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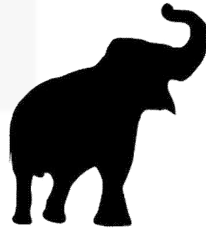
[Katy Payne, "Infrasonic Calls of the Asian Elephant", 1986]

Their hearing is so **sensitive**, they can pick up each other's calls from 6 miles apart – the distance from the zoo to downtown Beaverton!

As a result, the loud noise from zoo concerts cause them **high levels of stress**, as they have no escape from it.

They respond to the stress with a repetitive **swaying** or **rocking** motion, which many people mistake for dancing! The elephant is responding to stress, not enjoying the show.

[Video: <http://bit.do/dancing-elephant>]



## How you can help:

If you witness any zoo animal in distress, displaying repetitive swaying or rocking motions from the concert noise, or if you witness any bullhook use by handlers, please capture a video, along with the date and time of the incident, and share it with us.

Please write, tweet and comment to the performing artist, asking them to stop performing in zoos in the future!

Ask the zoo to focus on conservation & education, not entertainment. Zoo concerts are money-makers for the zoo at the expense of elephants' welfare.

Join us to help our zoo elephants!

We hope you enjoy the show, but spare a thought for the poor animals – and do spread the word to your friends!

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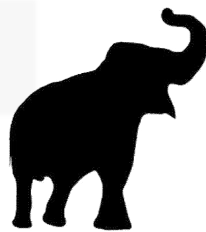
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