

Resume

Personal

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Profile

Hand to Hand and acrobatics specialist. 6'2 170 pounds. Oliver Layher has been in circus since he was nine years old, starting at Circus Harmony, a youth circus in St. Louis. Ever since then, he hasn't looked back. Here was a physical activity with multiple facets, with so many different options available: from full body activities, such as acrobatics, to more hand-eye coordination skills like juggling- and Oliver loved all of it. Circus also heavily incorporates music into its artform, and Oliver really enjoyed music, as he played piano and violin for seven years. As a shy kid, circus allowed him to express himself in different ways than normal, while meeting many different kinds of people and performing, which helped him overcome his timidity. Resultantly, he quickly grew to be able to thrive in front of crowds, and even talk publicly in interviews. While at Circus Harmony, Oliver trained in multiple disciplines such as juggling, diabolo, assorted aerial apparatus, and tumbling, but his specialty became partner acrobatics as a porter. Oliver performed hundreds of shows for Circus Harmony, in multiple countries, and performed in Circus Flora for multiple summers, the circus he used to watch as a kid. Oliver knew from an early age that he wanted to attend Ecole nationale du cirque and towards the end of his career at Circus Harmony, Oliver started training hand to hand in preparation for the auditions. He got accepted as a hand to hand porter, fulfilling his childhood dream.

Work Experience

Circus Performer/Teacher

Taught circus arts to both children and adults (2015-2019)

Circus Flora shows:

- *Pastime* (2016)- acrobatics, juggling
- *Time Flies* (2017)- acrobatics, mini-tramp, juggling
- *The Case of the Missing Bellhop* (2018)- acrobatics
- *The Caper in Isle 6* (2019)

Circus Harmony Big Shows:

- *Verismo* (2014)- juggling

- *Giubilante* (2015)- unicycle, diabolo
- *Giocoso* (2016)- acrobatics, mini-tramp, diabolo
- *Bravura* (2017)- acrobatics, diabolo, unicycle
- *Legato* (2018)- acrobatics, unicycle, diabolo
- *Accelerando* (2019)- acrobatics, hand to hand, mini tramp, chinese pole, juggling

Other performances:

- Groundhog Day Juggling Festival in Atlanta, GA (2014)- acrobatics/juggling
- Peace Through Pyramids with Galilee Circus (2016)- acrobatics, diabolo, juggling, unicycle
- Zoppe Family Circus (2016, 2017)- acrobatics
- 50th Anniversary of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington D.C. (2017)- acrobatics, juggling, unicycle, mini-tramp, diabolo
- American Youth Circus Festival in Trenton, NJ (2017)- acrobatics
- Peace Through Pyramids in Puerto Rico (2018)- acrobatics, diabolo
- Chicago Social Circus Festival in Chicago, IL (2018)- acrobatics, unicycle
- Wonderama filmed episode in New York, NY (2018)- acrobatics/juggling
- St. Louis Fox Teen Talent 3rd place award (2019)
- Performed for Princess Stephanie in Monte Carlo (2019)

Education

High School Diploma

St. John Vianney High School, *St. Louis*

Graduated Sigma Cum Laude

Interests

Reading, Basketball, Movies

Skills

Circus Arts-Experienced

Piano-Experienced

Violin-Experienced