

## **Company Bios**

### **Chris Lashua, Director:**

Chris Lashua has spent his life on or around wheels. After nearly a decade of professional bicycle freestyle competitions and performance, he found himself at China's famed "Wu Ciao" festival in '92, where he won a bronze medal and a place on Cirque du Soleil's Japan tour of Fascination. Chris's obsession with wheels led him to perform inside one, a German Wheel and as the opening act of Cirque du Soleil's Quidam in 1996.

### **Aloysia Gavre, Co-Director / Choreographer :**

An early member of the San Francisco based Pickle Family Circus, Aloysia has been a movement, dance and circus enthusiast most of her life. Aloysia is also co-founder of Cirque School L.A., a place for "anybody with any body" to explore the circus arts.

### **Steven Ragatz, Writer/Artist:**

Original Birdhouse Factory cast member and collaborator, Steven Ragatz has been entertaining audiences with his juggling, physical comedy, stilt walking and general antics for the past three decades. As a ten-year veteran of Cirque du Soleil, Steven has toured throughout North, South and Central America as well as Asia and Europe performing multiple juggling acts as well as an eclectic array of characters. His television credits include The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The Rosie O'Donnell Show and The Today Show. And he has enjoyed seasonal appearances with the Indianapolis and Detroit Symphonies, juggling in front of live orchestras.

### **Sean Riley, Set Designer / Aerial Rigging Designer**

Sean Riley is a designer, rigger, and sculptor, living in San Francisco. Concentrating his performance design on site specific and experimental work, Riley creates functional, architectural and lighting installations. Riley's lighting design for Ta IA Brugera was featured at Documeta 11, and the MMK in Frankfurt. His theater installations can be seen all over the U.S. When not creating for himself, Riley keeps the San Francisco area lifting and flying safely through rigging company Gravity Design Inc. Riley is presently the brave and charismatic host of National Geographic's adventure show, World's Toughest Fixes.