

# Animal-Free Circuses

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.

CIRCUSES	TOUR	FUNDRAISERS	DESCRIPTION
<b>Bindlestiff Family Cirkus</b> P.O. Box 1917 New York, NY 10009 212-726-1935 1-877-BINDLES cirkus@bindlestiff.org bindlestiff.org	U.S., Canada, and Europe in the spring and summer	N/A	This is a vaudeville-like show that performs mostly at festivals and other events and offers workshops and exhibitions in schools and universities.
<b>Circus Center</b> 755 Frederick St. San Francisco, CA 94117 415-759-8123 info@circuscenter.org circuscenter.org	The 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 gives scholarships to low-income children to attend its annual circus camp and distributes free tickets to nonprofit organizations. It also performs free shows for community festivals, neighborhood fairs, and civic celebrations.
<b>Circus Finelli</b> 522 Haight St. San Francisco, CA 94117 mail@circusfinelli.com circusfinelli.com	Internationally, based in the San Francisco Bay Area	Yes	Four unruly female clowns present a Slavic, slapstick cabaret with daring comedy and dangerous cutlery. See the sights to entice and delight: juggling, acrobatics, contortion, dance, and disaster. It's all set to the tune of European accordion and vaudeville ukulele. Ring Mistress Madame Vinaigrette hosts.
<b>Circus Luminous</b> 2778 Agua Fria, Ste. D Santa Fe, NM 87507 505-992-2588 mail@wisefoolnm.org wisefoolnewmexico.org/circus-luminous	New Mexico (will work with other groups in the Southwest)	Yes	This is 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 of the Kids</b> 9042 Shoal Creek Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32312-4076 1-866-CIRCUS-5 bruce@circusofthekids.com circusofthekids.com	U.S., year-round	Yes	This circus is all about kids. They are the performers and are involved with the costumes, the makeup, ticket sales, 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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<b>Cirque Dreams</b> Cirque Productions Variety Arts Management 3803 N. 29th Ave. Hollywood, FL 33020 954-922-0888 info@cirqueproductions.com cirqueproductions.com	Internationally, in theaters and casino showrooms; on cruise ships, tours, and television; and at theme parties, festivals, fairs, trade shows, and corporate events	Yes	This is 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 Dreams has performed at corporate events for MCI, GE, Aetna, and Motorola as well as at numerous fundraiser galas for large charitable organizations.
<b>Cirque du Soleil</b> 8400 Second Ave. Montréal H1Z 4M6 Québec Canada 514-722-2324 contact@cirquedusoleil.com cirquedusoleil.com	Internationally, year-round. Cirque du Soleil has permanent shows in Las Vegas and Florida	No	This circus offers a blend of music, dance, and stunning athleticism that takes the audience on a metaphorical journey. It breaks all the rules, and its art is in a constant state of evolution. Cirque du Soleil has won more than 100 awards and distinctions from various organizations and institutions for originality in its shows and excellence in management. There are more than a dozen Cirque du Soleil productions.
<b>Cirque Éloïze</b> 417, rue Berri Montréal H2Y 3E1 Québec Canada 514-596-3838 eloize@cirque-eloize.com cirque-eloize.com	U.S. (fall), Canada, and Europe	N/A	This circus combines theater 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 Éloïze has also developed a strong expertise in staging modern circus entertainment for private galas and corporate events.
<b>Cirque Plume</b> 37, rue Battant Besançon 25000 France 33-3-81-81-38-80 info@cirqueplume.com www.cirqueplume.com	U.S. and Europe—large venues only	N/A	Performances combine music, dance, comedy, and gymnastics.
<b>Circus Vargas</b> 2534 S. Pleasant Ave. Ontario, CA 91761 1-877-GOTFUN1 info@circusvargas.org circusvargas.com	Throughout the U.S.	N/A	Once a circus that used animals, Circus Vargas eliminated animal acts and turned up the excitement with its human performers. Set in a smaller venue, the show lets spectators get up close and personal with the show.

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<b>Fern Street Circus</b> P.O. Box 621004 San Diego, CA 92162 619-235-9756 info@fernstreetcircus.com fernstreetcircus.com	San Diego area	No	This circus offers free quality entertainment to underserved neighborhoods and free 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 info@fruitflycircus.com.au fruitflycircus.com.au	Internationally, year-round	No	Performances are a blend of circus, dance, theater, 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 offering high-quality circus training and by producing and touring contemporary circus performances.
<b>Flying High Circus</b> FSU Circus P.O. Box 3064026 Tallahassee, FL 32306-3064 850-644-4874 circus@admin.fsu.edu circus.fsu.edu	U.S., 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, and 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 415-664-0095 info@gregangelo.com gregangelo.com	U.S., 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> 247 W. Pohakupele Loop Pahoa, HI 96778 808-965-8756 hawaiispace.com/hiccup.php	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 underserved, isolated rural communities.

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<b>Imperial Circus</b> 8815 Conroy Windemere Rd., Ste. 407 Orlando, FL 32835 407-993-4000 worldentertainment.net/family-entertainment/the-imperial-circus	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.
<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, theater, dance, and magic.
<b>New Shanghai Circus</b> 645 State Hwy. 165 Branson, MO 65616 417-334-8781 info@nscc.biz acrobatsofchina.com	U.S., Europe, and Asia, with a permanent venue in Branson, Missouri, at the MGH Performing Arts Center	No	This circus offers breathtaking feats of strength, endurance, flexibility, balance, contortion, and magic.
<b>7 Fingers Circus</b> 225 rue roy, bureau 205 Montréal, Québec H2W1M5 514-521-4477 7doigts.com/en/the-company	Europe, Canada, and large venues in the U.S.	N/A	The joyous, surrealistic universe of 7 Fingers is filled with the beauty of awe-inspiring aerialists, the startling precision of talented jugglers, the breathtaking exploits of graceful acrobats, and the wit and humor of seven young international circus performers.
<b>Swamp Circus</b> 10 Lower Market St. Penryn, Cornwall TR10 8BG 01326 377008 SwampCircus.com	U.K.	Yes	This is an all-human circus theater 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 theater, live music, and ecological themes. Projects range from community-centered workshops to world-class big-top touring extravaganzas.