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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Laura Lippert presents her audience with a beautiful *mélange* of both traditional and contemporary technique and movement. Her innovative style is pervasive throughout her acts; whether they are performed using her custom-designed and fabricated chair apparatus, or through her mastery of the rare art of hair-hanging. Laura's drive to seek out and master such a unique skill such as hanging by one's hair is characteristic of her passion for pushing herself to explore the new and unusual, while keeping a firm basis in the traditions of her trade. The power and grace with which she navigates her many astonishing abilities is exceptional, and clearly the result of a solid foundation in dance, performance and collaborative experience. She is truly a masterful, amicable and generous performer; an uncommon talent whose rapturous work must simply be experienced to be properly communicated.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Circus Flora *Trial of the Century* - St. Louis, MO, USA **2021**

Hair Hanging/Character

- Played the austere yet refined prosecuting attorney and performed hair hang number as the closing statement

Circus Flora *St. Lou Revue* - St. Louis, MO, USA **2021**

Hair Hanging

- Performed hair hang act in the Big Top in Circus Flora's one-weekend only variety show that showed off St. Louis local performers

Circus Harmony - St. Louis, MO, USA **2012 - ongoing**

Aerial/Acrobatic/Dance/Acting Coach/Performer

- Coach for youth and adult classes and summer camps
- Coach for youth performing troupe, St. Louis Arches
- COVID jobs at the youth circus include: online classes, video editing, artistic content coordinator for video shows, mentoring, show program design, interactive cookbook design
- 25 minute solo show consisting of modified versions of all three acts (aerial chair, hair hanging and braids) plus hand balancing, dance and audience participation. Also with live music; guitarist Adam Hoskins.
- 25 minute duo show with aerialist, hula hooper and acrobat, Elliana Grace, consisting of modified versions of all three acts (aerial chair, hair hanging and braids), Elliana on aerial hoop and hula hoops plus dance, acrobatics and audience participation

***The Late Late Show with James Corden "Stage 54 Bar Tricks"* - Los Angeles, CA, USA** **2019**

Braids

- Spun chairs by braids for fun, human tricks segment

Teatro Dimitri *Cabaret di Natale* - Verscio, Switzerland **2018-2019**

Hair Hanging/Aerial Chair/Braids/Character

- 6 day New Year cabaret show at the infamous theater

Bohrerhof *Chi'coria* - Hartheim, Germany **2018**

Hair Hanging/Aerial/Character/Braids/Singer

- 1 month dinner variety in a beautiful farm restaurant
- 3.5 hour show with live music

Broadway Variété *Le Resort* - Switzerland

2018

Hair Hanging/Aerial/Character/Tap Dancing/Braids/Singer/Service

- 6 month, 5 cities tent tour in Switzerland
- 3.5 hour resort themed dinner theater show with live music

The Box Soho - London, United Kingdom

2018

Hair Hanging/Character

- Performed a hair hang number and improv hair hang for normal week of shows plus special galas at renowned London Club

***Sanctuary* - Chicago, IL, USA**

2017-2018

Hair Hanging/Braids

- Chicago's popular, monthly cabaret show
- Performed hair hanging and braids number for February 2017 and hair hanging for January 2018

***Scot Nery's Boobie Trap* - Los Angeles, California**

2017

Hair Hanging/Braids

- Performed hair hanging number one week and braids number the next for the popular, weekly, live variety show in Hollywood

The Box Soho - London, United Kingdom

2017

Braids/Character

- Performed a breakdance battle number with segments of braids number against a professional breakdancer

Broadway Variété *La Rakete* - Switzerland

2017

Hair Hanging/Aerial/Duo Wide Laude/Character/Percussion/Singer/Service

- 6 month, 5 cities tent tour in Switzerland
- 3.5 hour space themed dinner theater show with live music

***La Poesia* - Zurich, Switzerland**

2017

Hair Hanging/Braids

- Different types of artists come together and create a show in a few hours then perform it once that evening

***Monti's Variété* - Wohlen, Switzerland**

2016

Hair Hanging/Aerial Chair/Braids/Character/Service

- Circus Monti's winter/holiday variété show

Broadway Variété *La Strasse* - Switzerland

2016

Hair Hanging/Aerial Chair/Duo Wide Laude/Braids/Character/Percussion/Singer/Service

- 6 month, 5 cities tent tour in Switzerland
- 3.5 hour gypsy themed dinner theater show with live music

***Gynoïdes* - Orientatern - Stockholm, Sweden**

2015 - 2016

Hair Hanging/Aerial Chair/Dance/Acrobatics/Character/Jump Rope

- Directed by Marie-Andrée Robitaille with 6 female performers
- Contemporary circus show about women in circus

- Additional shows for Subtopia's Subcase Circus Festival in Stockholm in March 2016

La Putain de Babylone - La Chapelle - Montreal, QC, Canada - Republique - Copenhagen, Denmark 2013-2015

Dance/Acrobatics

- Part of the creation and original cast of Andréane Leclerc's show which involves seven women
- Performing dance and movement with a strong base in acrobatics

Ruelle - Usine C - Montreal, QC, Canada 2015

Hair Hanging/Aerial Chair/Dance/Acrobatics/Character

- Performing hair hanging, aerial chair, group dance and acrobatic numbers, and character work in full length production under the direction/choreography of Jeff Hall. Produced by Gregg Parks.
- Premiered at Montreal's circus festival, Montréal Complètement Cirque, 2015

Le Freak Show - La TOHU - Montreal, QC, Canada 2015

Hair Hanging/Braids/Character

- Performed hair hanging number and animation with braids for La TOHU's celebration of La Nuit Blanche under the direction of company Toxique Trottoir

Zoppé Family Circus - Chicago, IL, USA 2014

Aerialist/Acrobat

- Performed aerial chair and braids acts for benefit for underprivileged children at Pulaski Park

Les Productions Haut-Vol - Toronto, ON, Canada 2014

Aerialist/Character

- Performed hair hanging act in 15 minute outdoor show for The Haunt at Canada Wonderland

Pantene Advertisement - Madrid, Spain 2014

Hair Hanging/Dancer/Actress

- Starring in an internet commercial for Pantene doing hair hanging, dancing and acting with speaking role
- Directed by Carole Denis. Produced by The Gang and The Grey

DOCH (Dans och Cirkushögskolan) - Stockholm, Sweden 2014

Aerial coach

- Guest coach during two weeks for first and third year students

The Box Soho - London, United Kingdom 2014

Aerialist/Rope spinning (lasso)/Character

- Performed lasso and aerial chair number for infamous London nightclub

El Circo Cheapo Cabaret - Chicago, IL, USA 2009-2014

Aerialist/Acrobat/Character

- America's first monthly circus cabaret which played for sold out performances 2009-2016
- Regular performer including numbers such as aerial chair, hair hang, duo aerial hoop as Ambidextrous, group and partner acrobatics
- 2009 US West Coast Tour, *Get Rich Slow Tour*, all women, 7 acrobats and stand up comedian, Cameron Esposito

Les 7 doigts de la main - Montreal, QC, Canada 2013

Dancer/Acrobat

- Workshop for new creation

- AVEDA Corporation - Minneapolis, MN, USA** **2013**
Aerialist/Character
- Performed opening aerial hang hang number under the artistic direction of William Baker
 - Participated in numerous group choreographies and character work
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- International Finance Centre (IFC) Mall - Shanghai, China** **2013**
Aerialist
- Performed aerial hair hang, aerial chair and animation numbers focusing on audience participation in a two women 30 minute show
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- Circus Flora - St. Louis, MO, USA** **2012**
Aerialist/Character
- Big top one ring circus
 - Performed aerial chair for 2012 season entitled *The Wizard*
 - Performed aerial chair for annual *Mayor's Masquerade Ball*
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- Aloft Aerial Dance/Aloft Circus Arts - Chicago, IL, USA** **2007-2012**
Company Member/Aerial Teacher
- Performed group choreography and aerial acts for corporate work and shows including: *The Science of Heart* 2010, *Homecoming Dance of Death* 2008, *Dinner of Our Discontent* 2008, and *Crusible: the Musible* (collaboration with theater company Strangetree Group) 2007
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- The Pink Hotel* - Film by Chris Hefner** **2010**
Aerialist
- Performed duo aerial hoop act for scene in film
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- Cirque Du Soleil - Chicago, IL, USA** **2008**
Stilt walker
- Performed as a puppeteer on stilts manipulating a human marionette for the opening performance of Chicago's season of *Kooza*
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- Willow Creek Church - South Barrington, IL, USA** **2007**
Aerialist/Stilt walker
- Performed aerial harness and 4 legged stilts for 12 shows for church's large Christmas production of *Imagine Christmas*

FESTIVALS

- Subtopia's Subcase Circus Festival - Stockholm, Sweden,** **2016**
Artist performing with the show *Gynoides*
- Montréal Complètement Cirque - Montreal, QC, Canada** **2015**
Artist performing with the show *Ruelle*
- Chicago Contemporary Circus Festival - Chicago, IL, USA** **2014**
Performed aerial chair number in "El Circo Cheapo: All-Stars"

Brilliant Corners of Popular Amusements - Chicago, IL, USA

2011

Production Advisor and Performer - duo aerial hoop with Helena Reynolds as Ambidextrous

Phyzgig: A Festival of Physical Comedy - Portland, ME, USA

2009, 2010

Duo aerial hoop with Helena Reynolds as Ambidextrous

TRAINING

Christian "Vippen" Vilppola - *Aerial Chair and act development (aerial chair, hair hanging, and braids)*

2011 - 2018

Victor Fomine - *Aerial Chair*

2013

Rachel Walker - *Aerial Chair*

2012 - 2013

Yury Bozyan - *Hand Balancing*

2012

Yagaantsetseg "Rosa" Dashdende - *Contortion/Stretching*

2012 - current

Shayna Swanson (Aloft) - *Aerial*

2007 - 2012

Nourbol Miermenov - *Hand Balancing and Ground Acrobatics*

2008 - 2012

The Flying Cortes (Sascha's St. Louis School of Circus Arts) - *Flying Trapeze*

2003 - 2005

Ray Parks (Central Visual and Performing Arts High School) - *Dance*

2001 - 2003

Gerri Stretz and Yvonne Meyer (Gerri Stretz Professional Dance Center) - *Dance*

1999 - 2003

St. Louis Spirits Gymnastics - *USA Gymnastics*

1995 - 1999

DIPLOMAS/CERTIFICATIONS

Precision Welding and Fabrication - Ranken Technical College - St. Louis, MO, USA

2004

High School Diploma (major dance, minor theater) - Central Visual and Performing Arts H.S. - St. Louis, MO, USA

2003

LANGUAGES

English, French

Spanish, German (not fluent, but able to understand and communicate)

MORE SKILLS

Dance (tap, ballet, jazz, modern) · Rope Spinning/Lasso · Duo and Solo Aerial Hoop/Trapeze · Aerial Tissu
Group Acrobatics/Pyramids · Basic Ground Acrobatics · Stilt-Walking