

# Yusuke Funaki ~Jump Rope, LED and Fire Manipulation~

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## Personal Information

Height: 5'7"(172cm), Weight: 155lbs(70kg), Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown

## Performing Experience

<Show>

- 2010-2015 Skipping Rope act in La Nouba, Cirque du Soleil

<Special Appearances>

- NASA Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage 2017, 2015 (Kennedy Space Center)
- NASA Innovation Expo 2016 (Kennedy Space Center)
- Disney's Contemporary Resort (Walt Disney World)
- Disney's Hollywood Studios (Walt Disney World)
- Savaria Historical Carnival (Hungary)

<Media>

- ESPN
- TV Nova (the Czech Republic)
- A holiday Surprise by Cirque du Soleil (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBb24aZiekc&sns=tw>)

## Articles and References

- Jumping for Joy - Orlando Magazine  
<http://www.orlandomagazine.com/Orlando-Magazine/August-2013/Jumping-for-Joy/>
- Desk-Defying Stunt: An R&D Engineer Joins the Circus – Bloomberg Business Week  
<http://www.ericspitznagel.com/bloomberg-businessweek-features/desk-defying-stunt/>
- Japan Today - Japanese rocket scientist gives up lucrative career to join Cirque du Soleil  
<https://japantoday.com/category/entertainment/japanese-rocket-scientist-gives-up-lucrative-career-to-join-cirque-du-soleil>

## Education

- Apr 2004 – Mar 2006 : JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency)  
Research Student at Space Robot Team
- Apr 2004 – Mar 2006 : Graduate School of Tokyo Institute of Technology  
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Master of Engineering
- Apr 2000 – Mar 2004 : Tokyo Institute of Technology  
Department of Mechanical Engineering and Science

## Visa Status

- Green Card Holder
- Japanese Citizen

