

# Li Liu

## Chinese Acrobat



### About the Artist

Li Liu began her acrobatic training at the age of six in her native China, and the following year she was chosen to attend the Chinese National Circus School in Beijing where she trained for eight hours a day until the age of 16. Li has lived and traveled throughout Europe, Africa and Asia performing with a wide variety of touring circus shows. She came to the United States in 2000 with Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus and toured the US for two years. She has been living in the US and working as a freelance performer since 2002.

### About the Performance

Li Liu's performance includes hand balancing, plate spinning, trick cycling, foot juggling, ribbon dancing and Chinese water bowl manipulation. Li also touches on various aspects of Chinese language, geography and culture while sharing her work and travel experiences with the students and staff.

Students get a hands-on shot at trying some of the easier (and safer!) skills such as ribbon dancing and basic plate spinning. They learn the historical significance of traditional lion and dragon dances and are encouraged to think about what it might have been like to grow up in a different time and place.

