



# The 2nd Annual Circus Show & Other Atrocities

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## Grants & Sponsors:

**Culture and Animals Foundation**      [www.cultureandanimals.org](http://www.cultureandanimals.org)

We've been honored to receive a grant from the Culture and Animals Foundation (CAF) for this year's show to make it a spectacular event for the attendees and a momentous one for the animals. CAF is a nonprofit, cultural organization committed to fostering the growth of intellectual and artistic endeavors united by a positive concern for animals, founded in 1985 by Nancy and Tom Regan.

**Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission (SMAC)**      [www.sacmetroarts.org](http://www.sacmetroarts.org)

Funded in part by the Microgrant Program of the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission (SMAC) with support from the City and County of Sacramento.

**Scion**      [www.scion.org](http://www.scion.org)

Scion is known for their "art cars," where they turn their vehicles into canvases for today's contemporary artists, is also a sponsor.

## Raffle Prizes:

**Raffle and Various Prizes**      [http://www.abitchinspace.com/Gallery\\_CircusSponsors.html](http://www.abitchinspace.com/Gallery_CircusSponsors.html)

One of a number of Born Free USA united with Animal Protection Institute staff members, who is volunteering her time to help organize the event, Jessica Stout, has been amazed at the response she's getting, "We are going to have so much to offer those that attend! The show of support from our national and local sponsors, such as Jason Natural Cosmetics and Aubrey Organics has been overwhelming (listed below), and they are supplying us with so many cruelty-free goodies to hand out to our show-goers."

In addition, sponsors have provided the Circus Show with some great prizes for this year's raffle. Of "note" is the partnership with [wearyourmusic.org](http://wearyourmusic.org), who has generously donated a bracelet made out of **Ani Difranco's** guitar string for auction. We also have a signed comic from **Dan Piraro**, creator of the **Bizarro** comics and **Jeff Corriveau**, creator of the **DeFlocked** comic strip. Serenity Body Art, who will be hosting the "Tattooed Lady" display at the Circus show, has graciously provided a gift certificate for a tattoo for the Circus Show raffle.

Part of the education component at this year's event will be an all-sensory experience, offering items to wear, smell, and hear, as well as all the beautiful art to look at and purchase. Circus Show-goers will not leave disappointed – or empty-handed!

Look for prizes from; Aroma Crystal Therapy, Aubrey Organics, Austin Rose, California North, CitraSolv, Elon Essentials, The Good Home Co., Jason Natural Cosmetics, Preserve Everyday and Simplers Botanical Company. We have also received donations from; Janak & Scurfield, Inc., Whole Foods, Dimensional Graphics and Cali-Color.

Benefiting Charities:

**Born Free USA**      [www.bornfreeusa.org](http://www.bornfreeusa.org)

Born Free USA united with Animal Protection Institute (Born Free USA) works to alleviate the unnecessary suffering of wild animals in captivity, rescue individual animals in need, protect wildlife — including highly endangered species — in their natural habitats, and encourage compassionate conservation globally.

Elephants in captivity — especially those exploited for our entertainment in circuses — are an issue for which Born Free USA has become well-known and highly respected, working tirelessly initiating protections on behalf of these magnificent animals on a local and state level. Additionally, Born Free USA is currently a plaintiff in a federal lawsuit against Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus. The lawsuit alleges that a number of routine practices by Ringling Bros. violate the Endangered Species Act, including: 1) the forceful use of bullhooks — large clubs with sharp curved points — to train, control, and "discipline" the animals, 2) the chaining of the elephants for most of the day and night, and 3) the forcible removal of baby elephants from their mothers at Ringling Bros.' "Center for Elephant Conservation," (CEC) where it breeds elephants for use in the circus.

Additionally, watch for state legislation to be introduced this year that will provide added protection to circus elephants from the beatings of bullhooks and the confinement of chains.

**Performing Animals Welfare Society (PAWS)**

Since 1984, The Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) has been at the forefront of efforts to rescue and provide appropriate, humane sanctuary for animals who have been the victims of the exotic and performing animal trades. PAWS investigates reports of abused performing and exotic animals, documents cruelty and assists in investigations and prosecutions by regulatory agencies to alleviate the suffering of captive wildlife.