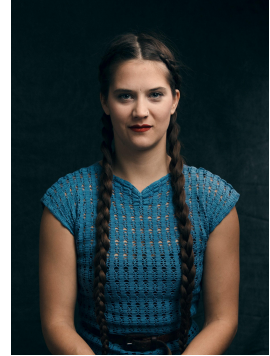


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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

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

Les 7 Doigts de la main/7 Fingers, Youth Workshops and Show - Barbados **2023**
Social Circus Coach

- Worked and coached alongside Patrick Léonard and another 7 doigts artist collaborating with two Toronto-based companies, Square Circle (social circus, etc.) and Humber (technology), Barbados-based companies, Blu Escape and 13 Degrees North Productions, and the Barbados government to create a two-week camp for youths aged 10-17 in Barbados. The youths presented what they learned at the end of the two weeks for their families, the Prime Minister, and other government officials.

Cirque Alfonse Barbu - Joliette, QC and Montréal, QC, Canada **2023**

Hair Hanging, Braid Spinning, Acrobatics

- Performed hair hanging, duo-acro, group acrobatics, block breaking on abs, and spun half kegs by braids for Quebec's premiere circus troupe

Circus Flora - St. Louis, MO, USA **2012, 2021, 2023, ongoing**

Hair Hanging/Character/Aerial Chair

- 2023 *Under Cover*, Played a Carmen Sandiego type spy but with evil intentions
- 2021 *Trial of the Century*, Played the austere yet refined prosecuting attorney and performed hair hang number as the closing statement
- 2021 *St. Lou Revue*, Performed hair hang act in the Big Top in Circus Flora's one-weekend only variety show that showed off St. Louis local performers
- 2012 *The Wizard*, Performed aerial chair number as the Enchantress in King Arthur themed show
- 2012 *Mayor's Masquerade Ball*, Performed aerial chair for annual mayor's Mardi Gras event

The Box Soho and NYC - London, United Kingdom and NYC, USA **2014, 2017, 2018, 2023**

Hair Hanging/Braids/Aerial Chair/Rope Spinning/Character

- Performed lasso and aerial chair number for infamous London nightclub
- Performed a breakdance battle number with segments of braids number against a professional breakdancer
- Performed a hair hang number and improv hair hang for normal week of shows plus special galas at renowned London Club
- Performed braids act as a mom on a cleaning rampage at NYC location

- Le Monastère - Montréal, QC, Canada*** **2023**
 Hair Hanging/Braids
 - Performed hair hang and braids acts for 2023 opening season of *Le Monastère*, a cabaret held in a church in downtown Montréal that runs for three weekends every few months
- Cirque du Soleil Casting/V-Star Entertainment - Cirque Dreams *Holidaze* - Midwest and East Coast US Tour*** **2022**
 Hair Hanging/Braids/Character
 - Performed hair hang act and braid tricks for circus holiday show
 - Performed braids act for one show as a last minute back up when the winch was broken
- The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon “Show Me Something Good” - New York, NY, USA*** **2022**
 Braid Spinning
 - Spun pumpkins by braids on the fun segment of people doing weird things
- Circus Harmony - City Museum, 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 - Switzerland*** **2016, 2017, 2018**
 Hair Hanging/Aerial/Character/Tap Dancing/Braids/Singer/Service
 - Performed in three seasons of dinner variety show in Switzerland
 - 6 months, 5 cities tour; Bern, Zug, Kriens, Zurich, Basel, in 1940s vaudeville tent
 - 3.5 hour themed dinner theater show with live music, themes and show names; 2016 family wedding story *La Strasse*, 2017 space and rocket ship themed *La Rakete*, 2018 resort/hotel *Le Resort*
- 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

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

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/Arobat

- 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

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

AVEDA Corporation - Minneapolis, MN, USA **2013**

Aerialist/Character

- Performed opening aerial hang number under the artistic direction of William Baker
- Participated in numerous group choreographies and character work

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

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

FESTIVALS

Montréal Complètement Cirque - Montreal, QC, Canada **2015, 2023**

Artist performing with the show *Ruelle* in 2015 and Cirque Alfonse's *Barbu* in 2023

Subtopia's Subcase Circus Festival - Stockholm, Sweden, **2016**

Artist performing with the show *Gynoïdes*

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" Dashdendeev - *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

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