



Angola Murdoch - Circus Performer and Director

For the last 20 years Angola has enjoyed a long and rich career locally, having performed at major venues in Ontario (*Buddies in Bad Times*, the *Art Gallery of Ontario*, the *Canadian National Exhibition*, *HarbourFront Centre* and others) and internationally (*Cirque Pacifica* (Maui), *Gramercy Theatre* (NYC), and *Zip Zap Circus* (South Africa)). In 2008 Angola's solo show *Twist of Fate* was awarded "most heartfelt dance show" by Paula Citron in the *Globe and Mail*. Angola has directed five full-length contemporary circus shows, including 2019's *Toronto Circus Riot*. *The Circus Riot*, based on the actual Toronto Riot of 1855, premiered to packed audiences and critical acclaim and garnered a Dora Nomination for Outstanding Costume Design. Currently, Angola is a company member of *Femmes Du Feu Creations*, she is working in a collective reimagining Claude Vivier's *Lonely Child* into a circus opera, and

she is remounting and expanding her solo show *Twist of Fate*. Angola has been the artistic director of LookUp Theatre since 2009. She is charged to be the Circus Sessions mentor for 2022.