

# Animal-Free Circuses

## Factsheet

**Animal-free circuses are growing in popularity. Whether you are looking for dazzling and humane family entertainment, a circus to perform at a fair, or a circus to sponsor for a fundraiser, these circuses feature only skilled human performers.**

<b>Circus</b>	<b>Tour</b>	<b>Fund-raisers</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>7 Fingers</b> 514-521-4477 info@les7doigtsdelamain.com les7doigtsdelamain.com	Europe, Canada, and large venues in USA	N/A	The joyous, surrealistic universe of 7 Fingers is filled with the beauty of awe-inspiring aerialists, the startling precision of amazing jugglers, the breathtaking exploits of graceful acrobats, and the wit and humor of seven young international circus performers.
<b>Bindlestiff Family Cirkus</b> P.O. Box 1917 New York, NY 10009 212-726-1935 cirkus@bindlestiff.org bindlestiff.org	USA, Canada, and Europe in the spring and summer	N/A	Vaudeville-like shows  Performs mostly with festivals and other events; offers workshops and exhibitions in schools and universities.
<b>Circus Italiano</b> 2978 Palma Vista Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89121 702-499-7085 CEO@Circusitaliano.com circusitaliano.com	USA (West Coast, with plans to expand to the East Coast)	Yes	One-ring circus that offers intimate and cozy performances with a European feel.
<b>Circus Luminous</b> 505-992-2588 mail@wisefoolnm.org wisefoolnm.org	New Mexico (will work with other groups in the Southwest)	Yes	A dazzling and original production featuring daring young women on the flying trapeze, innovative choreography, elaborate costumes, and a turn-of-the-century look.
<b>Circus Millennia</b> 3700 S. Four Mile Run Arlington, VA 22206 703-683-5040 circusjen@hotmail.com		Yes	Performances include jugglers, clowns, and acrobats.
<b>Circus of the Kids</b> 926 Waverly Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32312 917-208-6341 circusofthekids@aol.com circusofthekids.com	USA, year-round	Yes	This circus is all about kids. They are the performers and are involved with the costumes, selling tickets, makeup, etc. The program is democratic, and there is no such thing as being too fat, too thin, or not smart enough to participate. The point is for the kids to feel good about themselves and to be challenged. This professional, intense, and strenuous circus allows ordinary kids to become stars.

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<p><b>Cirque du Soleil</b> 8400 Second Ave. Montréal, Québec Canada H1Z 4M6 514-722-2324 contact@cirquedusoleil.com cirquedusoleil.com</p>	<p>Internationally, year-round</p> <p>Two permanent venues in Las Vegas and one in Florida</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>A blend of music, dance, and stunning athleticism that takes the audience on a metaphorical journey. This circus breaks all the rules, and its art is in a constant state of evolution. Cirque has won more than 100 awards and distinctions from various organizations and institutions for originality in its shows and excellence in management. There are eight Cirque productions that run simultaneously.</p>
<p><b>Cirque Éloize</b> 4230 rue Hogan Montréal, Québec Canada H2H 2N3 514-596-3838 info@cirque-eloize.com cirque-eloize.com</p>	<p>USA (fall), Canada, and Europe</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Combines theatre with acrobatic performances, poetry, and circus thrills. Acrobats, clowns, jugglers, trapeze artists, and musicians team up to create a rich and subtle tango of emotions. Cirque Éloize has also developed a strong expertise in providing modern circus entertainment for private galas and corporate events.</p>
<p><b>Cirque Éos</b> P.O. Box 53017 Succursale Canardière, Québec G1K 5K3 Canada 418-661-1961 ecq@cirqueeos.qc.ca cirqueeos.qc.ca</p>	<p>USA, Canada, Mexico, and Europe. Performs at festivals, exhibitions, corporate events, and amusement parks.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>A modern circus where jugglers, acrobats, dancers, actors, equilibrists, and trapeze artists invent a new world of magic and extravaganza. Cirque Éos offers the unique service of creating and designing custom productions to suit the needs of individual events.</p>
<p><b>Cirque Plume</b> 37 rue Battant Besancon 25000 France 33-3-81-81-38-80 info@cirqueplume.com cirqueplume.com</p>	<p>USA and Europe—large venues only</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Performances combine music, dance, comedy, and gymnastics.</p>
<p><b>Cirque San Jose</b> 634 N. Eighth St. San Jose, CA 94112 408-929-0678 74020.3041@compuserve.com</p>	<p>San Jose, Calif.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Dancing bears and parading elephants aren't part of the package in Silicon Valley's new resident circus. Cirque San Jose provides performances that are part intimate minstrel circus, part musical, and part surrealist play. Cirque San Jose combines the storytelling traditions of the theatre with the "ooh-aah" thrills of a circus acrobatic performance.</p>
<p><b>Cloud Seeding Circus</b> Gainesville, Fla. 352-392-0201, ext. 243 cloudseedingcircus@yahoo.com cloudseedingcircus.com</p>	<p>USA—works in conjunction with galleries, museums, art schools, and theatres and plays at festivals, nightclubs, and community centers</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Nontraditional glitter and excitement. Starring with the artists are exquisite sculptured objects that manifest as puppets.</p>

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<b>Fern Street Circus</b> P.O. Box 621004 San Diego, CA 92162 619-235-9756 john@fernstreetcircus.org fernstreetcircus.org	San Diego area	No	Provides quality entertainment free of charge to under-served neighborhoods. Also provides free-of-charge circus and music instruction at city recreation centers. This is a professional circus and variety artist performance in a simple and whimsical setting.
<b>Flying Fruit Fly Circus</b> 609 Hovell St. Albury, NSW 2640 Australia 02-6021-7044 acampbell@fruitflycircus.com.au fruitflycircus.com.au/	Internationally, year-round	No	Performances are a blend of circus, dance, theatre, and live percussion with attitude. Australia's Flying Fruit Fly Circus has established itself as one of the world's premier youth performing arts companies. Its mission is to promote and enhance the education and cultural development of young people by providing high-quality circus training and by producing and touring contemporary circus performances.
<b>Flying High Circus</b> FSU Circus Tallahassee, FL 32306-3064 850-644-4874 rbrinson@mailier.fsu.edu fsu.edu/~circus/	USA, primarily in the Southeast. Occasionally tours in the Bahamas, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Europe, the Virgin Islands, and the West Indies	Yes	Performances feature high wire acts, juggling acts, bicycle tricks, and acrobatics. The Flying High Circus performs on the road for a number of sponsored events. Shows range from 30 minutes in length to more than two hours, for all kinds of gatherings—including fairs, public or private fundraisers, or conventions. Performances can be held indoors, outdoors, or under the circus's own big top.
<b>Gregangelo &amp; Velocity Circus Troupe</b> 225 San Leandro Way San Francisco, CA 94127 415-242-4196 Jeffrey@gregangelo.com gregangelo.com	USA, year-round (mainly commissioned by corporations for special events)	Yes	Shows combine daring skill, comedy, dazzling aerials, interactive audience antics, and magic, with stunning costumes and music. This troupe offers custom shows for business promotions, private parties, fairs, festivals, aerial classes, and more.
<b>Hiccup Circus</b> Hawaii's Volcano Circus Educational Nonprofit Organizations RR 2, Box 4524 Pahoa, HI 96778 808-965-8756 juggler@aloha.net hiccupcircus.com	Hawaii, year-round (and occasionally in California)	Yes	This circus performs at community events and works with schools. It has a unique program offering educational services to the public, with emphasis on elementary and intermediate school-age children and teenagers, especially in under-served, isolated rural communities.
<b>Imperial Circus of China</b> c/o Management One, LLC 7380 Sand Lake Rd., Ste. 350 Orlando, FL 32819 321-281-4000 john.regna@worldentertainment.net imperialcircus.com	Internationally, year-round	Yes	Considered the best of all Chinese circuses, it has played an important role in cultural exchanges between China and other nations. Its excellent performances have been warmly welcomed and highly appreciated by audiences around the globe.

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<b>Lazer Vaudeville</b> 631 Spruce St. Boulder, CO 80302-5017 303-413-8116 Lazervaudeville@earthlink.net lazervaudeville.com	USA (usually excluding the summer)	N/A	This circus works with schools and gives performances that are educational and entertaining. Performances are a mix of black light, juggling, lasers with magic, audience participation, acrobatics, slapstick comedy, and dance with object manipulation.
<b>Les Colporteurs</b> 66. rue Villiers de l'Isle Adam 75020-Paris France 33-0-491-425-080 colporteurs.fdp@wanadoo.fr		N/A	Performers include traveling dancers, illusionists, and air musicians. They create a spectacle that is altogether circus, theatre, dance, and magic.
<b>Mexican International Circus</b> 1031 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2R 0L5 Canada 1-800-541-1681 Mexicancircus.com	Usually in Western Canada in the summer and early fall and Mexico in the winter	Yes	Performances offer a swirl of bouncing acrobats, daring trapeze and high wire artists, glamorous showgirls, contortionists, and clowns in a fantastic spectacle. The Mexican International Circus, which uses no animals in its acts, wants people to realize that a circus can be just as—if not more—entertaining as a circus that uses animals.
<b>Neil Goldberg's Cirque</b> Cirque Productions Variety Arts Management 3803 N. 29 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Hollywood, FL 33020 954-922-0888 info@cirqueproductions.com cirqueproductions.com	Internationally, in theatres and casino showrooms; on cruise ships, tours, and television; and at theme parties, festivals, fairs, trade shows, and corporate events	Yes	A combination of fantasy circus and Broadway dream in a European-style variety show with mesmerizing music, dazzling costumes, and limitless imagination. Customized productions are available upon request. Neil Goldberg's Cirque has performed at corporate events for MCI, GE, Aetna Insurance, and Motorola and at numerous fundraiser galas for large charitable organizations.
<b>New Pickle Circus</b> 755 Frederick St. San Francisco, CA 94117 415-759-8123 sfscasfcircus.org circuscenter.org	California—San Francisco Bay area	Yes	This circus is an exquisitely choreographed adventure of acrobatics, aerial work, dance, and clowning that relies on grit, not glitz, to get its magic across. It provides scholarships to low-income children to attend its annual circus camp and distributes free tickets to nonprofit organizations. It provides free shows for community festivals, neighborhood fairs, and civic celebrations.
<b>New Shanghai Circus</b> P.O. Box 2205 Branson, MO 65615 417-335-2000 shacrobats2@aol.com acrobatschina.com	USA, Europe, and Asia, with a permanent venue in Branson, Mo., at the MGH Performing Arts Center	No	Features breathtaking feats of strength, endurance, flexibility, balance, contortion, and magic. In the spring of 1999, the circus was invited to the New Victory Theater in New York for 28 performances, which were all "Sold Out on Broadway!"
<b>Russian American Kids Circus</b> The Brad Simon Organization, Inc. 122 E. 57th St. New York, NY 10022 212-980-5920, ext. 12 barbara@bsoinc.com rakidcircus.org	Internationally, year-round	Yes	This is a fully staged professional circus whose stars happen to be children between the ages of 6 and 18. These artists fill the stage with a blur of spangles, dazzling audiences with soaring acrobatics, synchronized unicycling, expert juggling, daring aerial feats, and precision balancing.

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<p><b>Swamp Circus Theatre</b>            19 Wansfell Rd.            Sheffield            South Yorkshire            S4 8BE            England            44-0-114-256-0962            swampcircus@btinternet.com            swampcircus.com</p>	<p>Internationally</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>All-human circus theatre with an environmentally flavored artistic direction, a commitment to arts in the community, and a taste for adventure. Work is characterized by a unique blend of innovative, high-energy circus theatre, live music, and ecological themes. Projects range from community-centered workshops to world-class big top touring extravaganzas.</p>