

FACES OF THE FRONT

Mandy Jacobson Keithan of the Trapeze School New York DC

Mandy Jacobson Keithan, and her husband Rob both work at Trapeze School New York (TSNY), Washington DC - the big white tent at 4th and Tingey SE. The Trapeze School opened in the Capitol Riverfront in February of 2010. Since then, TSNY brings Mandy to the neighborhood, teaching or training, 6 days a week. "I love being right on the water; the trapeze tent is on one end of the beautiful waterfront park" said Mandy, "In addition, I'm hooked on the sandwiches and natural treats from Cornercopia. This summer whenever I ordered a sandwich with basil they would pick it fresh off the plant. For awhile I was there two to three times a week."

Mandy thinks that the Front has been a welcoming community for the Trapeze School, with everyone, from neighbors walking dogs to the folks working nearby, coming by to watch people fly. Many people watch for awhile, snag a brochure, and imagine themselves up in the air. "Trapeze is certainly what brought me into the neighborhood, but I quickly became attached to the feel of the Capitol Riverfront and the people and pets here," said Mandy. She added that after trapeze shows at TSNY, you can normally find wildly the costumed circus folk at The Ugly Mug on Barracks Row or at Cantina Marina at the Southwest Waterfront.

Mandy said that "My hope for the neighborhood is the same as my hope for most of DC; that it keeps the unique character of each community while building and sustaining access to great food, entertainment, and local business. During the opening weekend of the riverfront park, the streets were full of folks picnicing, exercising, and playing on the grass. I'd love for the neighborhood to feel like that every day!"

Most days, Mandy notices a new window being installed or a new tree being planted. She said "I have a front row seat as the plans become reality. Most recently, we've enjoyed the new sidewalks and greenery around the tent, and a brand new bench with a great view of our outdoor rig." TSNY is teaching classes inside all winter long, and as of the first of May they will be out in the open air again. Come by and watch or learn how to fly! A link to the TSNY website can be found [here](#).

