

ESTHER DE MONTEFLORES

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height: 5'4 **weight:** 120 lbs **age:** 36

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skills: physical theater, devised theater, movement, professional circus artist (wire walking, juggling), puppeteer, puppet design/build/maintenance, contemporary dance

artist statement: Esther de Monteflores is an American circus artist, physical performer, and puppeteer. In her work, Esther seeks a balance between technical skill and expressive movement. Esther's work frequently melds puppetry with circus arts to create richly populated worlds on stage using found objects, reused materials, and minimalist design.

SELECTED SHOWS

Puppetry – Theater

Bird on a Wire	Puppeteer/Circus Artist/Puppet Builder	Philadelphia, PA	2023
The Vivarium	Puppeteer/Circus Artist/Puppet Builder	Seattle, WA	2019 - 2020
A System of Strings	Puppeteer/Circus Artist/Puppet Builder	Alaska & Washington	2018
Wise Fool New Mexico	Puppeteer/Circus Artist/Ensemble	Santa Fe, NM	2017 - 2018
Tiny Cities	Puppeteer/Circus Artist/Show Creator	National Tour	2017

Circus Arts

Circus Bella (<i>upcoming</i>)	Wire-walker/Juggler/Ensemble	San Francisco, CA	2024 - 2025
Venardos Circus	Wire-walker/Juggler/Character/Dance	National Tour	2023 - 2024
Bindlestiff Family Cirkus	Wire-walker/Character	NYC	2022
Moisture Festival	Wire-walker/Character	Seattle, WA	2022
American Crown Circus	Wire-walker/Juggler	San Rafael, CA	2022
Flynn Creek Circus	Wire-walker/Character	National Tour	2021
Cirque Mechanics	Wire-walker/Juggler/Character	National Tours	2018 - 2020
Bindlestiff Family Cirkus	Wire-walker/Juggler/Character	NYC	2019
Circus Bella	Wire-walker/Ensemble	California Tour	2019

FESTIVALS

National Puppetry Conference. Waterford, CT (2024), **Moisture Festival.** Seattle, WA (2015, 2017, 2022), **VIVA Fest.** Las Vegas, NV (2019), **Luminaria Contemporary Arts Festival.** San Antonio, TX (2017), **Art on the Atlanta Beltline.** Atlanta, GA (2014 & 2017), **Edmonton Fringe Festival.** Edmonton, AB, Canada (2016), **Vancouver Fringe Festival.** Vancouver, BC, Canada (2015), **Chicago Contemporary Circus Festival.** Chicago, IL (2015)

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

EAP Fellowship. Emerging Arts Professionals SF/BA. San Francisco, CA (2024 - 2025), **Project Grant.** 4Culture. Seattle, WA (2019), **Fellowship - Performing Arts.** Artist Trust. Seattle, WA (2017), **Grants for Artists Projects.** Grant Recipient. Artist Trust. Seattle, WA (2014)

RESIDENCIES

Ludlow Theatre. Ludlow, KY (2021), **Arcadia Cultural Center.** Seattle, WA (2019), **The Nave - Spenard.** Anchorage, AK (2018), **Harbourfront Theatre with Circus Sessions.** Toronto, ON, Canada (2015), **Lookout Arts Center.** Alger, WA (2014)

RECENT TRAINING

Advanced Materials Techniques in Puppetry Arts - University of Connecticut (2024)

ARTS ADMINISTRATION & COMPANY MANAGEMENT

Medical Clown Project. San Francisco, CA (2024) **New York Stage & Film.** Poughkeepsie, NY (2024), **SFFILM.** San Francisco, CA (2024), **Flynn Creek Circus.** CA, OR, CO (2020-2024), **San Francisco Opera.** San Francisco, CA (2022-2023)