

# Opposite Twins



**Nicole (Nic) Mermans** has phenomenal leadership qualities and a keen eye for talent. She has been teaching, choreographing and performing aerial dance for over 20 years as founding member of Canopy studio in Athens, GA, with her mentor and original director Susan Murphy, and D'AIR Aerial Dance in Atlanta Georgia. The trapeze is her second home, and when she is not performing in the air, she can be found moving to the conga rhythms on the salsa dance floor.

Nicole is equally passionate about creating as she is about community building. Since D'AIR's studio closed in 2018 she has continued to mentor teens through other arts organizations and has shifted her extra energy into honing her metalsmithing skills while launching her jewelry line. She currently serves on several boards including the Metal Arts Guild of Georgia as well as a giving foundation.

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Nicole Mernans Jewelry: [www.nicolemermans.com](http://www.nicolemermans.com)

**Fareedah (Free) Aleem** is no stranger to the stage, with her bigger than life smile and infectious energy, she has performed across the globe with the band Arrested Development, with local Atlanta burlesque troupe Dames a Flame, and earned her name as the original "Salt Shaker" in Yin Yang twin's music video "Shake it Like a Saltshaker".

She is currently teaching across metro Atlanta, as principal aerial instructor at Challenge Aerial Arts, and sharing her time with Artist Asylum and Vertical Joe's. When she is not touring with Arrested Development, she is available for private and group instruction in trapeze, fabrics and sling as well as her infamous twerking technique. She is also available for aerial, Go-Go, showgirl or free-style performance.

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