

CABARET PROGRAM

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**QUEER PRIDE
CABARET**
AT CHICAGO TRANS MOVEMENT FEST

**TICKETS
ON SALE
NOW**

AUGUST 2ND @8:30PM
ALOFT CIRCUS ARTS
TICKET LINK IN BIO

**CIRCUS
FREAK**

SUCH CREATURES **SYNAPSE ARTS** *Reminiscent Circus*



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SYNAPSE ARTS





DIRECTED BY: LUKE GREEFF AND KRISTI ALYSSA

LIGHTS: RAVEN SEE

SOUND: GRETA HUMPHREY

PHOTOGRAPHY: NANCY BEHALL

VIDEOGRAPHY: LUIS CARDENAS

THANK YOU

Aloft Circus Arts

Valeria Rosero

Raven See

Greta Humphrey

**All of our volunteers who helped make our festival
and cabaret happen!**

LIKE A TRICK? LEAVE A TIP!

SCAN HANDOUT TO TIP OUR

PERFORMERS!

SUPPORT QUEER ARTISTS!

The Queer Pride Cabaret contains the following content warnings:

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A person with a large, voluminous afro hairstyle is shown from the chest up. They are wearing a dark jacket and a beaded necklace. Their right arm is raised, with a clenched fist. The background is dark with some light speckles.

GOLDGRRL

EMCEE

GOLDGRRL IS A CREATIVE COMPUTER SCIENTIST WHO EXAMINES INTERSECTIONS OF TECHNOLOGY AND BLACK CULTURE, WITH A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE EFFECTS OF DEHUMANIZATION AND SURVEILLANCE CAPITALISM. HER PRACTICE REFLECTS A BROAD AND EVOLVING VISION OF HOW SEEMINGLY UNRELATED DISCIPLINES CONVERGE TO CREATE POWERFUL EXPRESSIONS OF COMMUNITY.

 [@goldgrrlchi](https://www.instagram.com/goldgrrlchi)



OPSONIZE

BAND

OPSONIZE IS A BAND OF THREE TRANS-FEMMES AND ONE GENDER-FUCKED MIME. FEATURING @JENNIFERFEMME_ ON VIOLIN, @NATTREELORE ON BASS, @EV.DOU ON DRUMS, AND @JUSTAFRIENDLYGARGOYLE ON VOX AND GTR. THEY'RE THE SOUND THAT SCORES THE SILENCE; ROCK WITH A LITTLE SWING TO IT.

 [@opsonize.band](https://www.instagram.com/opsonize.band)

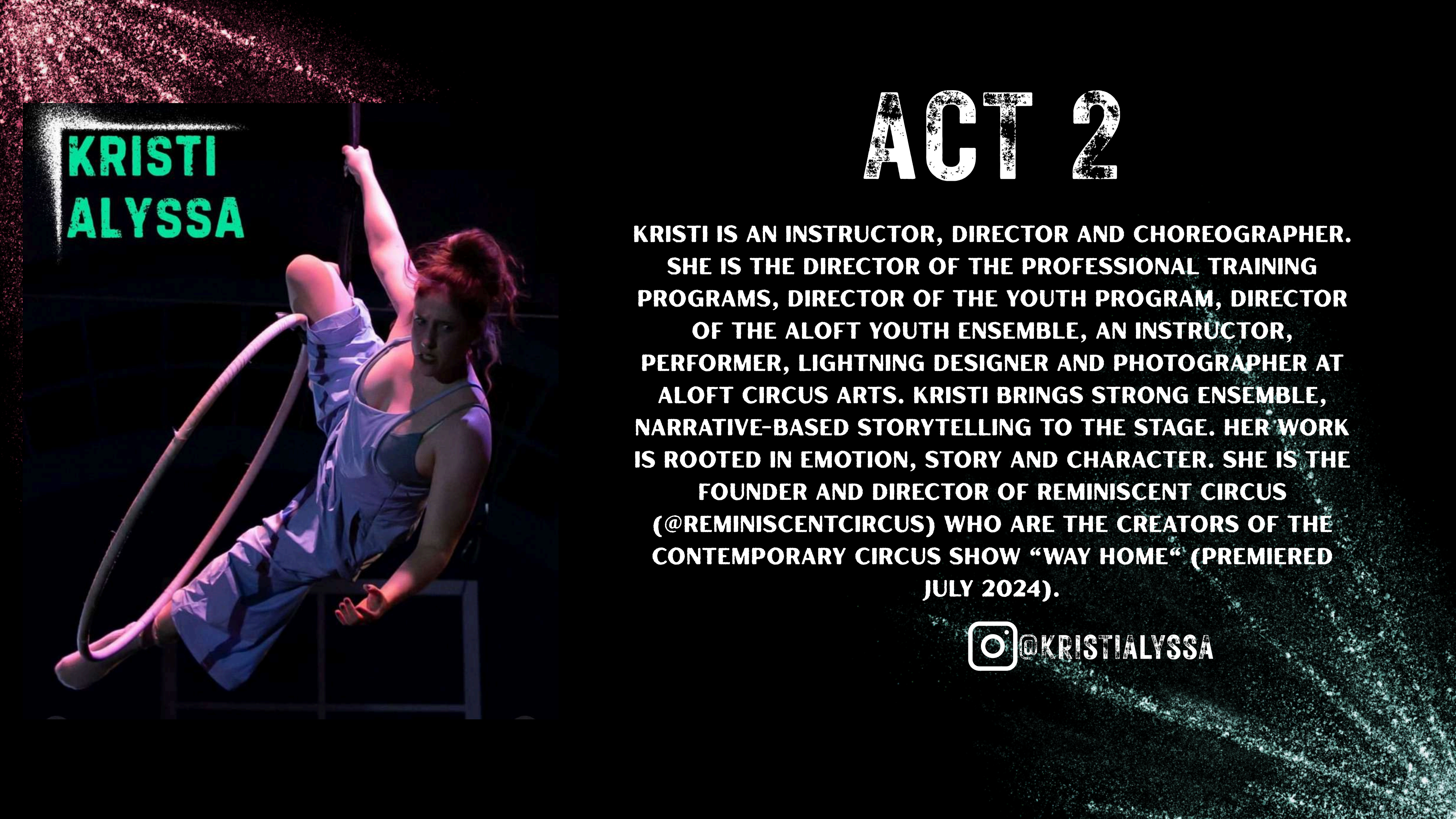
ACT 1

MISSILE KID (AKA LUKE) IS A CIRCUS ARTIST AND DANCEMAKER WHOSE WORK EXPLORES THE NUANCES OF QUEER & NEURODIVERGENT IDENTITY, SOMATIC ANALYSIS, AND PHYSICAL EXTREMITY THROUGH MOVEMENT EXPERIMENT. OFTEN DRIVEN BY THEMES OF HORROR, PUNK PHILOSOPHY, AND ART AS A VEHICLE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE, LUKE USES HIS PERFORMANCE PRACTICE AS A DISPLAY OF FERILITY, AUDACITY, AND RADICAL VISIBILITY FOR QUEERDOS, GEEKS, AND FREAKS LIKE ZIM.

 @missile.kid

MISSILE KID



A woman with red hair, wearing a blue tank top and blue pants, is performing a circus act. She is holding a long, thin pole with her right hand and a hula hoop with her left hand. She is in a dynamic pose, leaning back and looking towards the camera. The background is dark with a greenish glow.

**KRISTI
ALYSSA**

ACT 2

KRISTI IS AN INSTRUCTOR, DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER. SHE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS, DIRECTOR OF THE YOUTH PROGRAM, DIRECTOR OF THE ALOFT YOUTH ENSEMBLE, AN INSTRUCTOR, PERFORMER, LIGHTNING DESIGNER AND PHOTOGRAPHER AT ALOFT CIRCUS ARTS. KRISTI BRINGS STRONG ENSEMBLE, NARRATIVE-BASED STORYTELLING TO THE STAGE. HER WORK IS ROOTED IN EMOTION, STORY AND CHARACTER. SHE IS THE FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF REMINISCENT CIRCUS (@REMINISCENTCIRCUS) WHO ARE THE CREATORS OF THE CONTEMPORARY CIRCUS SHOW "WAY HOME" (PREMIERED JULY 2024).

 **@KRISTIALYSSA**



**SUNNY
HAELSTORM**

ACT 3

SUNNY HAEINSTORM IS A PERFORMER, INSTRUCTOR, MODEL AND EMCEE WHO HAS BEEN ELECTRIFYING THE BURLESQUE AND NIGHTLIGHT COMMUNITY SINCE 2017. WITH TWO DECADES OF DANCE EXPERTISE UNDER THEIR GARTERS THIS CHICAGO SENSATION WILL TAKE YOU BY STORM WITH THEIR MAGNETIC STAGE PRESENCE, MUSICALITY AND BRAIN-BREAKING PROWESS. SUNNY HAS BEEN FEATURED IN SHOWS THROUGHOUT CHICAGO AND ACROSS THE MIDWEST AND THEY ARE ALSO A MEMBER OF MAISON LAQUEUE AND THE HAUS OF WONDER.

 **@sunnyhaelstorm**

ACT 4

DAWN IS A DECONSTRUCTOR OF GENDER, MOVEMENT MAGICIAN, AND VIRGO MOON. THEY HAVE BEEN PERFORMING IN THEATRE AND DANCE FOR OVER 15 YEARS AND THEY ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO FOLD IN NEW STYLES AND APPROACHING TO THEIR PHYSICAL STORYTELLING. YOU CAN CATCH DAWN DANCING AS THE FOUNDER OF @QUEERDANCEBREAKOUT AND CONNECTING TRANS ARTISTS AS THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF @GENDER_FUCKED_PRODUCTIONS .

 **@dawnphenomenom**

**DAWN
SUNSHINE**



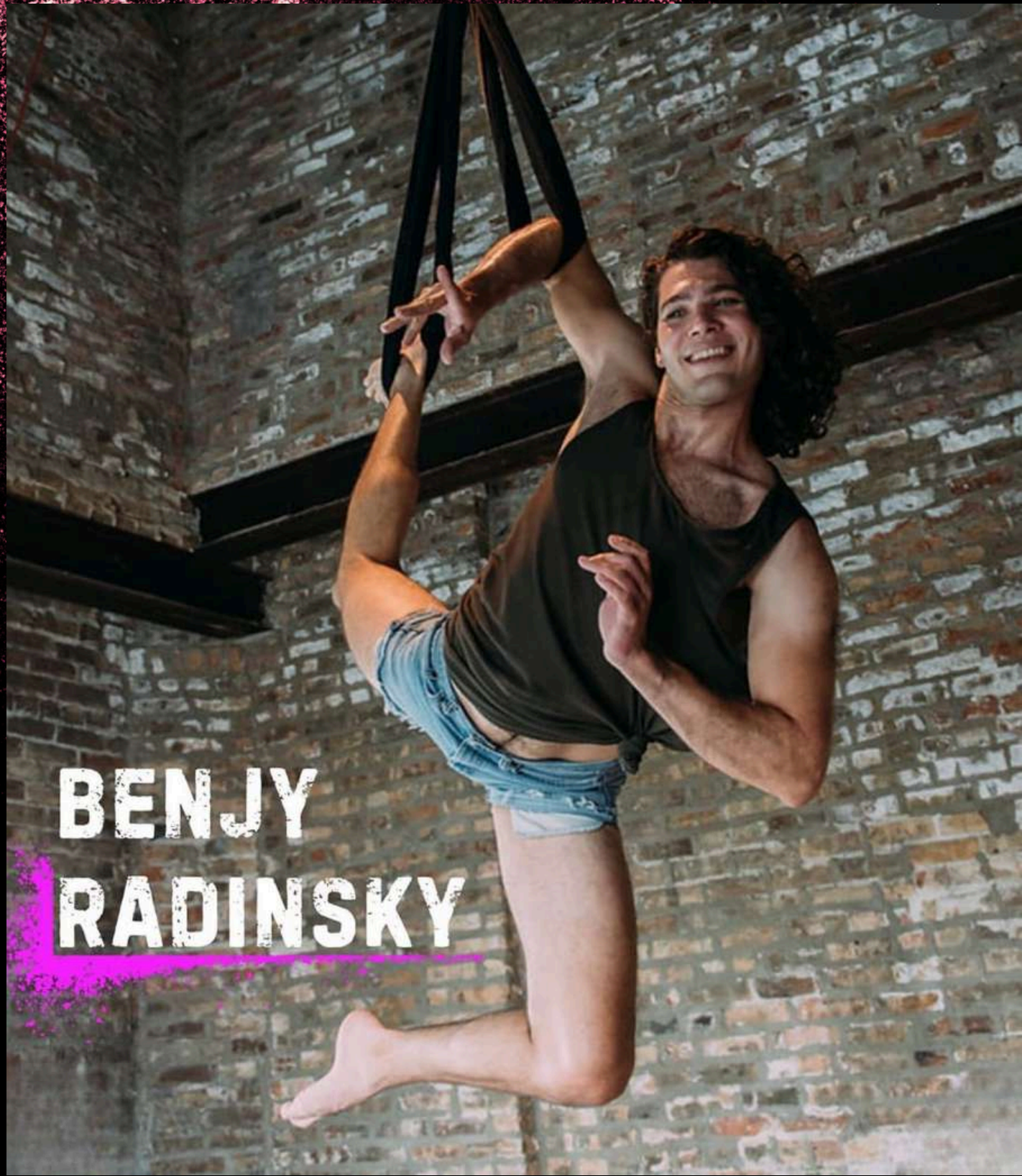
KAI TIDE



ACT 5

KAI WAS BORN AND RAISED IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, AND HAS CALLED CHICAGO HOME SINCE 2011. THEY MAKE THINGS PRIMARILY WITH PAPER, YARN, AND CIRCUS ARTS, NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER AND NOT NECESSARILY ALL TOGETHER

 @hellogoodkai



**BENJY
RADINSKY**

ACT 6

**AN AERIALIST, JUGGLER, AND GENERAL CIRCUS THING, BENJY
DRAWS ON HIS EXPERIENCES DOING CIRCUS ACROSS THE US
AND EXPLORING THE DARK CORNERS OF HIS IMAGINATION TO
CREATE FANTASY NARRATIVES AND MAKE OUTLANDISH,
QUEER ART.**

 **@littlemyohmy**

ZACK HERZIG



ACT 7

ZACKARY IS A CIRCUS ARTIST WHO SPECIALIZES IN CYR WHEEL AND AERIALS, WITH A DEGREE FROM CIRCADIUM. HE UTILIZES TEXTILES, DANCE, AND MUSICALITY TO CREATE WORK AND STORIES. ALONG WITH CIRCUS, HE IS AN AWARD WINNING COSPLAYER WHO SPECIALIZES IN EMBROIDERY AND NEEDLEWORK. HIS GOAL IS TO BRANCH CIRCUS INTO OTHER FORMS OF PERFORMANCE ART, WITH A DREAM TO WORK FOR METAL BANDS.

 **@scarredmewtwo**

A portrait of a person with long, wavy brown hair, smiling and looking towards the camera. They are wearing a dark, strapless top and a choker necklace. Their arms are crossed over their chest. The background is a dark, textured fabric with gold highlights. The name "EM HOLT" is written in white, distressed, block letters in the top left corner, with a yellow and black graphic element behind it.

EM HOLT

ACT 8

EM (THEY/HE/SHE) IS A QUEER, GENDERFLUID DANCER, ACROBAT, AND AERIALIST NEWLY BASED IN CHICAGO! AFTER A TWELVE YEAR GYMNASTICS CAREER, EM ATTENDED FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY WHERE THEY PERFORMED WITH THE FSU FLYING HIGH CIRCUS, SPECIALIZING IN FLYING AND SWINGING TRAPEZE, THOUGH THEY CONTINUED TO PURSUE VARIOUS MOVEMENT AND DANCE STYLES INCLUDING HIP HOP AND BELLYDANCE. SINCE 2023, EM HAS BEEN INDEPENDENTLY TOURING AND PERFORMING AS THEIR BURLESQUE AND DRAG PERSONA, KARMA CARNELIAN, USING THEIR MOVEMENT BACKGROUND TO COMPLIMENT THEIR AWARD WINNING STAGE PRESENCE AND AUDIENCE CONNECTIVITY ON STAGE. NOW IN CHICAGO, EM HAS BEEN RE-ENTERING THE CIRCUS WORLD WITH ALL THEY'VE LEARNED, AND CAN'T WAIT TO WORK AND CREATE WITH OTHER ARTISTS IN THE CITY AND BEYOND. EM'S GOAL WITH EACH PERFORMANCE IS TO BE SEEN LIVING AUTHENTICALLY AND POWERFULLY IN THEIR QUEERNESS, AND INSPIRE OTHER TGNC FOLKS TO DO THE SAME. THEY SEE YOU, AND THEY LOVE YOU

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 **@dem_holto**

Accessible Reader Format:

Welcome to the Queer Pride Cabaret presented by Reminiscent Circus, Such Creatures and Synapse Arts, directed by Luke Greeff and Kristi Alyssa.

Like a trick? Leave a tip! Scan our QR code to tip our performers and support LGBTQ artists!

EMCEE: GOLDGRRL

BAND: Opsonize

ACT 1: Missile Kid aka Luke

ACT 2: Kristi Alyssa

ACT 3: Sunny Haelstorm

ACT 4: Dawn Sunshine

ACT 5: Kai Tide

ACT 6: Benjy Radinsky

ACT 7: Zack Herzig

ACT 8: Em Holt

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