



Benjamin Berry

Hula Hoop Dancer, Circus Artist,
Teaching Artist, and Coordinator

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EDUCATION

A.A.S.: PARALEGAL STUDIES
2014
Genesee Community College
Batavia, NY

A.S.: ENTREPRENEURSHIP
2016
Alfred State College
Alfred, NY

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ABOUT

Benjamin is a circus artist whose primary discipline is hoop dance and manipulation. He became certified to teach by Hoopnotica in 2014 and has since embarked on several workshop tours, sharing his curriculum in over 40 cities nationwide. Since relocating to Buffalo, Benjamin's focus has been working in the community as a teaching artist in after school, libraries, and community events, as well as performing and serving as the Educational Programming Coordinator at The Birds Nest Circus Arts. He has also pursued professional development that continues to evolve his teaching, receiving training in Holistic Circus Therapy and Brain-Compatible Dance Education. His mission is to spread the physical, emotional, and social benefits of movement arts.

EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

TEACHING ARTIST

Self Employed | May 2014 - Present

- Certified to teach hoop dance by Hoopnotica in 2014.
- Organized, marketed, and taught technique workshops in 40+ cities nationwide since 2015, presenting at movement arts festivals, conferences, and colleges.
- Began providing after school arts enrichment programming in late 2017, and is a sponsored artist through the Young Audiences of Western New York brand.
- Booked as a presenter in 40+ Western New York libraries since 2018.
- Certified in Holistic Circus Therapy, an occupational therapy informed approach that uses circus arts as an educational, capacity-building tool, in 2019.
- Trained in the BrainDance Method and Brain-Compatible Dance Education by Anne Green Gilbert at the Creative Dance Center in Seattle, WA in 2019.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR AND SALES REPRESENTATIVE

The Birds Nest Circus Arts | Nov 2018 - Present

- In addition to teaching weekly classes, develops circus arts programs and implements them in various educational and community-based facilities.
- Curates youth classes and field trips to The Birds Nest studio space.
- Serves marketing functions, including services development, prospecting, and sales.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Won first place prize twice in annual Alfred's Got Talent show, 2014 and 2015.
- International winner of Hooping.org's Male Hooper of the Year 2015.
- Nominated for Hooping.org's Instructor of the Year, Tutorial of the Year, and Video of the Year in 2015.
- Semi-finalist in *Hooping Idol Season 5*, an online video competition, 2015.
- Third Place in annual WNY's Got Talent Competition.