

# SAMANTHA HANCOCK

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A collaborative, multifaceted aerialist who excels in taking big ideas off the paper and bringing them to life.



## PROFESSIONAL COACHING EXPERIENCE:

Specializing in creating vibrant aerial communities with a focus on artistry, flow, and imagination.

- **Paperdoll Militia:** Virtual Instructor, Mentor, Curriculum Developer 2021-Current
  - Provided detailed written feedback on student warm-ups
  - Films individualized feedback videos for individual lyra skills
  - Consulted for level 2 lyra curriculum development and implementation
  - Conducts Zoom courses for level 1 students
- **Elevated Aerials:** Performer, Coach, Curriculum Developer, Mentor & Manager 2017-Current
  - Lyra Program Developer with emphasis on safe progressions, modifications, and inclusiveness of nontraditional students.
  - Creator of Instructor Continued Education and Mentorship Program to keep instructors' personal and coaching goals blossoming. Topics include class management, interactive games, rigging, how to fall, spotting, etc.
  - Event Coordinator and Artistic Director for performance troupes, showcases, & community events.
  - Sought after choreographer for act creation.
  - Builds business plans, goals, and branding for studio growth.
  - Community collaborator working to bring aerial arts to broader audiences through working with other local creative companies in a program called "Meet Up Mondays"
- **Defiance Studios:** Performer & Instructor 2012-2016
  - Designed, organized, and built a studio from the ground up with the owner.
  - Curated Pole, Flexibility, and Floorwork programs
  - Coached and choreographed students in preparations for showcase and competitive performances.
- **Dance Alley:** Instructor 2010-2012
  - Rejuvenated outdated pole curriculum
  - Reinvigorated excitement into a struggling community that was lacking leadership and direction.

## CERTIFICATIONS, INTENSIVES, & EDUCATION:

### Aerial Arts

- **Paper Doll Militia Level 1 Lyra Teacher Training 2018**
- **Paper Doll Militia Level 1 Silks Teacher Training 2022**
- **Paper Doll Militia Level 2 Lyra Curriculum Developer 2022**
- **Paper Doll Militia Level 2 Silks Teacher Training 2023**
- **Lyra:** Brit Crumpton, Waverly Jones, Dan Saab, Dream Frohe, Rebecca Starr, Rain Anya, Matthew Casey, Jen Bryer, Rachel Hunt, Dreya Weber, Jenny Tufts, & Aisling Ní Cheallaigh
- **Sling:** Brittany Naegel, Jen Bryer, Holly Anne Jarvis, Dreya Weber, Cammile Swift, & Jessica Johnson
- **Functional Movement:** Marlo Fiskien, Rebecca Starr, Ben Huey, & Aaron Koz
- **Audacity Project:** 8 week Creative mentorship with Rachel Strickland
- **Spins & Spirals Intensive:** 5 day lyra Intensive with Jenny Tufts & Aisling Ní Cheallaigh
- **Aerial Rigging Workshop:** Brett Copes

### Movement & Dance

- **Floor Flow Level 1,2, and Alumni Summit Teacher Training**
- Movement Archery Intensive with Tom Weksler
- Shared Levitation Intensive with Marion Sparber & Alan Fuentesguerra
- Ballroom House Competitive Ballroom Dancing