Straps: High Expectations Memphis, TN 2015-2017
- AcroYoga: Midtown Yoga, Memphis TN 2014-2017
- Aerial Arts, Lyra, Fabrics, Sling: Gravity Aerial Arts, Denver, CO 2018-present
- Private Lessons and Workshops with numerous accomplished aerialists and instructors, including, but not limited to:
 - Julie Marshall, Aloft Circus Arts: Lyra and Fabrics
 - Valeria Russel, Valeria’s Wings: Lyra and Fabrics
 - Danny Eaux, Gravity Aerial Arts: Aerial Rope and Straps
 - Jen Wheeler, Gravity Aerial Arts: Lyra, Fabrics, Trapeze, and Rope
 - Lisa Natoli: Lyra
 - Nancy Neyhart, Versatile Arts: Fabrics
 - Aerial Angels: Lyra and Fabrics
 - Cheetah Platt: Fabrics
 - Elizabeth Rose: Fabrics and Static Trapeze
 - Grace Harwood, Midtown Yoga: AcroYoga/Partner Acrobatics
 - Elsie Smith, NECCA: Fabrics

Teacher Training:

- Introduction to Teaching Aerial Arts, NECCA (course held at Sky Candy, Austin, TX): July 2015
 - 34-hour Introductory Teacher Training Program focusing on safety and techniques in instructing fabrics and trapeze. Lead instructor, Elsie Smith
- Foundation Level Fabrics, NECCA (course held at Sky Candy, Austin, TX): July 2015
 - Lead Instructor, Elsie Smith
- Assistant/Apprentice coach to the Aerial Angels at various times from 2014-2016

Safety Training and Rigging Training:

- Rigging for Aerialists, held at Sky Candy, Austin Texas July 2015
 - Instructed by Brett Copes, Fight or Flight
- Aerial Rigging Course, held at High Expectation, Memphis, TN October 2017
 - Instructed by Brett Copes, Fight or Flight

Teaching Experience:

- November 2018 - present: **Assistant Gymnastics Coach**, *Gymnastics Plus, Denver Colorado*
 - Assist and occasionally lead recreational gymnastics classes for pre-schoolers, and beginner, intermediate, and advanced girl's gymnastics. Assist with instruction of Bronze Level Excel competitors. Responsibilities include class planning and management, spotting and instruction of beginner and intermediate gymnastics skills for recreational and early competitive gymnastics, and assisting gymnastics with learning and mastering routines.
- December 2014-May 2017: **Lead Aerial Arts Instructor**, *High Expectations, Memphis Tennessee*
 - Responsible for overseeing the recreational aerial arts program as well as coordinating training for the professional troupe. Lead instructor in over 50% of classes taught at the studio. Direct or indirect supervisor of all classes and workshops held in the studio. Developed curriculum for introductory aerial arts series as well as drop-in programs for youth and adults, and numerous workshops. Responsibilities included instruction and spotting of youth and adult students on aerial lyra, fabrics, sling/hammock, and trapeze as well as occasional tumbling and partner acrobatics.
- January 2019: **Lead Aerial Arts Instructor**, *Tennessee Thespian's Conference, Murfreesboro, TN*
- January 2017: **Lead Aerial Arts Instructor**, *Tennessee Thespian's Conference, Murfreesboro, TN*
- January 2016: **Lead Aerial Arts Instructor**, *Tennessee Thespian's Conference, Murfreesboro, TN*
 - Created and implemented curriculum for numerous aerial arts classes offered during a theater conference for high school students in a camp-like setting. Led group warm-ups, demonstrations, and classes, and actively participated in spotting and instruction
- January 2015: **Assistant Aerial Arts Instructor**, *Tennessee Thespian's Conference, Murfreesboro, TN*
- January 2015: **Assistant Aerial Arts Instructor**, *Tennessee Thespian's Conference, Murfreesboro, TN*
 - Assisted with instruction of high school students attending aerial dance classes. Participated in skill demonstrations and class instruction, led group warm-ups and participated in spotting.

Business Experience:

- High Expectations, LLC; Business Owner December 2014 – present
 - Own and operate a small aerial arts school teaching courses and drop in classes for youth and adults in aerial fitness and conditioning, aerial fabrics, lyra, static trapeze, dance trapeze, aerial rope, aerial straps, aerial hammock/sling, Pilates, and Partner Acrobatics. As an owner, I am responsible for all aspects of the business including, but not limited to, participating in and overseeing curriculum development, teaching students and instructors, scheduling classes, workshops and private lessons, overseeing payroll, facilities management, staff management, overseeing performances (scheduling, contracts, and actual performance), and training staff.

Performance Experience: My performance career began in 2013. Since then, I have performed numerous times in a multitude of events ranging from birthday parties to corporate galas. Performances range from ambient/improvisational, to choreographed acts, to creation and production of entire full-length shows.

- **Valeria's Wings: The Arcane Helio Flight Circulators**, Troupe Member 2013-2014
 - Ambient and choreographed performances on Aerial Fabrics, Duo Fabrics, Lyra, Duo Trapeze, and Partner Acrobatics
- **High Expectations Aerial Arts Performance Troupe**, Troupe Member 2014-present
 - Ambient and choreographed performances on Aerial Fabrics, Lyra, Duo Lyra, Rope, Straps, Partner Acrobatics and Aerial Hammock/Sling
- Notable Performances:
 - *Alice: The Absinthe Dream*; A Nava Sanctum Production - Jabberwocky (Aerial Fabrics), Tweedle Dum (Partner Acrobatics)
 - *Dichotomy*; A Nava Sanctum Production – Partner Acrobatics and Duo Lyra
 - *Villains Variety Show*; A Nava Sanctum Production – Mirror, Mirror (Lyra), Siamese Cat (Duo Lyra), Tinkerbell (Partner Acrobatics and Aerial Sling)
 - *Gothic Nights*; A Nava Sanctum Production – Poysin I.V. (Partner Acrobatics and Aerial Hammock)
 - *Woodland Witch*; A Nava Sanctum Production – Wicked Witch (Aerial Fabrics)
 - *Lavinia London's Cabaret* (multiple shows 2014-2015) – Elle B. (Lyra, Partner Acrobatics)
 - *Atlantis*; A Nava Sanctum Production – Electric Eel (Aerial Rope)
 - *Opera Takes Flight, An Opera-Themed Cirque Show 2016* – Producer, Director, and Performer (Partner Acrobatics and Aerial Fabrics)
 - *Opera Takes Flight, An Opera-Themed Cirque Show 2017* – Performer (Lyra)

References:

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