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Actress's daughter in circus plunge

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THE daughter of actress Adrienne Corri — daredevil circus performer Sarah Sankey — was badly injured in hospital yesterday after plunging 50 feet from a trapeze.

Her distraught mother, who has not spoken to her for six months after a furious row when she joined an avant-garde troupe, said: 'This is exactly what I have dreaded. I just knew this would happen.'

Because of their estrangement Miss Corri heard about the accident only yesterday, although it happened on Wednesday. Last night she was flying from London to be at her bedside at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

She said: 'I have lived in a state of constant fear of an accident like this. But when I see her, the last thing I will say is "I told you so."'

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'It hurts me that I just know I would be the last person she told about this.'

Sarah, 33, god-daughter of Sean Connery, faces three months in hospital. She fell on her back, crushing eight vertebrae and breaking her arm, during a performance with the controversial French-based Archaos Theatre Company at the Edinburgh Festival.

Dozens of its performers have been injured because they believe in using a minimum of safety measures to heighten the effect of their acts.

Sarah hangs by her feet 100 feet up, often without a harness, and walks the high wire playing a saxophone.

Circus director Pierre Bidon said: 'Sarah believed totally in what we do and she is a very talented woman.'