



# DIANE BERNIER

CIRCUS ARTIST, TEACHER &  
FACILITATOR

## PROFILE

I am a circus and burlesque artist (juggling, aerial hoop & silks) with a strong inclination for comedy and word play. I teach and facilitate circus activities with kids and adults and have designed my own circus workshops.

## TRAINING

- 2024 **MY AERIAL HOME**, London  
4-week professional aerial intensive course (aerial hoop, silks, rope, straps, trapeze, pole, handstands and tumbling)
- 2023 **THE CHEEK OF IT!** (Burlesque school), London  
Spotlight course: creation of a juggling burlesque act
- 2020-2022 **CIRCOMEDIA**, Bristol  
Vocational course in Contemporary Circus and Physical Theatre
- Specialisations: aerial and manipulation
  - Training in street theatre, stand-up comedy, creative movement, handstands, burlesque...

## PERFORMANCES

- 2023 **INFINITEASE**, **The Gunnersbury**, London  
Juggling burlesque act
- 2023 **DR SKETCHY** (Life drawing Cabaret), **Toulouse Lautrec**, London  
Juggling burlesque act and life modeling
- 2023 **BELLA WHISPERS CABARET** Scratch night, **The Glitch**, London  
Juggling burlesque act
- 2023 **THE CHEEK OF IT!** (graduation show), **The Bedford**, London  
Juggling burlesque act
- 2022 **CIRQUE BIJOU**, **Camp Bestival**, Dorset & Shropshire  
*Circus Café*. walkabout and aerial show
- 2021 **VOLT**, **CIRCUS CITY FESTIVAL**, **Circomedia**, Bristol  
*Super Dropper* (comedy juggling act)
- 2021 **CONCEPTUAL CIRCUS: AN EXHIBITION IN THREE ACTS** by Viola Bruni, **Circomedia**, Bristol
- 2021 **DOMINO**, **Circomedia**, Bristol
- 2021 **STREET THEATRE SHOW** and **PARADE**, Hanham, Bristol

## CONTACT

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## OTHER SKILLS

- Duty Coordinator at the **National Centre for Circus Arts**
- 11-year experience in administration, sales, coordination
- Massage Therapist
- French (native speaker), Spanish
- **Enhanced DBS check**
- Driving Licence
- First Aid at Work

## INTERESTS

- Ballet, contemporary dance
- Holistic therapies and wellbeing
- Dementia (Level 2 in Principles of Dementia Care)
- Sustainability
- Sewing

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## TEACHING & FACILITATING

- 2023 -  
Current      **UPSWING, Homemade Circus**, London  
Circus Workshop Facilitator in care homes
- Co-led group sessions in communal spaces
  - 2 to 1 bedroom visits
- 2023 -  
Current      **NATIONAL CENTRE FOR CIRCUS ARTS**, London  
Circus Arts Teaching Assistant (Outreach, London Youth Circus  
and recreational classes)
- 2023            **GREEN SHOES ARTS**, Romford  
Creative Workshop Facilitator
- Planned and led 6 circus sessions (juggling/manipulation,  
clowning...) to adults living with mental health issues
  - Planned and led a one-off circus session with young people
- 2022 -  
Current      **BRISTOL FOLK HOUSE** (Adult Education Centre), Bristol  
Circus Tutor (2.5 hour circus workhops)
- 2022            **YOUTH CIRCUS CAMP, Circomedia**, Bristol  
Teaching Assistant