

# CWM Audio 70-7

## Interview with Laura Bassett and Joshua Guptill July 22nd, 2017.

### Part 1

Interview conducted by LaVahn Hoh

- LaVahn Hoh: I'm [LaVahn Hoh 00:00:03] conducting this interview on July 22nd, 2017. We're off and running. You are?
- Joshua Guptill : My name's Joshua Guptill . I'm from New Hampshire. I was floor crew for the beginning of 2007.
- LaVahn Hoh: Okay.
- [00:00:30]
- Laura Bassett: I'm Laura Basset. I was animal crew, mostly the horse crew, during the 2006-2007. I moved the 135th and the start of the 137th edition of the Red Unit.
- LaVahn Hoh: Okay. Tell me about floor crew.
- Joshua Guptill : Actually, I had originally gone in planning on signing up for animal crew, because she got me on the training.
- Laura Bassett: We knew each other before.
- Joshua Guptill :  
[00:01:00] Yep. She showed up in town. She said, "You know, if you ever get bored, the circus is always hiring." About a week and a half later, I was on the train. When I went to sign up, Steve Curtis said, "We can put you on animal crew, but we really need people for floor crew right now." He's like, "I don't know if you'll be big enough to do it, but we'd be willing." Of course when he said I wouldn't be big enough to, of course then I had to.
- LaVahn Hoh: Did he mean in physical size?
- Joshua Guptill : Yeah. Yeah. He didn't think I'd be strong enough to do it but ...
- LaVahn Hoh: What did you have to do then that required size and strength?
- [00:01:30]
- Joshua Guptill : I was mostly assembling the truss, unloading that kind of stuff. The ring box weighed a ton [inaudible 00:01:37]-
- LaVahn Hoh: Are you all right?

