

# LYDIA TEWKBSBURY

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## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- *This Circus Called Life* Chicago, IL 2025
  - Solo Loie Fuller inspired dance, ambient silks
- *Two Truths and a Lie* by Tanya Burka, Chicago, IL 2024
  - Solo aerial hoop, solo Loie Fuller inspired dance, ensemble juggling, ensemble acrobatics, corps dance
- Aloft Circus Arts, Chicago, IL 2023-ongoing
  - *Communion* December 2023, emcee and solo Loie Fuller inspired dance
  - *Sanctuary* Cabaret May 2024, solo aerial hoop
  - *Communion* November 2024, solo aerial hoop
- *Carolina Circus Festival*, Cary, NC, 2024
  - Solo aerial hoop
- Asheville Aerial Arts, Asheville, NC 2019-2023
  - Company member, performing aerialist and stilt walker
  - Wicked Weed Annual IPA Release 2019-2023, solo aerial hoop, solo lollipop roaming stilt walking
  - *All Hallow's Eve Halloween Benefit* 2019, solo aerial hoop
- Asheville Fringe Festival, Asheville, NC 2020 and 2023
  - *Flying Catastrophe Circus* 2020, co-creator, solo aerial sling, flexibility acrobatics, group physical comedy
  - *All My Dandelion Wishes* 2023, director, writer/producer, choreographer, solo aerial moon, corps dancer
- Empyrean Arts, Asheville NC 2021-2023
  - Industry Nine, 2021, solo ambient aerial hoop with Waverly Jones
  - Empyrean Annual Showcase 2021-2023, choreographed solo aerial hoop
- Night Owl Circus Johnson City, TN 2022-2023
  - Instructor Showcase 2023, solo aerial hoop
  - *Bugs In the Garden* 2022, roaming stilt walking character
  - TieBreakers 2022, ambient aerial hoop and silks
- Enter the Garden, Asheville NC 2023
  - *Enter the Garden: The Mystic Order of Belladonna*, solo lollipop
- Asheville Vaudeville, Asheville, NC December 2022
  - Loie Fuller inspired dance solo
- Awarded Artist Residency at Lookout Arts Quarry, Bellingham, WA August 2022
  - 2.5 week residency creation of a multimedia aerial hoop act

- *Surreal Sirkus*, Asheville, NC, October 2022
  - Synchronized silks duo
- Warren Wilson Circus, Swannanoa, NC, 2018-2021
  - Co-choreographer and performer: duo aerial hoop, step dance, 2018
  - Choreographer and performer: solo aerial hoop, corps modern dance, 2019
  - Virtual Circus, choreographer and performer: solo aerial hoop, 2021
- Sirens Acapella co-director, Charlottesville, VA, 2015-2016
  - Vocal soloist and backup, musical arrangement
- Dessert Theatre, Charlottesville, VA, 2014
  - Vocal soloist, corps dancer
- Sweeney Todd, Charlottesville, VA, 2014
  - Ensemble vocalist, corps dancer

## TRAINING:

Aloft Professional Training Program, Chicago, IL September 2023-June 2024

Focus in aerial hoop coached by Kristi Alyssa

Contemporary dance - Luke Greef

Handstands - Hayley Larson

Physical Theater - Britt Anderson

Juggling - David Chervony

Acrobatics- Liam Bradley

Flexibility - Kat Geber, Oyuna

Lab Week Coaches: Althea Young, Adam Wooley, Sarah Bebe Holmes, Carlos Cruz Casas, Stephanie

Abrams, Chloé Farah, Anouk Vallée-Charest

## Dance Training

Ballet 2020-ongoing (Terpsicorps, Diana Wortham Theater, Visceral Dance)

Contemporary 2024-ongoing (Rooted Space, Visceral)

Warren Wilson College

Beginner modern dance 2018

Step team/step dance 2017-2019

Contra dance, Old Farmer's Ball 2017-2019

## Workshops and Intensives

Irish Aerial Dance Festival, Letterkenny, Ireland July 2023

Vertical dance, aerial spiral with Jenny Tufts, and aerial hoop with Aisling Ni Cheallaigh

Unhinged Aerial Retreat, Sweet Retreats, MX, with Britt Crumpton and Jessica John 2023

Shapecraft Workshop, Jenn Bruyer 2022

**OTHER SKILLS:** Violin, viola, guitar, vocalist: soprano, base level knowledge of martial arts staff fighting patterns, axe-throwing, bowdrill friction fire

## COACHING EXPERIENCE:

Chicago Aerial Arts, Chicago, IL, October 2023-present

Empyrean Arts, Asheville NC 2021-2023

Warren Wilson College Aerial Club, Swannanoa, NC 2019-2020

## REFERENCES:

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