

The Pennsylvania National Horse Show Presents Top Horses In Competition, Exhibition

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Nearly 1,200 of the best American and international show horses will gather at the newly expanded Farm Show Arena in Harrisburg for the 58th annual Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Oct. 9-18.

In addition to competition for nearly a dozen national championships and more than \$325,000 in prize money, the show features special attractions including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the World Famous Budweiser Clydesdales, horse related shopping, equine attractions, children's activities, and more.

The world-renowned Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride will perform nightly Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 15-18. The Musical Ride consists of the execution of a variety of intricate figures and cavalry drill performed to music by 32 matched horses and riders. In addition to enjoying the RCMP's coordination, control and timing in the arena, the Mounties welcome visitors in the stabling area between shows.

Another crowd favorite, the World Famous Budweiser Clydesdales will present their eight horse hitch of thundering draft horses nightly, Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 15-18.

The Pennsylvania National Horse Show is America's largest indoor all-breed horse show. Since its inception in 1945, the event has raised nearly \$1.5 million for youth literacy, educational, and recreational programs through the Harrisburg Kiwanis Youth Foundation and the Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation.

The event's highlight is the \$65,000 Budweiser Grand Prix de Penn National, Saturday night,

Oct. 18. All four members of the U.S. Equestrian Team which recently won the Gold Medal at the Pan American Games in the Dominican Republic are expected to compete, along with top professionals from across the U.S. and beyond. These leading riders, who spend nearly a week at the show contesting a number of horses, open each evening session, Tuesday through Saturday, Oct. 14-18, with a jumper class.

The show begins with four days of competition for junior riders under age 18. Eleven national championships are decided at the PNHS. On Sunday, Oct. 12, more than 200 young equestrians ride for hunter equitation's pinnacle, the prestigious USAE/Pessoa National Hunter Seat Equitation Medal Finals. And for the second year, the Pennsylvania National Horse Show will host the 'Good Hands' National Saddle Seat Equitation Championship. The PNHS is also the site of the North American League championships for adult and children's hunters and jumpers, open jumper speed horses, and pony jumpers.

The show also features more than 50 vendors from across the country.

Oct. 9 to 14, general admission is \$10 or \$5 for seniors and children ages 12 and under. Oct. 15-18, general admission is \$15. Tickets are \$8 for children and seniors Oct. 15-17. No discounts are available Saturday night, Oct. 18. Reserved seating is available Grand Prix Night, Saturday, Oct. 18; prices range from \$17 to \$27. For more information phone (717) 770-0222 or visit www.panational.org.



The Pennsylvania National Horse Show is one of only three U.S. venues to host the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride in 2003. The troupe includes 32 matched horses and riders performing intricate maneuvers.

Stewart Buffer Trail Ride Conducted



Linda Denman, Pine Bush, drives her Belgian trio on a two-hour wagon tour during the trail ride in Stewart Park.

COLDENHAM, N.Y. — Two wagons full of supporters urged on a group of 100 people riding trails on the 5,200 acre reserve at Stewart State Forest.

Conducted on the first Saturday in May, the trail ride drew riders from as far away as Binghamton and Albany to enjoy the diversity of terrain and landscape.

Stewart State Forest is open for day riding or driving on its 14 miles of old roadway in addition to more than 50 miles of interior trails. Parking for rigs is located at the Ridge Road parking lot off of Route 17K in Coldenham (Montgomery area).

For questions or to obtain a laminated GPS map from the Stewart Park and Reserve Coalition please call Linda Meyer at (845) 895-3409.

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