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**M**Y PICTURE today is of Antonia Beamish, daughter of our former Ambassador to Peru, who was plucked from obscurity as a waitress in the Groucho Club to become a member of the notorious chainsaw-wielding French theatre troupe, Archaeos. "I don't juggle chainsaws—just wet fish," Antonia tells me. Antonia is now based in Manchester where she lives in a circus tent, a far cry from the diplomatic lifestyle to which she is accustomed. "I was picked up by Pierrot Bidon, the troupe's director, when he came in for a drink one day. He said he was looking for someone so I just packed my bags and left the next day."