

## CURRICULUM VITAE

CIARA THORBURN – CIRCUS ARTIST, FREELANCE PRODUCER

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Name:** CIARA THORBURN

**Nationality:** AUSTRALIAN

**Location:** Melbourne, VIC, Australia

**Born:** 24/12/1986

**Speaks:** English

**Height:** 164cm

**Weight:** 65kg

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### Qualifications:

Ba Circus Arts 2018 (National Institute of Circus Arts)  
Swinburne University

Certificate IV Circus Arts 2015 (National Institute of Circus Arts)  
Swinburne University

Dip Ed – Primary 2011 (QUT)

Ba Art History 2009 (UNSW)

### **Additional Key Training (clown/physical theatre)**

Philippe Gaulier Summer School 2019 (France)

Giovanni Fussetti Bouffon Summer School 2018 (Aus)

Deanna Fleysher Summer School 2018 (Aus)

### Show Reel:

- Chair Balance Sizzle Reel – The Shuffle Club <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=faJgsqlGK8>
- Carnival cinema Documentary – Hamish McCormick  
<https://www.carnivalcinema.com.au/tales-training-room-floor-episode-2-chairs-training/>



**More:**

Working with Children Check || Card no: 0183416A-02 || Expiry: 22/07/2024  
White Card Certification

**Area of Specialty:**

- Clowning
- Chair Balance
- Mouth Juggling
- Pass Juggling

**Biography:**

Circus Artist, Producer, Variety Performer, Children's Entertainer, Clown, MC, Cabaret Luminary and human being. Ciara defies expectations in extraordinary ways, she has a knack for turning the mundane into the astonishing. With her unique skills and character work, Ciara entices audiences to connect and enter into a world of absurd pleasure and mirth.

**About me:**

*"...What if I fall? Oh, but my darling, what if you fly?"*

This quote was taken from a short poem written by Erin Hanson. This resonates with me as an artist and performer, constantly I am taking risks and learning not to second guess the pursuit of my dreams. Growing up, I don't remember a time that I was 'normal'. Today as a variety performer, I pride myself on not fitting into any boxes or categories. I am a mixed bag of skills, creativity and adaptable qualities.

**My mission: To solve problems and create things.**

**Skills/Acts:**

- Clown/physical comedian
- Chair Balance (Handbalance and equilibratics)
- Mouth Juggling
- Climb Inside Balloon
- Ensemble and solo juggling (Clubs, Rings, Balls)
- Mime/physical comedy
- Fire Performance
- Street Performer
- MC

**Production Experience:**

- Circus Rio, Producer/Marketing Manager, Big Top Tour (Sunshine Coast & Hervey Bay Seasons) Oct 2020 – Jan 2021
- Werk It, Stage Manager, Carona, Adelaide Fringe Season 2020

- LIMBO, Stage Manager, Aurora Spiegeltent, Geelong Season, June 2019
- *Stacked!* Guest TV Show appearance on *Stacked!* Episode: 'Jael goes to Circus School', ABC iview, June 2019.
- Moulin Beige, Stage Manager, The Wesley Anne, June 2019
- Moulin Beige, Stage Manager, The Wesley Anne, May 2019
- Kids Day Out Variety Tour, NZ, Jan – March 2019
- Jugg Life, Stage Manager, Woodford Folk Festival 2019
- Spin Circus Festival, Event Manager, Sokil Eco Arts Retreat 2012 – 2020
- Totally Plucked, Stage Manager, Melba Spiegeltent 2018
- Mary Poppins, Lighting and Sound Engineer, NICA Movement Studio, Aug 2018
- Finding Home, Lighting and Sound Engineer, NICA Movement Studio, Oct 2018
- Moulin Beige, Stage Manager, The Wesley Anne, Sept 2018
- No Frills Cabaret, Stage Manager, Melba Spiegeltent, July 2017
- No Frills Cabaret, Stage Manager, Melba Spiegeltent, Nov 2016
- Melbourne Juggling Convention Show, Melba Spiegeltent, Stage Manager 2016
- Circadia After Dark, Woodford Folk Festival, 2014, 2015
- Circadia, Assistant Stage Manager, Woodford Folk Festival, 2012

## Performance History

- *Circus Rio*, Big Top Tour (Sunshine Coast & Hervey Bay Seasons) Oct 2020 – Jan 2021
- *Street Shows*, Adelaide Fringe Season 2020
- *Adelaide Fringe 'Shake It' Cabaret*, Season 2020
- *Adelaide Fringe 'Best of Kids Fringe'*, Season 2020
- *Scienceworks 'Little Kids Day In'* Season Feb 2020
- *Hoopcon Pro Show - Circus Oz*, January 2020
- *Woodford Folk Festival - December 2019*
- *Spirit of Tasmania – December 2019 - February 2020 sailings (cruise ship)*
- *Scienceworks Airplay Season – December 2019*
- *Cheeky Cabaret, Brunswick Picture House - November 2019*
- *Awaji Art Circus Tour, Japan, September – October 2019*
- *Late Night Lip Service, Edinburgh Fringe Festival, 2019*
- *Street Shows Southbank Melbourne (Australia), Edinburgh Fringe (Scotland), Covent Garden (London), 2018 – 2019*
- *Debauched Cabaret, Wonderland Spiegeltent (Port Douglass season) May 2019*
- *Kids Day Out Variety Tour (NZ), Feb – April 2019*
- *Shake It Cabaret, Adelaide Fringe, 2019*
- *Dinosaur Time Machine, Sterling Fringe Season, Adelaide 2019*
- *Late Night Burlesque, Wonderland Spiegeltent (Barwon Heads season) Jan 2019*
- *Qu'est-ce que C'est?* National Institute of Circus Arts, 2018
- *Dinosaur Time Machine, The Famous Spiegeltent, Luna Park Season, 2018*
- *Company 18, National Institute of Circus Arts, 2018*
- *Melbourne Juggling Convention Renegade host, Blue Circus Studios, 2018*
- *Circalicious, Melbourne Fringe Festival, 2018*
- *St Kilda Royale, Memo Music Hall Season, 2018*
- *No Frills Cabaret, Adelaide Fringe Festival, 2018*
- *Woodford Folk Festival, Limelight Cabaret, 2017*
- *Gospel on the Green, Dec 2017*

- *Moulin Beige*, Wesley Ann, 2017
- *Precipice*, NICA 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Ensemble Show, 2017
- *No Frills Cabaret*, Melba Spiegeltent, Nov season 2017
- *Power Pussies Cabaret*, Melbourne Fringe Festival 2017
- *Circalicious Cabaret*, Melbourne Fringe Festival 2017
- *Mullumbimby Circus Festival*, 2017
- *Woodford Folk Festival*, 2017
- *POPOMOCO Fundraiser Show*, Hares & Hyenas, 2017
- *No Frills Cabaret*, Melba Spiegeltent, Feb season 2017
- *Unicorns Warehouse Event*, April 2017
- *FLIGHT*, NICA 1<sup>st</sup> Year Ensemble Show, 2016
- *Wild Nights*, Werribee Zoo (Winter Season) 2016
- *BOXES*, NICA Certificate IV Ensemble Show, 2015
- *Spin Circus Festival Gala Show* 2015

## **Training**

- Milke Producer Bootcamp 2020
- Movement training, Mime Centrum Berlin (via Zoom) 2020
- Eccentric Movement workshop, Peeping Tom (via Zoom) 2020
- Eric Bates Bouffon intensive (via Zoom) 2020
- Ba Circus Arts 2018 (National Institute of Circus Arts)
- Cert IV Circus Arts 2015 (National Institute of Circus Arts)
- Zach Zucker Clown Intensive 2019 (Aus)
- Philippe Gaulier Summer School 2019 (France)
- Giovanni Fussetti, Bring your own Clown Workshop, Melbourne Feb 2017
- Deanna Fleysher Clowning Workshop, Melbourne 2016
- Paul Bourke Theatre training (Bouffon), Melbourne 2016, 2017
- Street Theatre Workshop Intensive, Flying Fruit Fly Circus, 2016
- Clown O Clock (participant and organiser), Melbourne 2015 – 2019
- Social Circus Instructor Training Workshop, (Cirque du Monde and Cirque du Soleil Scholarship) Melbourne 2012

## **Teaching Experience**

- European Juggling Convention (Clown, Mouth Juggling) 2019
- Adelaide Juggling Convention (Handstands) 2019
- Spin Circus Festival (Clown, Balloon twisting) 2017-2019
- Western Australian Circus Festival (Balloon Twisting) 2017
- NICA, Community Circus Instructor, 2017-2021
- REAL Circus, Youth Circus Instructor, 2015-2017

## **Awards and Honours**

- Recipient of Creative Victoria Sustaining Creative Workers Grant, March 2020 (\$4300) and VicArts Grant (\$8020) Jan 2021.

- NICA Academic Excellence Award - Certificate IV (National Institute of Circus Arts)
- Social Circus Instructor Training (Cirque du Monde and Cirque du Soleil Scholarship) Melbourne 2012

## Referees

- Mike Finch – Freelance Artistic Director and former Artist Director & co-CEO of Circus Oz 1997-2015.

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