



the dust palace

CIRQUE ENTERTAINMENT

# AERIAL CIRQUE ACTS

The Dust Palace provides the highest quality aerial circus entertainment for events throughout NZ.

We have NZ's biggest range of top-notch circus acts and we're fully prepared to tailor any show to suit any event. Our aesthetic is impeccable, our content en pointe and always tasteful and we pride ourselves on our safety conscious approach and record.

We work with only the best of the best, matching them perfectly with our list of unique circus apparatus and ensuring genre, theme and look are immaculate. Any scale of show, we have the wow-factor to satisfy.









# SAFETY IN CIRCUS

Safety is our number one priority and the first and last word on any work we do.

Despite the renegade reputation of circus historically and the 'death-defying' products we propose, we categorically never place any one of our friends, employees or clients in real danger or possible danger.

Which is not to say that it is all a show and all a 'trick'. The fact remains that circus is a highly highly trained set of skills which have been repeated so many times they become second nature to the performer. We never perform anything we feel unsafe about or feel has any possibility of endangering ourselves or the people around us.

And... if there is an especially sensitive environment or you have any concerns what so ever, the majority of our acts can be performed with a safety harness on taking human error within the circus performance out of the equation.





# SILKS, ROPE AND SPANISH WEB

Aerial Silks are always a glorious option for any event. Classy and beautiful, the majestic drapes of cloth are danced upon with ease and grace. Acts are completed with sudden exciting free falls and deft drops.

The level up in vertical circus apparatus is Corde Lisse (translated as Free Rope). Corde Lisse is a highly skilled display of strength and technique with a simple strand of rope.

Spanish Web adds an extra element of wow factor to the end of a rope routine with super-fast spinning and centrifugal dance whilst hanging from a single hand!





# LYRA (Aerial Hoop)

Lyra (the original term for Aerial Hoop) is a circus form designed for beauty and grace. Sequences of sumptuous movement are presented with various speeds of spin to create the most magical and effortless form of aerial dance. Hanging by ones toes or neck become just moments within an epic of perfectly formed lines and shapes sequenced to effect delight and complete appreciation from any audience.





# DUO LYRA

Duo Lyra is synchronicity in action. The two performers must be absolutely perfect with each action and shape to enable Duo Lyra to work. Once the hoop is spinning and the act has begun it is nigh on impossible to distinguish one body from another. Exciting and fast-paced Duo Lyra can be both epic and intimate at the same moment.





# DUO STRAPS

Duo Straps create the quintessential romantic act within high-end circus. The precarious holds and balances between the partners require seemingly limitless strength and perfect technique. Not only do these acts take the breath away of anyone watching but they sit in a place beyond belief that what one is witnessing is humanly possible.





# DUO TRAPEZE

Duo Trapeze is true circus in action with its full releases and exciting big swings. The entwining bodies give such a strong impression of power, force and ultimate trust that it becomes impossible to separate the flyer from her base.

As with all our circus acts, our team work tirelessly to create new vocabulary which raises the original circus forms above their beginnings to a new contemporary place of high, stunning artistry.









# AERIAL ACTS UNIQUE TO THE DUST PALACE

We at the Dust Palace pride ourselves on always being ahead of the game with new and excited ideas.

## AERIAL BIRDCAGE

Newly designed and created our aerial birdcage would be an interesting and evocative feature of any event. Solo or duo feature acts, or simply as room dressing (performance installation), the birdcage could suit many themes from opulent to jungle!





# AERIAL SPIRALS

In motion our three Aerial Spirals create a magical, balletic and mesmerising optical illusion. Light glances off the shiny metal adding to the visual feast as the performer twists and turns both inside and out in ways which seem to defy physics.





# AERIAL CHAIR

Aerial Chair is not only evocative and interesting in its dance pathways but has a wonderful theatricality to it. We have three chairs and they can be performed with as either a solo or duo apparatus.





# Z-LADDER

Our Z-Ladder is a world wide one-of-a-kind apparatus. Designed and created by a well known NZ rigger the Z-Ladder has a central pivot allowing the performers to counter balance each other and create multiple vertical rolls.

Z-Ladder can be either a solo or a duo apparatus and is equally interesting as either.



# AERIAL UMBRELLA

Only recently acquired the Aerial Umbrella is just beautiful. It has a stunning theatricality which for the right event will satisfy more than anything else could.



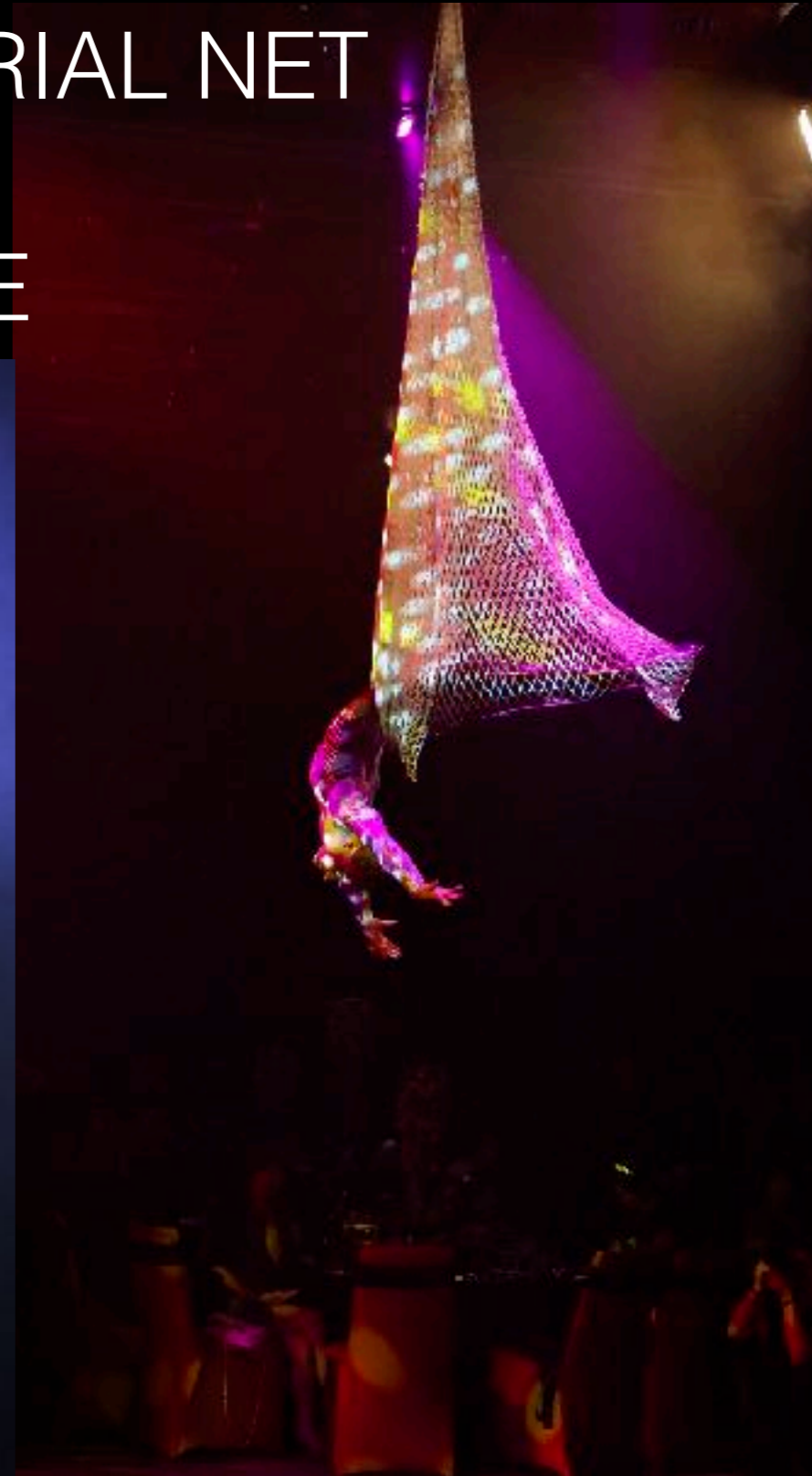


Harness work on single or double point harnesses joins Aerial Net, Vertical Net, Stacked Trapeze and Rope Noose as further alternative aerial performance ideas, acts or installations.

AERIAL NET

STACKED TRAPEZE

VERTICAL NET











GROUND BASED

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# GROUND BASED ACTS

Creating the wow factor of cirque arts in any space is what we do. Being able to provide top notch shows of any length in any space is what we pride ourselves on! Regardless of venue restrictions we can provide high class, slick and tailored entertainment for any event. No rigging: no problem! Low ceiling: no worries!

High-end skills such as; Adagio (duo acrobalance), Trio (three person balance), Chair Balance, Contortion, Cyr Wheel (large metal hoop), Acrobatic Stilt Shows, Toss the Girl and man-rigged Aerial Hoop.

And of course we also have available all the manipulation circus skills; Juggling, Hula Hoops, Bottle Walking, Rola Bola, Unicycle, Cigar boxes, Diabolo and Magic.





# ADAGIO (Hand to Hand)

Adagio (balance acrobatics) is always an impressive option with its superhuman display of strength and grace.

For international level adagio there is one couple in NZ but we also have three size matched couples who can be perfectly synchronised which looks just stunning





# CHAIR STACKING

Chair Balancing is a beautiful and really death defying act, invariably having any audience on the edge of their seats!

Acts can be romantic, comedic, epic, theatrical or traditional: you choose!





# TOSS THE GIRL

Toss the Girl is a ancient circus art which is fast growing in new popularity thanks to the efforts of a few independent Australian circus companies. It's exhilarating and super dynamic to watch as two or three guys throw, flip and spin a girl through the air!





# ACROBATIC STILT SHOWS

A more recent development of our skill-sets Acrobatic Stilt Walking Shows include lifts, balances, contortion and flips; all on stilts. Tightly choreographed acts with a pulsing mix of fast paced bouncy stilts and glorious languid tall stilts. Definitely a sight to behold!





# MAN-RIGGED LYRA

The perfect way to achieve an aerial act in a venue or conference room that has no rigging possibility. Two strong men raised above stage level hold a six metre pole between them for one or two of our amazing lyra performers to dance upon.





# CYR WHEEL

Cyr Wheel is a fantastic, super fast paced apparatus. only recently developed it has taken the world by storm and the vocabulary developing worldwide is stunning.

It's still really seen, highly skilled and amazing to watch! Cyr wheel is great to begin a party or inspire some energy in an evening programme.





# TRIO ADAGIO

Trio Balance work is the next level in human balancing requiring 200% more skill and strength, than any other form of acrobatics or adagio work. Perfect control with a calm focused pace these acts can be like living statues. Note that we can also create story acts with Trio easily in either a traditional or theatrical style.









# FIRE, MANIPULATION, CABARET, BURLESQUE

We also have a full range of other skills and styles of circus performance;

- \* Fire Breathing, Fire Poi, Staff, Fans, Fire Fans on stilts and a collection of other fire props.
- \* Juggling, Hula Hoops, Diabolo, Cigar Boxes, Contact Crystal Ball and other manipulation acts.
- \* Bottle Walking, Rola Bola, Hand balance, Contortion and other equilibristic acts.
- \* Side-show acts such as Human Blockhead, Whips, Aerial Chain, Staple Gun, Straight Jacket Escape and Bed of Nails.
- \* Cabaret Style circus, song or comedy acts.
- \* Circus Burlesque or straight burlesque acts.





