

Aerial Rig

In order for us to provide aerial artistry at your location we need to achieve one or more aerial rigging points. In general terms, this is the place where we are able to attach the aerial apparatus to something that holds it up and is able to support a certain amount of weight.

There are numerous ways to achieve an aerial rigging point, and our goal is always to find the simplest method. Often we will schedule a site visit with you to assess the possibilities first hand, other times we can determine our options through photos of a venue or by speaking with a facility manager. In a nutshell, we need to be able to have direct access to a structural element of your building (think exposed steel beams or girders), or some other form of structural support.

Each place that we are able to attach to is considered an aerial rigging point.

Most aerial acts require one rigging point, some two or three. Larger productions perhaps many more. We supply all of the necessary equipment if this approach is viable at your location.



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The minimum height for an appropriate aerial rigging point is 14 feet, though this will prevent some of the larger moves from occurring. Most performing aerials are done between 18 and 30 feet.

If your venue won't accommodate on site rigging for any reason there is also the option of having our portable aerial rig set up for your event. Imagine a 20 foot tall freestanding swing set. As long as the ceiling is high enough and unobstructed (no hanging chandeliers, heating ducts, etc.) and there will be enough clear space on the ground for the rig's footprint this is often a simple solution to bringing aerial artistry in to places where it couldn't otherwise occur.

We have repeatedly demonstrated to clients with extremely high standards (The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Franklin Institute, The University of Pennsylvania, etc.,) that our portable aerial rig is completely non-invasive, won't mar or mark any floor surface, and can be set up and taken down with the utmost of care.

Requirements for the portable aerial rig are a free and clear rectangular floor space measuring 24 feet across the front and 28 feet along the sides, with a unobstructed vertical space no less than 20 feet tall.



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