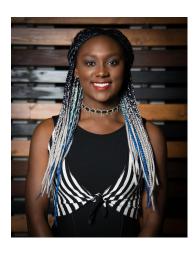




Martika's objective is to provide you with the best entertainment, all around service and price, with the least amount of difficulties.

She specializes in building a show from the ground up, determining the type of show that is appropriate for you, your facility and your budget.

Martika's extensive performance experience has fostered her passion for providing safe and unforgettable entertainment. Her shows are tailored for ALL ages!



### Bio:

Martika is an international variety entertainer based in Kansas City, MO. She is the C.E.O. of KC Entertainment Services, LLC. Born into a military family, Martika began traveling the world at a young age. This exposure to international performers sparked her interest in the circus arts, and at the age of 8 she ignited her passion for the performing arts through training in jazz dance and classical ballet. Her passion for dance flourished when she discovered hula hooping. Constantly looking to push herself, in 2008 Martika sought out the best international teachers in fire arts, escapology, and sideshow danger stunts to further her knowledge. Along her path to being an entertainer Martika also went to one of the top community colleges in Kansas, Johnson County Community College, to acquire her veterinary technician degree. She no longer works as a parasitologist in a corporate laboratory. She is Kansas City's only women sword swallower and the only one woman stunt show of her kind in the Midwest. A very important quote to Martika that she lives by. "Success is only meaningful and enjoyable if it feels like your own."- Michelle Obama.

Martika has since been featured on numerous local news outlets such as Fox 4 News KC and Lawrence Business Magazine. She travels solo around the world performing one woman shows. She also teaches a variety of workshops, including at the top international yoga festivals. Martika graces the audience with her playful charm. Don't let this fool you... from hula hooping with barbed wire to eating fire, her spectacular show will make the audience laugh and leave them asking... "HOW DID SHE DO THAT!? I want to see more!"

# Skill Sets: Circus Arts Fire Arts Escape Stunts





Sideshow Stunts Dance Variety Entertainment Instructor Life/Figure Model

### Achievements/Features:

One Woman Stunt Show featured on The Pitch 2019 Sword Swallowing featured cover of Lawrence Business Magazine 2019 Fire Arts featured in the Washington Post 2016 Sideshow Stunts featured on Fox 4 news KC, MO 2016

## Teaching:

Hula hoop workshops- Wanderlust Two-Day Festival Atlanta, GA 2019

Hula hoop workshops- Wanderlust 108: Spring and Fall USA/Canadian Tour 2018- New

Orleans, LA, Chicago, IL, Kansas City, MO, Calgary, Canada etc.

Hula hoop workshops- Wanderlust 108: Spring and Fall USA Tour 2017- New Orleans, LA,

Charlotte, NC, Atlanta, GA, Chicago, IL, St. Paul, MN Houston, TX etc.

Hula Hoop workshop and motivational speech at National Youth Conference University of Oklahoma Norman, OK 2016

Hula hoop workshops Wanderlust 108 Kansas City, Missouri 2016

Fire safety coordinator- Kinetic Fire 2014-2015

Hula hoop weekly class-Learning2Fly Circus School 2011-2013

Fire safety coordinator-Wakarusa Music Festival 2012-2013

Hula hoop workshop-Harvest Music Festival 2011-2012-2013

Hula hoop workshop-Olathe Dance Center 2011

### **Productions/Collaborations:**

Artist Adviser- Inspiration Grant Committee of Arts KC Regional Arts Council 2018 - Present Producer- "One Woman Stunt Show" Open Spaces Festival Kansas City, Missouri 2018 Co-producer-"The Dark Arts Ball" at The Arts Asylum Kansas City, Missouri 2017 Co-producer-"The Show Must Go On" at Just Off Broadway Kansas City, Missouri 2015

### **Notable Performances(Not all are mentioned):**

Oddities and Curiosities Expo Tour 2020

Nelson and Orewa Art Festival New Zealand 2020

Sprint's Women's Conference Overland Park, KS 2019

Septemberfest Omaha, Nebaska 2019

BuskerFest Fort Wayne, Indiana 2019

Lincoln Public Library Springfield, IL 2019

Lawrence Busker Festival Lawrence, Kansas 2019

North Kansas City Library Kansas City, MO 2019

Seaport Village Art Festival San Diego, California 2016 and 2019

Oddities and Curiosities Expo Tour Kansas City, MO and Denver, CO 2018-2019

Downtown St. John Art Festival Newfoundland, Canada 2018

Five State Fair Liberal, Kansas 2018

Washburn County Fair Spooner, Wisconsin 2018

Kansas City Renaissance Festival 2016-2018

Old Shawnee Days Shawnee, Kansas 2017-2019

Lawrence Busker Festival Lawrence, Kansas 2017





Twilight Circus Xtravaganza Washington, D.C 2016
Artscape: Largest Arts Festival Baltimore, Maryland 2016
KC StreetCar Grand Opening Kansas City, Missouri 2016
Circus Night at Nelson Atkins Museum Kansas City, Missouri 2015
Black and Veatch 100th anniversary Overland Park, Kansas 2015
WaterFire in Kansas City, Missouri 2015
Kansas City Busker Festival 2014 and 2016
Worlds of Fun: Halloween Haunt Kansas City, Missouri 2013

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Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/martikamd/

Written Testimonials (More Available Upon Request):

Martika was one of our keynote speakers. She did a great job. Super talented! Motivational One Woman Stunt Show and Presentation:

Monica Mcatee- HR Director- Sprint Women's Leadership Conference 2019

Very easy and professional! Everything was great. The show, her personality, everything. Everyone loved her shows! She's one of the best performers I've ever worked with. I would most definitely book her again!

Michelle Cozzaglio- Director- Oddities & Curiosities Expos- Kansas City, Missouri 2018-2020

You were suggested by another performer. However, when I contacted you you were very prompt and polite with your replies.....and you were also a pleasure to speak with. Very pleasant! The show was wonderful....you kicked it and the crowd loved you! People thought it





was great! Awesome show, easy to work with, pleasant, and polite! I would Absolutely hire her again.

One Woman Stunt show: Gaylynne Lambert Marketing, Special Events and Media Relations Manager - St. John's Busker Festival 2018- Newfoundland, Canada

"People couldn't believe it was real. I assumed there was some gag. WE WERE ALL WRONG. Just do it. Once you see her you'll want to hire her every time!"

Josh Gloer- Writer/Producer- Outpost Worldwide 2015

We found Martika from one of our members that had attended another event where she performed. She exceeds expectations. We received many positive comments, we hadn't provided entertainment for years and the audience enjoyed the show. Give her a call and she will work with you and your event.

One Woman Stunt Show: Mary Taylor- Chief Operating Officer- Shawnee Chamber of Commerce Gala - Shawnee, KS 2017

We emailed back and forth to confirm her participation. She responded promptly and with ease. We had positive feedback about Martika's performance. She met our expectations. We would definitely book Martika again. She was accountable, professional, fun, interactive, friendly, and adaptive to the event with regards to her acts, physical location and attire. Her variety of acts allows her to fit very well into a variety of events and needs.

Circus Roving Acts: Lauren Grashoff- Neighborhood Planner-City of Shawnee Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony 2017