

Ringling is coming...

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In past years Ringling has had many more weekend shows, and the good news is they only have 4 this year. We would like to have protesters present at each of the shows. It is so important that each show has a show of support for the animals and info for circus goers on why this is wrong. As usual, the most important demonstration is opening night- that is the **Wednesday, April 20, 7 pm show, 6 pm (or earlier) protest**

. PLEASE do everything within your power to make it to this one. Bring your kids, your friends, your mom, your dog walker...And please (begging with vegan goodies at each protest) try to make it to AS MANY of the shows to protest as possible.

We start protesting 1 hour prior to the show time and continue a half hour into the show time. So each protest will be 90 minutes. We will take any time you can give! 30 minutes is still long enough to make a difference!

Materials will be provided- leaflets, posters, etc. We will (hopefully) have 2 portable DVD players showing undercover "training" footage. We will need 2 volunteers to hold those - one located at either ends of the parking garage where the most people are exiting to cross the street to the circus. We also need volunteers to leaflet at each show. You don't have to be pushy - just smile and offer a leaflet. Let us know if you are interested in these special roles. MANY people have told us their eyes have been opened to the cruelty of circuses; fur etc. by a simple pamphlet and a smiling good Samaritan.

Richmond Coliseum Richmond, Virginia

Protest Dates/Times:

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#1- Wed, Apr 20: 6 pm – 7:30 pm *most important!

#2 -Thu, Apr 21: 6 pm – 7:30 pm

Fri, Apr 22: (2) protests- #3 Noon-1:30 pm
#4 6 pm – 7:30 pm

Sat, Apr 23: (3) protests- #5 10 am – 11:30 am
#6 2 pm – 3:30 pm
#7 6 pm – 7:30 pm

Sun, Apr 24: #8 2 pm – 3:30 pm

Please be on the lookout for any companies, radio stations, or churches/schools promoting or giving away tickets for Ringling. We have a letter we can send out on the group's behalf so send us the company name, any contact info you can find and what the promotion is and we will send them a letter!

ALSO, On Ringling opening day, PETA will be holding a press conference at noon on April 20th.

If you are interested in attending, here is the facebook site:

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=199655746719520> or you can contact PETA's Action Team at ActionTeam@peta.org .

To get ready for Ringling and to foster a feeling of solidarity, Jackie would like to host a vegan ice cream party at her house on **Saturday, April 9th, at 6 pm**. Please try to attend if you can- it would be great to get to know all of you better! Please email

richmondfriendsofanimals@gmail.com

for directions.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to helping circus animals!

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