

## Simon West

Originally from London, Simon is a multi-skilled circus performer who grew up in New Zealand. He started fire manipulation/ spinning and juggling when he was 18 and never looked back. Shortly after he began fire manipulation/spinning he decided that he wanted to work for the biggest name in the industry, Cirque du Soleil. 3 years later he found himself working as a bartender on their show 'Varekai' during it's New Zealand and Australia tour.



Having had his eyes opened to the world of professional circus, Simon then enrolled in New Zealand's circus school, CircoArts in Christchurch, where he specialised in juggling, stilt walking and acrobatics. At the end of his first year the city was devastated by earthquakes and CircoArts was closed down. Simon was selected to continue his training in Australia at the National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA) in Melbourne, where he would continue to focus on juggling and acrobatics.

Since finishing NICA Simon has toured with Circus Aotearoa in NZ, performed at many festivals and corporate events, been a gymnastics coach and most recently toured with Circus Tyanna in England. Don't forget to check out his website - Simon West Geek