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If you attend animal circuses, your ticket purchase represents voting with your dollars to keep animals such as elephants, tigers, and horses confined and exploited in circuses. You can help end the lifetime imprisonment of animals for our amusement by instead attending only animal-free circuses.

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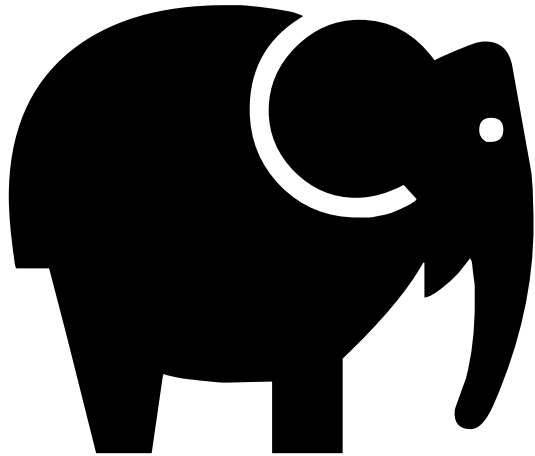
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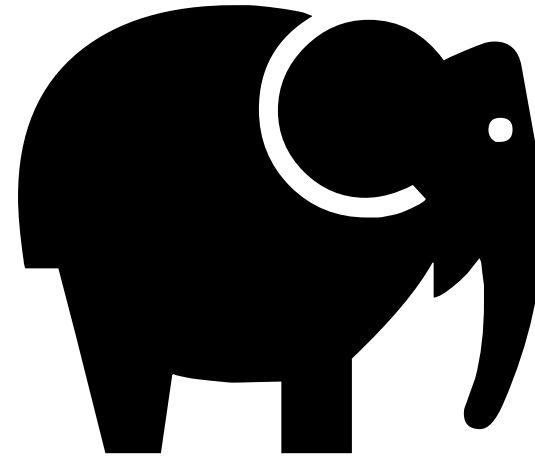


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- **Thank The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust** for bringing The Candy Butchers & Circus Oz, [www.pgharts.org](http://www.pgharts.org), 412.471.6070
- **Check out** local animal-friendly entertainment:
  - **Zany Umbrella Circus**, Pittsburgh's own animal-free circus! [www.zanyumbrellacircus.com](http://www.zanyumbrellacircus.com), 412.390.4054
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