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JACKSONVILLE'S ONEPROTEST TO GO UP AGAINST RINGLING BROS VP ON NPR

Jacksonville, FL - Adam Sugalski, Executive Director of animal and environmental advocacy group OneProtest, will face Vice-President of Corporate Communications at Feld Entertainment Stephen Payne on NPR's Talking Animals on Wednesday, January 25th. Payne is the longtime spokesman for the Ringling Bros. Circus.

Other guests include Dr. Janet Davis, a professor at the University of Texas in Austin and historian, who has done extensive research and writing about circuses (including two books), and is in a position to offer a scholarly view of how the significant demise of Ringling can be placed within the history and evolution of circuses. The panel will also include Arin Greenwood, a non-practicing lawyer, former animal welfare editor at The Huffington Post and journalist who's contributed to The Washington Post's Animalia blog and The Dodo.

Ringling's parent company, Feld Entertainment, announced this month that it would be ending its 146-year run in May. Feld Entertainment has already retired some of its elephants to a facility in Polk County. However, the elephants are used in medical research. OneProtest, along with others in the animal rights community are calling for all of Ringling's animals to be sent to proper sanctuaries to live out their lives free from stress.

OneProtest held peaceful protests during Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus shows this past week at Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena and will demonstrate this week at the Amalie Arena in Tampa. The public is invited to join the peaceful protests against Ringling Bros. Details can be found at [Facebook.com/OneProtest/Events](https://www.facebook.com/OneProtest/Events)

For more information visit CircusFacts.org and [Facebook.com/OneProtest/Events](https://www.facebook.com/OneProtest/Events).

Talking Animals will be streamed live at <http://www.talkinganimals.net/>

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