

## **Vanya Essin**

Performance CV

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Height: 180 cm

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Date of Birth: 19/07/1987

Languages: Russian (Native), English

### **Bio**

### **Film/TV**

**AFK the Webseries:** <http://www.afkwebseries.com/> - Ongoing

- Primary antagonist, stunt fighting and choreography

**Spartacus – Episode 4 - 2012**

- Action Extra

### **Voice**

**Not For Children – 2015**

- Russian Voice Overs

### **Stage**

**Remain in Light - Stephen Sinclair, Elena Strejko - 2017**

- Secondary antagonist

**Et Lux – Christopher Olwage – 2016**

- Primary contemporary dancer

**Silver Circle Performance Troupe - 2008 – Now**

Performer Duties: Leading Actor, Acrobat, Fire Dancer, Dancer (Belly Dance, Contemporary, Burlesque), Sword Fighter.

Work function events for Party Bus Company

Fringe Festival 2009 – 1001 Knights

Joie De Vivre 2010

The Langham Hotel Christmas Party 2010

Fringe Festival 2011 - Au Bon Mort Vivant

Cabaret Askew 2011  
Fringe Festival 2013: Dark tales  
Dystopian Dreams 2014  
Fringe Festival 2015: Life in a Toybox 2015

**The Dark Side of the Crown 2014 – Bellydance Evolution Sydney**

- Bellydancing with one of the world's best bellydancing shows

**MEDANZ (Middle Eastern Dance Association NZ) 2014 show**

- Bellydancing and Sword dancing

**Grimm - a Dark Horse Cabaret production - 2013**

- Burlesque acrobatics duet with Pandora Cherie

**TAPAC: Culture Clash 2012**

- Acrobatics, dance, stage combat, actor

**Other Performance**

**Highly Flammable – 2012 - Now**

Fire Dancing, Pyrotechnics dancing, acrobatics, roving stilt performer, living statue

**Rhythm and Vines 2012**

- Acrobatics, fire, pyro dance, roving stilt characters.
- Main stage for the new years countdown doing a pyro/fire show

**Rhythm and Vines 2013**

- Fireworks display, roving

All Blacks VS France third test in New Plymouth 2013. Half time and preshow entertainment.

- Living statue preshow
- Fire and pyro dancing for the half time

**Fuji-Xerox 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday party**

- Firedancing, tron suit roving entertainment

Various smaller shows

**Fetish Ball 2013/14/15**

- Runway Modelling – Dave Roil – Reincarnate
- Burlesque acrobatics duet with Pandora Cherie
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**Aethercon Auckland/Wellington 2012/2013/2014/2015 – The steampunk convention**

- Burlesque dancing, fire dancing

**Miss Burlesque NZ 2015**

- Headliner

**Miss and Mr Burlesque 2014 – Wellington**

- Winner – Mr Burlesque New Zealand 2014

- Miss Tease (No male equivalent in the competition)

#### **City Dance end of year recital 2013**

- Contemporary dance
- Jazz Ballet

#### **Queerlesque (Monthly burlesque event) – 2011 – 2013**

(10+ acts)

- Acrobatics
- Burlesque

#### **Photography Modelling**

- Ant Vaughan
- Nina Gastreich
- Little Death Photography
- Boyd Anderson
- Scott Marks
- Doug Wetherall
- Body Art Awards 2011-2013
  - o Model, performer
  - o 2011-2013 – Modeling
  - o The Beauty Expo – Body Art Awards Showcase
  - o Acrobat, dancer, model

### **Skills and Experience**

**Acting** – Actors Studio with Elena Strejko 2014 - Now – currently training in the Michael Chekhov technique. Ongoing.

**Stage Fighting** - 10 years experience contact stage fighting

**Basic and Advanced Film Stunt Fighting** courses with Andrew Stehlin – hand to hand and sword work for camera, one on one and group

**Steel Sword Stage and competition fighting** - 6 years experience – single sword work, rapier work, sword and shield, axe, axe and shield, axe and sword, shield walls, mass combat

**Burlesque dancing** – 6 years – ‘Tease’ dancing involving several other dance disciplines, reigning Mr Burlesque New Zealand

**Acrobatics Adagio and Stunt Lifting** – 8 years experience, trained with Silver Circle Acrobatics as well as Ebon Grayman (Nastix, Cirque du Soleil), Mike Edward and Eve Gordon (The Dust Palace)

**Martial Arts** – Wushu, Street Ju Jitsu, Systema (Russian martial art similar to Krav Maga), Knife Fighting

**Fire Dancing** - 8 years experience with staff, fan, fingerlings, palm candle, body burns

**Contemporary Dance** – Intermediate with Julie Anterrieu – City Dance

**Ballet** – Beginner – City Dance

**Russian Sword Dancing** - Intermediate

**Canyoning – Belaying** down up to 75m waterfalls, jumping down cliffs of up to 10m high into water

**Cabaret Dancing** – Trained with Kali Zahira 2 years

**Knife Throwing** – Beginner – Axe throwing included

**Fire Walking**

**Belly Dancing** – Intermediate - 2 years (International training with Bellydance Evolution)

**Jazz Ballet** – Intermediate with Julie Anterrieu – City Dance

**Dance Choreographing** – 5 years - focusing on solo and duo in acrobatic/contemporary//burlesque compositions.

**Medieval Dancing** – dancing and teaching medieval European dancing

**Caving** – 3 years

**Rock Climbing** - Intermediate

**Yoga** – 7 years

**Boxing** – Beginner

**White Water Rafting** – Grade 5 Rapids

**Archery** – Intermediate

**Stilt Walking** – Intermediate

**Living Statue** – Intermediate

**Horse Riding** – Beginner

**Flamenco** – Beginner

**Motion Capture** – Experienced (<http://vimeo.com/111668305>)