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From YouTube oddity to Ocean's 8 co-star: Auhwafina's complicated rise to stardom

"I want to use the senses to create emotional peaks."

CHEF JUAN MANUEL BARRIENTOS ON MIAMI'S FOOD SCENE

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**Don't try this at home**

This month's Montréal Cirque Festival (July 5-15) boasts dozens of illustrious circus troupes. While they stress the artful, imaginative side of the craft, there will be no shortage of that of 'big top staple: peril. A look at the acts that are best left to professionals

**Gravity and Other Myths**  
*Backbone*

Trick: a nine-person pyramid with metal buckets over their heads

Risk: a nine-person heap with metal buckets over their heads

**La Volte**  
*Shoot*

Trick: a pair of men dance several inches from audience members

Risks: stylized kipping, inadvertent audience participation

**Jamie Adkins**  
*Exploiter*

Trick: a man fills his mouth with ping-pong balls then pop-puggles them

Risk: the obvious

**Company 2**  
*Scotch & Soda*

Trick: a trio of acrobats ride a bike around a raptime band

Risks: collisions, costumes, avant-garde jazz



TOP: BILLY HOOPER; BOTTOM: COURTESY OF LAVA REALITY/CIRQUE CITY. PHOTOGRAPH BY LISA ANDERSON FOR FODS.COM/FRIGHT

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**Fisticuffs is an art form**

An Irish cultural festival takes a pugnaeous turn



LAVA REALITY/CIRQUE CITY Spectacular might be a bit of a mouthful, but don't let the name put you off. This three-day festival (July 8-8), held in Dublin's Merrion Square, will showcase the world's top street performers, including two different contortionists who can pass their bodies through the head of a tennis racket.

You can't have a street performer festival without living statues, such as the DJs, pictured left. Among others appearing are

Germany's Woody Woodman, a tree-like figure who wanders around carrying an axe and Canada's Madame Guillotine, who crosses over into mime but earns bonus points for hopping people with fake baguettes.

If that isn't punchy enough for you, there's New Zealand's Fraser Hooper, whose act has him donning a pair of giant boxing gloves and clobbering members of the public "in a three-round bout of comedy carnage." —OMG WIGGIE



Fraser Hooper has been performing for over 20 years