

Name: Grete Gross

Sex: Female

Date of birth: 27.09.1993

Nationality: Estonian

Education:

- 2012-2015 – Vocational secondary education at Salpaus Further Education Circus department. Main discipline double aerial-hammock.
- 2009-2012 – General secondary education at Tallinna Õismäe Gümnaasium
- 1999-2009 – General primary education at Tallinna Õismäe Humanitaargümnaasium

Earlier circus experience:

- 2003 – 2012 Circus Studio Folie
- 2011 - 2012 Alissa Group

Experience in performing:

Years 2003-2012 at with Circus Studio Folie:

- “Pearl Fairy” – Years 2005-2007. Directed by Terje Bernadt and Toomas Tross. Premiere at Estonian Puppet Theatre, performances at the Island Circus on Sylt island in Germany, in London at the festival Circus Circus Circus.
- “Suitcase” – Years 2007-2009. Directed by Kaspar Jancis. Co-operation with band Criminal Elephant. Premiere at Estonian Puppet Theatre, performances in Luxembourg, in Belgium (festival CirkOOH CirkAAH), at Island Circus on Sylt.
- “First flight” – Year 2010. Co-operation with musician and composer Jaak Lutsoja and choreographer Renate Keerd. Premiere at Salme Culture Centre, performances at Hannover and on Sylt island in Germany.
- “A Handful of Beings” – Years 2011-2012. A show based on my idea. Premiere at Estonian Puppet Theatre, performances at the Circus Tree Festival in Tallinn and CirkOOH CirkAAH festival in Belgium.

School performances at Salpaus Further Education:

- Year 2012 – a show tour based on improvisation, main focus on group work, aerial acrobatics and contemporary dance.
- “Tatanka” – premiere in 2013, performances at the Island Circus on Sylt island in August 2013. A show based on Native American tellings.
- “Sirkofonia” – premiere at Lahden Kaupunginteatteri in spring 2014, performances at Cirko festival in Helsinki, Finland.
- “Kynnys” – premiere in January 2015 at Kaapelitehdas in Helsinki, April 2015 performances at Lahti Kaupunginteatteri in Finland. Presentation of the graduation works, performing with the act "Confines".

Other projects:

- “Fairies and Fairytales” – performances in June 2014 at PIT festival in Norway, street shows with a five-member group of Salpaus Further Education Circus department students.
- “Viktor and the yellow globe” – premiere in August 2015 at festival ReReRIGA in Latvia. Director Kaspar Jancis, choreographer Kaja Lindal. Co-operation with band Criminal Elephants, circus artists from Circus Studio Folie and Salpaus Further Education.
- "Intime" - upcoming show with group MAGO, premiere on 21-st of May 2015 in KUKKO festival in Finland
- "Confines" - upcoming solo piece, premiere at the Circus Tree Festival in Tallinn on 26-th of August 2015

Solo performances with aerial hammock since year 2009 in places as Tallinn Nokia Concert Hall and Tallinn's Russian Drama Theatre (Estonia), Lahti Sibeliustalo (Finland), Insele Circus program at Sylt island and Youth Circus Festival in Hannover (Germany), Rode Hond Festival at Leuven (Belgium).

Prizes:

- Third place at Circus Cabuwazi Youth Circus Festival in Berlin in year 2008. Performance on aerial perch.

Workshops, schoolings:

Participation in program What Makes Us Move in years 2011-2012. Participation at workshops: Body awareness, stage awareness, contemporary dance, stage fighting, chinese pole, vertical rope, swinging trapeze, acrobatics, theatre, banquini.

Participation in different workshops at festivals CirkOOH CirkAAH in Belgium, Circus Circus Circus in London, Youth Circus festival in Hannover etc. Participation in program Zirkus in year 2008 at Tallinn.

Additional experience:

- Spent a week as a trainee at Fontys Academy for Circus and Performance Art in Holland in March 2012.
- Participation at Estonian Circus Roundtables in year 2011
- Years 2010-2012 member and volunteer of SINA youth organization, leader and founder of art project Pesa.
- Volunteer at festival Jazzkaar in years 2011-2012
- Led financial schoolings for youngsters at program “Minu raha päev” in years 2011, 2012
- Performing self-written poetry in different open stage events in years 2009-2015

Languages:

- Estonian as mother tongue
- German (level C1 – Deutsche Sprachdiplom)
- English (B2)
- Finnish (self-learner, basic knowledge)
- Latin (basic grammatics)