

Tom Comet - Bio

Tom Comet is a twenty-year veteran of the Circus and Stunt Performance world. He recently set a **world record** for juggling three running chainsaws longer than any other lunatic on the planet and he is often called on to perform on his amazing stunts in live venues, at international arts festivals and for TV and movies worldwide.



After attending **circus school** in Bristol England in 1991 Tom Comet went on to perfect his solo stunt show touring the globe. He has performed in Canada, fifty-six cities in the USA, throughout Europe, Japan, New Zealand, Australia and India. In 1995 Tom Comet toured with the notorious **Jim Rose Circus Sideshow**. Since then he has gone on to such heights as performing for **Madonna** in New York, working with **Rosanne** in LA and more recently with **Penn & Teller** in Las Vegas.

In 1996 Tom Comet co-founded the **Juicy Danger Show** in Vancouver BC with Canada's Sweetheart Christine Taylor. A documentary film entitled **Juicy Danger Meets Burning Man** was made about this duo and their foray into the Nevada Desert to attend the famous **Burning Man festival**. This film aired worldwide as well as in Canada on **Bravo** and **TVO** and is now available on DVD.

During his time as a stunt performer Tom Comet studied the art of **pyrotechnics** and **special effects** first as a way to embellish his own performances and eventually as performances unto themselves. He worked in the movie industry blowing up everything from cars to houses and specialized in **close proximity pyrotechnics** as well as high elevation **aerial fireworks displays and gas and flame effects**. Because of his performance background Tom was the perfect resource for stunts where both performers and pyro were mixed often performing the more dangerous stunts himself.

Tom Comet moonlights as a host for **extreme television shows**. In 2004 he was asked to be one of three specialists to host *Zapped*, a two hour special on electricity. More recently he created a dramatic full body burn stunt on camera for *Guinea Pig*. Both these shows were featured on the **discovery network**.

Presently Tom Comet is the co-owner and technical director at **Circus Orange Inc.** (www.circusorange.com) based in Toronto Canada. Circus Orange create **high-impact circus and stunt based shows** as well as stunning **spectacle performances** and innovative **fire and pyrotechnic installations**. Circus Orange is a group who create everything from solo stunt acts to turnkey spectacle shows with up to 30 performers, live music, lunatic machines, multimedia, fire and of course, pyrotechnics and fireworks.

Tom also designs and implements one-off **stunts** for film, TV and corporate shows. His highest profile event to date was designing, fabricating and creating a live stunt for **Virgin Mobile** in Toronto featuring **Sir Richard Branson**. The show went off without a hitch and was a huge success!

Always on the lookout for new knowledge and information, Tom is now tackling the world of entertainment and stunt rigging. Look out for flying performers and aerial gags galore in future shows!

The future is bright for Tom Comet. How can it not be with all that fire, pyrotechnics and high-octane performance passion?

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