

## ESTHER DE MONTEFLORES

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**height:** 5'4 **weight:** 120 lbs **age:** 35

**hair:** black and grey **eyes:** brown

**skills:** professional circus artist (wire walking, juggling), puppeteer, puppet design/build/maintenance, physical theater, devised theater, basic contemporary dance, basic mandolin, arts administration



**artist statement:** Esther de Monteflores is an American puppeteer, circus artist, arts administrator, and physical performer. In her work, Esther seeks a balance between technical skill and expressive movement. Circus arts allow her to create work that is both intimate and spectacular, using the inherent element of risk to focus attention and spark imagination. 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/Show Creator	Philadelphia, PA	2023
The Vivarium	Puppeteer/Circus Artist/Show Creator	Seattle, WA	2019 - 2020
A System of Strings	Puppeteer/Circus Artist/Show Creator	Alaska and 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**

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

### UPCOMING

National Puppetry Conference	Participant	Waterford, CT	2024
Pesta Boneka : International Biennial Puppet Festival	Bird on a Wire	Yogyakarta, Indonesia	2024

### FESTIVALS

**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

**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)