

About Us-Production Staff

CEO/Creative Director: Niekko Chin Niekko Chin began his career as a dancer in New York City. He studied Modern Jazz at the Dance Theatre of Harlem and started performing in music videos and tours for various artists. Niekko honed his skills through work at major theme park attractions, show productions, corporate musical theater, dinner theater, dance, television and live production. In 1984, he formed Cirque USA and at the time was a group of traveling performers (acrobats, gymnasts, cirque acts, aerialist, and ballet dancers) that would tour the country for clients such as Pfizer, BMW, Sony and Rolls Royce. Niekko also produced shows for major corporations which included Bell South, AT&T, Pfizer, IBM, Microsoft, Sony and Sharp Electronics. He also produced live shows for major theme parks; and provided cirque performers for Prince, Cher, MTV Video Music Awards after party for Usher, John Travolta Super Bowl Party 2008 and private events for Donald Trump. Niekko's creative and original concepts have earned him the reputation of an industry trendsetter, and continue to earn him accolades for each new show he produces.

Artistic Director: Leslie Ferrelli Leslie graduated with a BFA in dance Performance in 2004 from the University of the Arts, in Philadelphia. Working with the Delaware Valley Jazz Company instilled Leslie with determination and dedication as well as igniting her passion for dance, performance and perfection. While attending University of the Arts, she has been lucky enough to study with some of the nations best dance teachers, Ruth Andrian, Pat Thomas, Faye Snow, Andrew Pap, Kip Martin, Mia Michaels, Cuban Pete and Jennifer Binford among others. Working extensively with Roni Koresh of the Koresh Dance Company to master his unique style of jazz combined with modern dance, Leslie discovered her passion for choreography. She has worked with several dance companies such as Tornado Dance Company, Contempra Dance Theater and DRIP to name a few. Leslie has been performing internationally with Cirque USA since 2003. In 2005, she accepted the role as Artistic Director for Cirque USA. Since then she has been acting as choreographer for the company and producing corporate and theater shows internationally.

Marketing & Sales Manager: Whitney Laine Whitney is our Marketing and Sales Director here at Cirque USA. She holds an important role of stage managing the Cirque Odyssey Theatre Tour, as well as being a project manager for our recent Carmen Electra and John Travolta Superbowl events. She attended the University of Central Florida, where she majored in Advertising and Public Relations. Having formerly danced for 12 years (8 of them competitively), Whitney brings vast hands on experience and knowledge to her role. Her unending energy and excitement is contagious and we feel blessed to have her among our talented staff.

Account Executive: Van Nguyen Van graduated from Florida State University with a BA in Recreation and Leisure Services Administration, with an emphasis in Event Planning. For more than five years, she has conducted corporate conferences, parties and events in the entertainment industry and for non-profit organizations including the American Red Cross and Lee's Place Grief Counseling Center. Throughout her experience, she has had the privilege of working with celebrities including America's Next Top Model season six winner Danielle Evans, R&B recording artist Mario, Project Runway's Michael Knight and Kerry Rhodes from New York Jets. Most recently, she served as Operations Manager for an Orlando-based event planning firm, and she is now looking forward to pursuing her passion for the entertainment industry with CUSA.

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