



ROOTED

THE STORY OF DREAMS

2024 Creation Team & Cast Bios



Houston Odum - Show Director

Houston Odum is a Circus Director from North Carolina, U.S. He's had an immense passion for Circus since he was young. He began juggling at age 9 and won awards such as a Bronze Medal at the Juniors World Championships in 2017. He studied Scenic Design at UNC School of the Arts and founded Circus EVO while in school, amidst the Pandemic in October of 2020. Since its founding, EVO has produced over 30 pop-up performances, two large outdoor productions, and full-length theatrical shows. Houston's creative process empowers and brings together artists of all backgrounds and disciplines. The company is now in its 4th year and has grown tremendously since its founding.

Amanda Fisk - Lighting Designer

Amanda Fisk is a freelance lighting designer and works for DLR Group as theater designer. With a passion for the live entertainment industry, Amanda has been in the world of lighting design and technology since 2014. Her journey has taken her across the states, and is currently based in Denver, Colorado. She graduated with her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Lighting Design and Technology from University of North Carolina School of the Arts in May of 2022.



LeDarius Parker - Choreographer

LeDarius Gipsi Parker aka 'Do Flamingo' aka 'Ghost LionHeat' is a freestyle and professional choreographer from Greensboro, North Carolina. He is a member of the Lionheart Fam and East Blue Pirates All Styles Crew. He's movement is influenced by dance in other countries, along with Hip Hop and street dance culture. He travels up and down the East and West coast choreographing, training, and performing for a variety of films, competition dance teams, music videos, digital and live productions, as well as teach classes and workshops. In addition to his work as a professional choreographer, he also is apart of the street dance culture on the east coast and west coast. He participates street dance scene events such as open style battles, street jams, and sessions.

Bella Nona - Composer/Musician

Bella Nona is a singer, musician, and composer from Durham, North Carolina. Bella has over a decade of deep roots performing in the Triangle area. Her performances can be heard busked in the streets of downtown Durham or on the stages of the Cat's Cradle and the Haw River Ballroom. She is currently part of the artist collective OnlyUs and performs her original material around the triangle. A songbird of many different genres, her sound spans neo-soul, bossa nova, indie rock, and dark folk. Her debut album Goddess Complex can heard on all major streaming platforms.





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Dom Sebastian - Bboy/Clown

Dom is a Hip-Hop & Contemporary Fusion Artist trained in StreetDance, social grooves, and contemporary dance. He's battled amongst B-Boys, shot commercials for Samsung and NatGeo, done blogs for Verizon, and is a part of an elite dance community known as the Red Bull Beat Riders. He's taught for organizations including the NC Folk Festival, Colorado University, UNCSCA, and Old Dominion. He was the first Hip-Hop Dance Instructor to teach at ADF's Samuel Scripps Studios and has trained with the National Dance Institute. Dom has been an Adjunct Professor for Elon University and Salem College and has worked with Schools in his hometown as an Arts Integrated Facilitator, using art as a learning tool to assist teachers in Title 1 schools. In his free time, Dom-Sebastian teaches private lessons and works with local stores to produce social media content to promote their businesses.

Toni Cannon - Strongman/Chinese Pole

Toni is consistently working on finding new ways to express himself through acrobatics. He finds the challenge thrilling, and very relatable to life's challenges. Toni started his circus career later in life however, that didn't stop him from diving deep into his new found love and passion. He has been lucky enough to train under some great coaches like Master Lu Yi, and Dominik Wyss learning disciplines like Chinese pole, partner acrobatics, and Hand to hand. He has been a part of some amazing companies and productions like 'Topsy Turvy Circus', 'Circus Bella', 'This is Acrosanct', 'When the rainbow is Enuf', and his solo show 'Reflection'.



Spencer Androli - Juggling

Spencer has been juggling for over 12 years. He started juggling when he was 8 years old, being taught the basics by his cousin. Juggling hooked him instantly and became a huge part of his life to this day. Spencer has participated in the World Juggling Federation events since 2013 and has won titles such as the Juniors Overall Championship in 2014 and the Advanced Overall Championship in 2017. He's performed in competitions and circus companies such as the Austin Jugglefest, Flynn Creek Circus, and the International Jugglers Association's competitions. Spencer holds 8 world records for juggling and "ROOTED" marks the first Contemporary Creation that Spencer is a part of.

Rachel Rees - Aerial Rope/Chinese Pole

Originally from New Orleans, Rachel is a dynamic circus artist specializing in Corde Lisse & Chinese Pole. Rachel earned their BFA in Theatre Arts from Boston University in 2015, and trained in physical theatre intensively & internationally. In 2019 they graduated from the Pro-Track Program at the New England Center for Circus Arts. Their work combines technique & artistry to create imaginative & dynamic works. "While I love creating autonomously, I thrive in ensemble and creation with a group. My passions lie in the imagination, visceral expression, and connection."



Evelyn Focazio - Dance Trapeze

Evelyn Focazio is a circus artist from the United States, educated in Philadelphia and trained further in Montréal. She has experience working with many companies and schools, mainly in the tri-state area. She started her career performing for Tangled Movement Arts, and Philadelphia School of Circus Arts. Her love for circus has grown over the years, as she continues to train and live within the circus community.