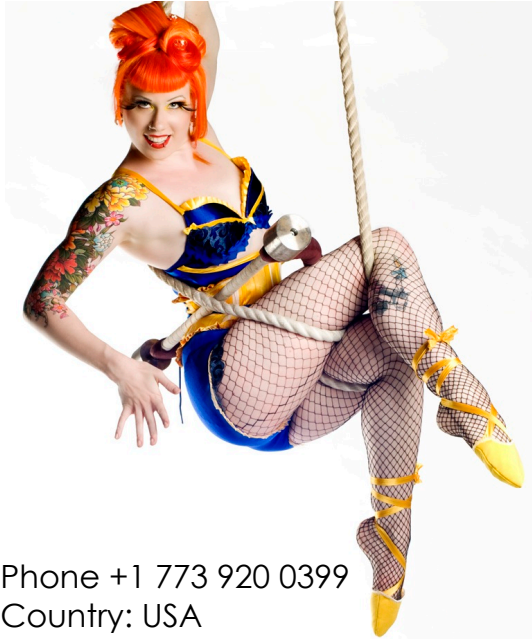


# Tana Karo/"Tank"

Circus Performer & Entertainer



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## Specialty Acts

Dance Trapeze

Spanish Web, Sling

Foot Juggling:

- Barrel
- Parasol
- Fire
- Comedy

Fire Eating/Body Burning

## General Circus Skills

Trapeze – static, single point, swinging  
Duo trapeze  
Foot juggling  
Fire eating, dancing  
Aerial hoop  
Tissu  
Straps/sling  
Harness/bungee  
Spinning Poi  
Hula hoops  
Statue  
Roving Character  
Stilt Walking  
Pole dance

## Dance training

Ballet  
Modern  
Swing  
Jazz  
Contact improvisation  
Aerial dance

## Production Experience

Costume design & creation  
Lighting & Sound  
Rigging  
Set construction  
Event Management  
Stage management  
Event Production

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## Company Shows

**"Pacific Cirque"** – *La Vignette, Transformations, Glow*: P&O Cruises/Pacific Pearl, Carnival Australia – *Dance Trapeze, Foot Juggling, Fire, Spanish Web, Bungees, Juggling, Ensemble Work*. April-Nov 2013

**"Kaos Kreeshow"**: Byron Bay Blues Festival – *Foot Juggling, Fire Eating, Body Staping, Angle grinding*, April 2010

**"Showcase 2009"**: NICA, Melbourne – Dir. Megan Jones. *Dance Trapeze, Comedy Character*  
Dec 2009

**"At First Sight"**: NICA, Melbourne – Dir. Gavin Robbins. *Foot Juggling, Dance Trapeze, Character*  
March – April 2009

**“Walking Whale Circus”**: Melbourne Museum – Dir. Matt Wilson. *Dance trapeze, singing, dance, and group acrobatics, ensemble performances*  
January – February 2009

**“Do Not Pass Go”**: NICA, Melbourne – Dir. Matt Wilson. *Dance trapeze, Foot juggling, ensemble performance*  
June 2008

**“Synaesthesia”**: NICA, Melbourne – *Group Bike, Acrobatics, Chinese Pole, ensemble performance & dance*  
June 2007

**“Rolling Blackouts”**: Aloft Aerial Dance, Chicago USA – *Dance, Trapeze, Slings, Acrobatics, ensemble performance*  
Sept 2005

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### **Festivals, Large Events**

**Nashville Fringe Festival** Nashville, TN – *Duo Trap, Foot Juggling* Aug 2012

**Amsterdam Burlesque Festival** Amsterdam – *Trapeze*, May 2012

**Moisture Festival** Seattle – *Trapeze*, March 2012

**Melbourne Circus Festival** Melbourne – *Trapeze*, Sept 2011

**Fetish Factory Halloween Ball** Fort Lauderdale, FL – *Trapeze*, Oct 2011

**London Burlesque Festival** London – *Trapeze*, April 2011

**Tasmanian Circus Festival** Tasmania – *Dance Trapeze*, February 2011

**RSVP Entertainment Expo** Melbourne – *Roving*, May 2010

**The Fetish Expo**, Melbourne- Sept 2011, Oct 2010, Oct 2009, Sept 2008

**Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala**, Vodafone Arena Melbourne – *Foot Juggling*, March 2008

### **Corporate Events/Cruises**

**Carnival Cruise/P&O Cruises**, Pacific Cirque – *Dance Trapeze, Foot Juggling, Fire, Spanish Web, Bungees, Juggling*. April - Nov 2013

**Playboy Superbowl VIP Party**, Indianapolis, *Hammock/Sling* – Feb 2012

**Navy Pier Carnival**, Chicago, *Fire eating*, July 2011

**Lexington Hotel**, Kentucky – *Walkabout, poi*, August 2011

**Peninsula Hotel**, Chicago, *Dance Trapeze* – June 2011

**Carnival Cruise/P&O Cruises**, featured soloist – *Dance Trapeze, Roving, Teaching*, May-July 2010

**Crown Casino**: MEA Cocktail Party, Melbourne – *Foot Juggling*, April 2010

### **Cabarets/Theaters**

**El Circo Cheapo Cabaret** Chicago – *Trapeze*, March 2011-April 2013

**Untitled Club** Chicago – *Foot juggling, Fire Dance*, February 2013

**Black Cherry Burlesque** Sydney – *Trapeze*, July 2010, March 2011, Oct 2012

**Hellfire Club Sydney** – *Trapeze, Fire eating*, March 2011

**Red Bennies Cabaret**, Melb. – Mar 2011, Feb/July/Aug 2010, Nov 2012

**Red Bennies 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday**, Melbourne – *Duet Trapeze*, Jan 2011

**Red Bennies New Years Eve**, Melbourne – *Fire eating*, Dec 2010

**Hi-Ball Burlesque**, Melbourne – *Trapeze, Fire eating*, Oct 2010

**Gorelesque II, Red Bennies** Melb. – *Trapeze, Body Stapling*, Aug/Oct 2010

**Town Hall Burlesque**, Melbourne – *Fire Eating*, Feb 2010  
**Red Bennies Launch Party**, Melbourne – *Dance Trapeze*, Feb 6 & 13, 2010  
**Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School**, Melb. – *Dance Trapeze, Modeling*, Jan 2010  
**The Ruby Review**, Melbourne – *Foot Juggling Burlesque* Nov 2009  
**"Burley-queue"**, Melbourne – *Fire Eating, Burlesque* Oct 2009  
**"Cabaret Vertigo"**, NICA Melbourne – *Aug/May 2009, Aug/April 2008*  
**Aloft Loft Cabaret**, Chicago, – *Dance Trapeze* July 2009  
**Blonde On The Rocks**, Melbourne – *July 2009, and Dec 2008, Sept 2008*  
**Hellfire Resurrection**, Billboard Nightclub Melb. - *Nov 2008, Nov 2010*  
**The Fetish Ball**, Christchurch NZ – *Rope/Sling Aerials* Nov 2006

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### **Teaching Skills & Experience**

<b>General</b>	<b>Aerials</b>	<b>Manipulation</b>	<b>Equilibristics</b>
Adult Tumbling	Advanced:	Advanced:	Tightwire
Acro-balance	Static Trapeze	Foot Juggling	Slack Rope
Group games	Single Point		Rola bola
Trampoline	Swinging	Basic:	Stilts
Handstands		3 balls	Walking globe
Conditioning	Intermediate:	3 clubs	
Flexibility	Tissu/Silks	Club passing	
	Aerial Ring	Devil sticks	
	Cloudswing	Diablo	
	Rope	Hula Hoops	
	Harness	Scarves	
		Spinning plates	

### **January 2010- March 2011 - NICA Short Course trainer**

### **March 2011 – April 2013 – Aloft Circus Instructor, and Private Instructor**

Advanced/Intermediate Aerials, Swinging Trapeze, Advanced Flexibility,  
 Dance Trapeze, Aerial Prep and Conditioning, and General Circus Skills  
 Private Lessons in Body Conditioning, Handstands, and Flexibility

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### **Training**

#### **2012 Montreal Private Training – Montreal, Canada**

- Sarah Poole – Dance Trapeze
- Itzel Viruega – Dance Trapeze

#### **2007-2010 National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA) – Melbourne AUS**

- Bachelors Degree in Circus Arts
- Single Point trapeze, Static, & Swinging Trapeze, Foot Juggling, Fire Eating, Group acrobatics, Group Bike, Chinese Pole, Performance, Dance

#### **2006 CircoArts Diploma In Circus Arts – Christchurch NZ**

- training program: full time study in circus arts
- Trapeze, Hula Hoops, Juggling, Acrobatics, Trampoline, Aerials, Handstands, Flexibility, Dance, Stilts, Clowning & Performance

2003-2005 **Aloff Aerial Dance – Chicago, USA**

Company Member

- training program: both private and group work
- Acrobatics, aerials on trapeze/silks/rope/lyra, handbalancing and contortion

2003-2004 **Columbia College Dance– Chicago, USA**

- training program: dance department classes
- ballet, swing, modern

1999-2002 **Point Park College Dance– Pittsburgh, USA**

- training program: adult ballet, higher levels
  - skills involved: regular ballet practice, soft shoe and pointe
- 1991-2002 Bulgarian Folk dance Troupe
- dancing, character acting, singing

Summer 1999 **Colorado Ballet**

- training program: pre-professional
- intensive ballet/jazz/modern/character practice, soft shoe and pointe, cumulative performance

1993-2000 **Slavjane Folk dance** Group (Carpatho-Rusyn)

- dancing, character acting, singing, music

1993-1999 **Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre**

- training program: pre-professional
- regular ballet and jazz practice, soft shoe and pointe, annual performances

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**Education**

**Bachelors Degree in Circus Arts**

Focusing in Dance Trapeze and Foot Juggling

National Institute of Circus Arts  
Melbourne 2010

**Bachelors Degree in Art**

Qualification: BFA with a focus in **fashion design/costume**

School of the Art Institute of  
Chicago 2002 – 2005

**High School Diploma**

Winchester Thurston  
Pittsburgh PA 2002