

Carly Schuna - Circus Artist

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SUMMARY

I am a highly acclaimed professional circus performer and coach specializing in German wheel. A five-time wheel gymnastics competitive national champion, I am one of only a few German wheel artists in the United States performing and coaching at an elite level. My other professional acts include static trapeze, juggling, and tricks with my dog, Piper.

PERFORMANCES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

“It Takes Guts,” Head over Wheels Circus - Full-length show creator, solo performer, and choreographer

- Madison Circus Space (Madison, WI, 2022)
- Grinnell College (Grinnell, IA, 2023)

Circus Spooktacular - Featured performer, static trapeze (Madison, WI, 2022)

Bindlestiff Family Cirkus - Featured performer, German wheel (Manitowoc, WI, 2022)

Solar Powered Circus - Featured performer, German wheel (Madison, WI, 2022)

Bindlestiff Family Cirkus - Featured guest performer, German wheel (Virtual, 2021)

MONDO Juggling Extravaganza - Featured guest performer, German wheel (Virtual, 2021)

Cirque du Sylvee - Featured ensemble act, German wheel (Madison, WI, 2019)

Private Event - Featured guest solo entertainment, German wheel (Boston, MA, 2019)

Brookfield Academy Dinner Auction - Featured guest entertainer, German wheel (Milwaukee, WI, 2019)

The Purple Circus - Featured soloist and ensemble performer, German wheel (Madison, WI, 2019)

MONDO Juggling Extravaganza - Featured guest performer, German wheel (St. Paul, MN, 2019)

Season’s Finale, Dead Man’s Carnival - Guest performer, German wheel/aerial hoop (Milwaukee, WI, 2018)

Midwest Magic Fest - Solo artist, static trapeze (Waukesha, WI, 2018)

Skeleton Circus - Featured duo performer, German wheel/static trapeze (Madison, WI, 2018)

The Gong Show, Sony/ABC - Featured variety act, German wheel (Culver City, CA, 2018)

Autumn Skeleton Circus - Featured act, static trapeze (Madison, WI, 2017)

A Night of Magic, Dead Man's Carnival - Guest performer, German wheel (Milwaukee, WI, 2017)

Springtime Skeleton Circus - Featured act, German wheel (Madison, WI, 2017)

Circus Nutcracker - Featured duo performer and ensemble artist, German wheel/dance trapeze (Madison, WI, 2016)

Halloween Spooktacular - Featured guest performer, German wheel/static trapeze (St. Paul, MN, 2016)

Rolling Day - Featured variety act, German wheel (Tokyo, Japan, 2016)

Mad Circus Gala - Featured solo performer, German wheel (Madison, WI, 2015)

Autumn Skeleton Circus - Variety performer, German wheel (Madison, WI, 2015)

Springtime Skeleton Circus - Variety performer, German wheel (Madison, WI, 2015)

UW-Madison Chinese Spring Festival Gala - Featured duo performer, German wheel/aerial hoop (Madison, WI 2015)

Mad Circus Gala - Featured duo performer, German wheel/aerial hoop (Madison, WI, 2014)

Duck Soup Cinema, Overture Center for the Arts - Opening act, German wheel (Madison, WI, 2014)

Wheel Gymnastics World Championships - Opening act, German wheel (Chicago, IL, 2013)

Saturniidae, Cycropia Aerial Dance - Featured duo act, German wheel (Madison, WI, 2013)

MadFest Juggling Extravaganza - Featured solo artist, German wheel (Madison, WI, 2013)

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

WE Program Grant for Movement Artists Winner, 2022

U.S. All-Around National Wheel Gymnastics Champion (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019)

Level II Wheel Gymnastics Coaching Certification (highest certification level possible)

Beginner Aerial Teacher Training, static trapeze (Circus Arts Institute - Atlanta, GA)

Beginner Aerial Teacher Training, static trapeze and aerial silks (Nimble Arts)

Hoop Artist Teacher Training, aerial hoop (Seattle, WA)

Certified Natural Trainer, personal training (Monkey Bar Gymnasium - Madison, WI)

Mat Pilates and Pilates for Aerialists Teacher Training (Twisted Bodies)

Swinging Trapeze Teacher Training (Nimble Arts)

Flying Trapeze Teacher Training (Flying Trapeze Madison)

CPR/First Aid Certified

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Madison Circus Space, 2012-present (Madison, WI)

2021

Twin Cities Trapeze Center (St. Paul, MN)

2020

American Circus Educators' Conference (Virtual)

Twin Cities Trapeze Center (St. Paul, MN)

2019

Arcadia (Seattle, WA)

School of Acrobatic and New Circus Arts (Seattle, WA)

Twin Cities Trapeze Center (St. Paul, MN)

2018

Cooley Center (Baltimore, MD)

New Jersey Circus Center (Howell, NJ)

Fearless Flyers Academy (Mystic, CT)

Commonwealth Circus Center (Jamaica Plain, MA)

SHOW Circus Studio (Easthampton, MA)

New England Center for Circus Arts (Brattleboro, VT)
St. Louis Aerial Collective (St. Louis, MO)
Kinetic Tapestry (St. Louis, MO)
American Circus Educators' Conference (Decatur, GA)
Twin Cities Trapeze Center (St. Paul, MN)

2017

Kinetic Tapestry (St. Louis, MO)
Cirque Indy (Indianapolis, IN)
Cirque Wonderland (Des Moines, IA)
Ann Arbor Aviary (Ann Arbor, MI)
The Amazing Giants (Columbus, OH)
Twin Cities Trapeze Center (St. Paul, MN)

2016

Oizumi Junior High School (Tokyo, Japan)
Asabela Studio (Bloomington, IN)
Peru Amateur Circus (Peru, IN)
American Circus Educators' Conference (San Francisco, CA)
Twin Cities Trapeze Center (St. Paul, MN)

2015

Twin Cities Trapeze Center (St. Paul, MN)

2014

Tall Corn Circus Festival (Des Moines, IA)

TRAINING

Cirques Experience/Wheel JAM, 2012-2019 (Chicago, IL) - German wheel, trampoline, acrobatics. Coaches: Wolfgang Bientzle, Julia Pohling, Katharina Arnold, Katja Homeyer.

Madison Circus Space, 2013-present (Madison, WI) - German wheel, static trapeze, aerial hoop, acrobatics, handbalancing, teeterboard, juggling, aerial rope. Coaches: Luke Emery, Jess Clark, Luella Shapiro, Max Wasserman, Josh Casey, Nicolas Stocco.

Twin Cities Trapeze Center, 2014-2018 (St. Paul, MN) - Flying trapeze, static trapeze, dance, acrobatics. Coaches: Katie Kimball, Jake Kimball, Russell Harris, Taylor Van Denburgh.

Diving Buddah, 2020-present (virtual) - Flexibility, handbalancing. Coach: Jim Donak.

Aloft, 2015-2020 (Chicago, IL) - Static trapeze, duo trapeze, Chinese pole, teeterboard. Coaches: Javen Ulambayar, Megan Gendell, L Feldman, Charlene Numrych, Jon Snyder, Camille Swift.

New England Center for Circus Arts, 2018-2019 (Brattleboro, VT) - Static trapeze, duo trapeze, German wheel, flying trapeze, acrobatics, flexibility, handbalancing. Coaches: Elsie Smith, Aimée Hancock, Chris Gatti, Daniel Gilbert.

Ecole de Cirque de Québec, 2016-2019 (Québec City, QC, Canada) - German wheel, static trapeze, acrobatics, flexibility, trampoline, handbalancing, dance, physical theater, Chinese pole, Russian bar, walking ladder, bungee, banquine. Coaches: Fanny Leneuville-Castonguay, Yannick Blackburn, Marco Morin, Cedric Delagarde, Francis Caron, Genevieve Lemay.

San Francisco Circus Center, 2016 (San Francisco, CA) - Swinging trapeze. Coach: Rachel Walker.

National Centre for Circus Arts, 2016 (London, England) - Swinging trapeze. Coach: Rita van Opzeeland.

Gravity Circus Centre, 2016 (London, England) - Static trapeze. Coach: Chiara Zubiani.

Trapeze School New York, 2015-2016 (Chicago, IL) - Flying trapeze. Coaches: Brain Hampton, Birgit Spooner, Steve Hamm.

Elite Wheel Gymnastics Camp, 2014 (Taunusstein, Germany) - German wheel, trampoline. Coaches: Wolfgang Bientzle, Katja Homeyer, Tatjana Gerlach, Nadine Münster.