







Jessica Elsasser

ACTOR · AERIALIST · PERFORMING ARTIST · STORYTELLER

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Swiss-British actor and aerial artist based in Zurich. After training as an actor (2006–2009) she has performed at Schauspielhaus Zürich, at the Bryantsev Theatre in Russia and, since 2016, regularly at Opernhaus Zürich. She combines acting, aerial silks, trapeze and straps into her own physical way of storytelling. Since 2011 she has taught aerial acrobatics to children, teenagers and adults.

"One must still have chaos in oneself to be able to give birth to a dancing star."
Friedrich Nietzsche, Thus Spoke Zarathustra

Personal details

Height	160 cm
Build	athletic
Hair / eyes	auburn / brown
Nationality	Swiss, British
Languages	German, Swiss German (Zurich dialect), English
Sports	Floor and aerial acrobatics, artistic gymnastics, kickboxing, horse riding
Other	Stunt seminar, driving licence (B)

Training

2006–2009	Acting school, Zurich
Training	Aerial silks with Cornelia Clivio and Laura Tikka
	Straps with Andreas Muntwyler and David Maillard
	Handstand with Lorenz Matter and Dan Liddiard
Workshops	Bungee trapeze with Laura Tikka
	Aerial silks with Petra Lange
	Chinese pole with Stefan Wepfer

Selected work

YEAR	PRODUCTION	VENUE	ROLE
2026/27	Alice im Wunderland	Opernhaus Zürich	Flying and tall Alice
2025	Swiss International Air Lines, commercial	CZAR Film	TV and online
2024–2025	Adam und seine Tuba	Opernhaus Zürich	Anastasia Purzlowski (L)
2016–2023	Der Freischütz	Opernhaus Zürich	White figure
2018–2019	Nora oder ein Puppenhaus	Schauspielhaus Zürich, Bryantsev Theatre	Various
2017	Ronja Räubertochter	Opernhaus Zürich	Acrobat
2004	Attabambi-Pornoland	Schauspielhaus Zürich	Bride

Stage

L = leading role · WP = world premiere

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2026/27	Alice im Wunderland	Opernhaus Zürich	N. Loschky	Flying and tall Alice
2024–2025	Adam und seine Tuba (Klangteppich)	Opernhaus Zürich	R. Lämmli	Anastasia Purzlowski (L)
2023	Der Freischütz	Opernhaus Zürich	H. Fritsch	White figure
2023	Die Zauberflöte	Opernhaus Zürich	T. Szeps-Znaider	Dancer
2022	Alice im Wunderland	Opernhaus Zürich	N. Loschky	Flying and tall Alice
2019	Belshazzar	Opernhaus Zürich	S. Baumgarten	Dancer
2019	Der Freischütz	Opernhaus Zürich	H. Fritsch	White figure
2019	Nora oder ein Puppenhaus	Bryantsev Theatre, Russia	T. Kuljabin	Various
2018	Nora oder ein Puppenhaus	Schauspielhaus Zürich	T. Kuljabin	Various
2018	In 80 Tagen um die Welt	Freilichtbühne Sihlwald	P. N. Steiner	Various
2017	Ronja Räubertochter	Opernhaus Zürich	M.-E. Signeyrole	Acrobat
2016	Der Freischütz	Opernhaus Zürich	H. Fritsch	White figure
2015	turbine talk	turbine theater		Aerial silks artist
2015	Apollo Night	turbine theater		Aerial silks artist
2014	Othello	turbine theater	P. N. Steiner	Bianca
2014	Dä Traumstern	turbine theater	J. Elsasser	Lisa (L)
2013	Erstens kommt es anders (WP)	turbine theater	M. Amstrup	Stella
2013	Die kleine Meerjungfrau	turbine theater	P. N. Steiner	Little Mermaid (L)
2013	Romeo und Julia	Freilichtbühne Sihlwald	K. Krejci	Esmeralda
2012	Märlidetektiv	turbine theater	J. Elsasser	Stine (L)
2012	Die Frau des Bäckers	Freilichtbühne Sihlwald	M. Hirsig	Esprit
2012	turbine talk	turbine theater	P. N. Steiner	Host
2011	Märlidetektiv	turbine theater	P. N. Steiner	Prinzessin Zuckerwatte (L)
2011	Romulus	Freilichtbühne Sihlwald	K. Krejci	Helvetian maid
2011	Die Hässliche	Theatergesellschaft Baar	J. Elsasser	Director
2010–2011	Amadeus	Laxdal Theater, Theater Rigiblick, turbine theater	P. N. Steiner	Catarina Cavalieri, Venticello
2010	Wie es euch gefällt	Freilichtbühne Sihlwald	P. N. Steiner	Phöbe
2010	turbine talk	turbine theater	P. N. Steiner	Host
2009	Jetlag	EFAS	H. Betschart	Lisa (Girl, Interrupted), Anna (Closer)
2008	Zeitreise Gütsch	Schloss Gütsch	S. Wey	Various
2008	Ein hartnäckiger Jäger	EFAS	S. Bentzin	The devoted servant
2008	Das Kind des Trinkers	EFAS	S. Bentzin	The poor mother
2007	Der Gott des Gemetzels	EFAS	R. Sarkis	Véronique Houillé
2007	Kasimir und Karoline	EFAS	S. Bentzin	Karoline
2006	Fräulein Julie	EFAS	R. Sarkis	Fräulein Julie
2006	Die Möwe	EFAS	R. Sarkis	Nina
2006	Am 8. Tag war's wieder Nacht	Freilichtbühne Sihlwald	K. Krejci	Girl
2004	Der Mensch, das Tier und die Tugend	Stadttheater Bonn	D. M. Smorai	Nono
2004	Albis	Freilichtbühne Langenberg	P. N. Steiner	Birgitt
2004	Attabambi-Pornoland	Schauspielhaus Zürich	C. Schlingensief	Bride
2003	Oh Gott	turbine theater	S. Mengarelli	Woman with knife in her head
2002	Dracula im Langenberg	Freilichtbühne Langenberg	P. N. Steiner	Vampire woman
2002	Heil(t) Hitler	turbine theater	P. N. Steiner	Nick, commentator (L)
2001	Die Schustersfrau	Kellertheater Bucheggplatz	M. Schilbert	Die Schustersfrau (L)
2001	Che in Langnau	turbine theater	P. N. Steiner	Jessy

Film and TV

YEAR	PRODUCTION	DIRECTOR
2016	New Polarities, music video	Michèle Schwendimann
2016	Bonsai Systems, 3D Motion, ETH Zürich	Tobias Grosshauser
2013	Red Light District, feature film	Sarah Bellin
2013	Museum Lenzburg, short film	Ivan Engler
2012	Zenos, music video (L)	Raphael Willi
2011	Biographie – Ein Spiel, short film	Alex Kleinberger
2010	Grayday, short film (L)	Ari Zehnder, Janos Menberg
2010	Der Kranke, short film (L)	Milena Colla
2009	twelve in a box, graduation seminar	Vivian Naefe
2009	Plansequenz, short film (L)	Susanne Steffen
2008–2009	Film work at EFAS	Rolf Sarkis
2008	Various short filme für BVU (L)	Peter Hofer
2008	Larry, short film (L)	Rolf Hellat
2007	Marmorera, feature film	Markus Fischer
2004	Sido, music video	Daniel Harder
2003	Lina, short film (L)	Frédéric Destraz

Commercials

YEAR	CLIENT AND FORMAT	DIRECTOR / PHOTO
2025	Swiss International Air Lines, CZAR Film – TV and online	Salsa
2024	IKEA, Agentur Jeff – exhibition, Zurich Design Weeks	Ariane Pochon
2015	CSS – print	
2013	Groupe Mutuel – online	Jürg Ebe

Aerial work

YEAR	WHAT	WHERE
2016	Aerial silks in music video “New Polarities”	Baden
2016	Aerial silks, 3D motion capture	ETH Zürich, Filacro Uster
2014	Aerial silks in “Märchen”	turbine theater
2014	Trapeze and aerial silks workshop, anniversary festival	turbine theater
2013	Aerial silks show in “Romeo and Juliet”	Freilichtbühne Sihlwald
2013	Aerial silks show in “The Little Mermaid”	turbine theater

Teaching

YEAR	WHAT	WHERE
since 2018	Own term courses in aerial acrobatics for children, teens and adults	Langnau am Albis, Uitikon-Waldegg
since 2017	Certified J+S instructor (Swiss Youth+Sport)	
2014–2020	Coach, school sports programme “Circus”	Langnau am Albis
2013–2022	Coach, school sports programme “Circus”	Uitikon-Waldegg
2011–2019	Coach, circus mix and holiday courses	Kinderzirkus Robinson

Other

YEAR	PROJECT	WITH
2023	“HUMANS”, performer in art project (photography and film)	Ariane Pochon
2014	“Dä Traumstern”, writer and director	
2011	“Die Hässliche”, translation, set design and direction	
2002	“Heil(t) Hitler”, writer	with Peter N. Steiner