

SOAP[®]

THE SHOW

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Alessandro di Sazio – Handbalancing & Chinese Pole

Alessandro di Sazio grew up in Sicilia for nine years before he moved with his parents to Pforzheim, Germany. It just about the same time when he joined the *Havox Crew* with whom he was crowned German Champion in breakdance and hip hop 5 times. In 2003, Alessandro performed as an individual artist in the breakdance and hip-hop world championships and took home the title. He trained at the *Danceworks* school in Berlin, adding modern dance to his repertoire. He recently performed in the Circle of Eleven production *VERSUS*.



Adem Endris – Juggling

Adem hails from Addis Abeba. He took his first step as a circus artist with Circus Ethiopia, where he specialised in acrobatics. Before SOAP – The Show he dazzled audiences with his juggling skills in André Heller's show *Afrika! Afrika!* amongst others.



Marie-Andrée Lemaire – Comedy

Marie-Andrée from Drummondville, Canada, is a born comedian. As a child her career aspirations varied from wanting to be an Olympic swimmer to violinist but, eventually, she became a clown (National Circus School, Montréal). Marie-Andrée toured with *Cirque Starlight* for two years before she found herself in a bathtub.



Patricia Holtzmann – Singing

Patricia Holtzmann comes from St. Louis, Missouri, USA. She began taking singing, piano, and dance lessons as a child and completed her Master of Music at Aaron Copland School of Music in New York. Following a series of engagements in the USA, she toured Germany with the "Phantom of the Opera" and shined in countless operas, operettas, and musicals. Thus, the role of the opera diva in *SOAP – The Show* was virtually tailor-made for her.

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Ludmila Nikolaeva – Foot Juggling

Ludmila is from Russia and a real circus child. Already her grandfather performed in the manege, from her father she learned all disciplines, before she decided to do antipodes. This led to circus studies in Moscow and four years of performances at the *Great Moscow State Circus*. The maneges are her home, and she elates the audience with her rapid foot juggling.



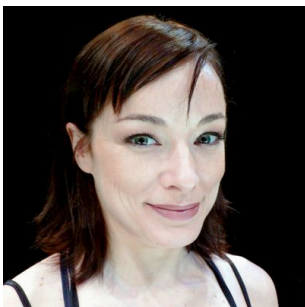
Michael Lanphear - Straps

Michael Lanphear from Boston / USA was a horseback rider before he discovered his artistic passion. He was trained as an aerial acrobat by the world famous Gemini Twins, who toured with the *Cirque du Soleil* show *Saltimbanco* for years. After completing his training, he joined the ensemble of Britney Spears's *Circus Tour*.



Francois Gravel – Dance Trapeze

Francois Gravel grew up in Drummondville, Canada and started acrobat training when he was 8 years old. He graduated from the National Circus School in Montreal after a two-year dance training with the focus on Dance Trapeze. Afterwards, he performed with the Swiss *Circus Monti* at the *Festival en Lumière* and with *Cirque du Soleil*.



Faon Shane – Aerial Silk, Chinese Pole

Faon Shane was born in California, USA. Her parents are founding members of the world famous *Cirque du Soleil*. She practically grew up in the circus ring and learned various artistic disciplines as a young child. She later graduated from the renowned *National Circus School Montréal* while simultaneously performing in various tour productions of the *Cirque du Soleil*.

Faon established herself as a solo artist with her stunning performance on the aerial chains – a circus discipline she created herself. After countless performances all over the world, she along with six other artists founded the internationally successful circus company *Les doigts de la main / the 7 fingers*.

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