

# Christine Van Loo, The VisionAerialist Biography christinevanloo@hotmail.com

Christine Van Loo has devoted her life to merging art with athleticism, first as an acro-gymnast and later as a professional aerialist, and master instructor. Considered a Legend in her sport, she is a Female Olympic Athlete of the Year, Athlete of the Decade, and remains the only acro-gymnast to win 7 consecutive National Championships. She was also the first American to medal at World Cup.

Since transitioning from competing to becoming one of the most accomplished aerialists in the world, Christine has performed well over 2000 times before more than 250,000 people a year, everywhere from the Sydney Opera House to Madison Square Garden to the Kennedy Center. She opened solo for *Paul McCartney* before 100,000 people at a time on his European tour, at the 2002 *Olympics*, two *Grammy Awards* (w/ *No Doubt* and with *Ricky Martin*), the *American Music Awards* (w/ *Aerosmith*), the *Miss Universe Pageant*, as well as several feature films, television shows and music videos. For *Cirque du Soleil's* press launch of *Zumanity* she performed her aerial act 80 feet off a nine story building from a hot air balloon. Currently she is touring with *Cirque de la Symphonie*.

Christine learned of her gift for and love of teaching at an early age. At just 16 Fuji Film and the Japanese Gymnastics Federation began flying her to Japan every year to initiate acro-gymnastics programs in Japan via exhibitions, clinics, and the creation of instructional books and DVDs. Since then she has played the role of a gymnastics and acrobatics coach, choreographer and director from beginner to elite level, as well as training world champion competitive theatrical dance pairs and choreographing for such shows as *Britney Spears World Tour* and the *Stars on Ice US Tour*. She appeared in NBC's *Celebrity Circus* as a trainer and performer. She has taught master classes in Australia, Japan, South Africa, Costa Rica, Canada, and the US. She is also producer of *Secrets of the Circus* instructional DVDs. Christine and her husband Jonathon Conant own Airborne Arts, an aerial retreat center in Costa Rica overlooking a 600-foot waterfall.

Armed with the same contagious passion, enthusiasm and dedication that she puts into her athletic, performance, and teaching career, Christine succeeds as a dynamic high content speaker who is inspirational in style, taking audiences on a captivating journey through riveting and impactful stories on how they can transcend their limitations and reinvent themselves.

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