

The Roving Angel - Carleton Conceptual history

For thirty years I have been researching street performers in Japan, Sao Paulo, Amsterdam, Germany, Paris, London, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. I was most impressed when I saw a young woman on the boardwalk on the North Sea near Amsterdam. Her character was Marie Antoinette. What was unique about her was that she got dressed and did her makeup in front of the public. I realized at that moment how much people are fascinated with process. They love to see the before and after. A street performer must also be charming, exude good will, a non-threatening persona and celebrate a joy of interacting with every receptive person. He must also have the sensitivity to respect those who are non-receptive.

The Roving Angel is a performance art piece. I first began performing in 2004 at the Old Water Tower because it represents the spirit of Chicago. The beauty and elegance of this structure, the sole survivor of the Chicago fire, is the heart of Chicago. Unfortunately, the city has banned performers from this location and also from Millennium Park. The aldermen do not care what entices the tourists and gives flavor to the city. They only want to show off a sterilized view of the architecture. One of the few locations that I enjoy working is in front of the Wrigley building and The Chicago Art Institute. These locations also have a special history and majesty showcasing Chicago.

The Roving Angel is a good will ambassador, inviting everyone to join in a brief moment of entertainment, laughter and creating a fond memory. I am excited to share the Roving Angel with the people of Chicago and our guests to the city. I am confident that this will delight everyone and hopefully become a symbol of the spirit of Chicago.

Tolerance is that key to acceptance and understanding that brings people to this city. It is also the message I spread during my performance. Only TOLERANCE on a personal, familial, cultural and religious level will bring sanity to the world. Please be tolerant and kind to one another.

- Peace to you and yours -

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The Roving Angel is the perfect guest to enhance your next event. The Roving Angel begins as a stone statue. When everyone is convinced that he is not real, the Roving Angel comes to life. Performing on roller-skates; he glides over to welcome your guests. The skates create an eerie sense that Roving Angel is flying. Moving quickly and silently, he maneuvers thru the room to delight and surprise.

For Fund Raisers, a photo station may be set up and donations accepted to have your picture taken with the Roving Angel. Inside his right sleeve are white feather boas that are tenderly wrapped around ladies for their photo. Inside his left sleeve are devils horns that are placed on the men. An appearance of the Roving Angel has a very uplifting outcome on any occasion.