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## **Northwest Horse Fair and Expo 2018** ***Horse Fun for Horse Lovers!***



Fancy dancing horses, colorful costumes, world-class riders, fast-paced precision drills, pony rides.... even a tiny dog riding a miniature horse! It's all part of the 19th annual **Northwest Horse Fair and Expo**, presented by Akins Trailers, March 23 through 25, 2018, at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center in Albany, Oregon. John Cloe, Event Manager and Founder said, "We enjoy providing this expo which features entertainment and education with horses, for horse enthusiasts of all ages! The **Northwest Horse Fair** is a family-friendly event, where expo attendees can learn from top-notch horse trainers, see extraordinary equine entertainment, breed demos, the *BreyerWest*® model horse show, the *Mustang Adoption Challenge*, plus shop at our gigantic trade show! Spectators have plenty to choose from, with four events running concurrently – all for one low admission price!"

### **Mustang Adoption – Take a Mustang Home!**

Horses and riders from Oregon, Washington and California will square off, in the *Mustang Adoption Challenge*, presented by the non-profit organization, *Teens and Oregon Mustangs!* According to Mr. Cloe, "Contestants have had just three months to train these wild horses for a series of competitive events held at the **Northwest Horse Fair.**" The Challenge gets underway Thursday evening March 22, with Showmanship and Body Condition judging. Admission to the Thursday night competition begins at 6pm and is free; but no other buildings will be open to the public that day. The mustang competition continues within the expo, Friday and Saturday with Youth In-Hand, Teen In-Hand, Freestyle contests, Teen Riding, the Body Conditioning Showdown, and an Adult Riding division. Competitors will vie for a new saddle awarded to each Division Champion! Results of the competition will be announced Sunday, along with award presentations for all divisions. Mr. Cloe continued, "Spectators have a chance to buy one of these fine mustangs, through the live auction held immediately after the Challenge results are announced, on Sunday March 25!" For more information on the **Mustang Adoption Challenge 2018**, go to <http://www.teensandoregonmustangs.org>.



### **BreyerWest Fun For All Ages!**

The **Northwest Horse Fair and Expo** will host *BreyerWest* - a fun model horse event featuring model horse hobby demonstrations, equine-related workshops for kids and adults, and model horse shows. Entrants in the model horse shows are coming from as far away as New Jersey, Texas, Pennsylvania and Canada, as well as from all across Oregon and Washington. On Friday, *BreyerWest* features the Open Model Horse Show and Sunday will feature the Youth/Novice Model Horse Show. All 3 days of the expo, free Stablemates Painting will be open to kids 18 and under! Saturday and Sunday will also feature various hands-on workshops, and free demos with hobby experts. For additional information and a full schedule of *BreyerWest* 2018 events, go to <https://www.breyerhorses.com/breyerwest18>.

### **World-Class Riders & Trainers!**

"The **Northwest Horse Fair** features exceptional equine education, with world-class riders, trainers and instructors, providing a wide variety of demonstrations, workshops and clinics", said Mr. Cloe. "Headlining the clinicians this year is Josh Lyons (TN) of *Lyons Legacy*, presenting *General Horsemanship* clinics. In addition, Kristi Wysocki (WA) will feature *Dressage* clinics; Steve Rother (WA) will conduct *General Horsemanship* clinics; Elizabeth Graves (MN) will work with *Naturally Gaited Horses*; and Julie Alonzo (OR) will offer *Working Equitation* clinics. In addition, radio and on-line TV host of *Speaking with Horses*, Wayne Williams (WI), will be on hand."

### **Engaging Equine Entertainment!**

Among the many examples of highly skilled horse training on display throughout the weekend, will be a potpourri of equine entertainment at the **Northwest Horse Fair!** The **BlackPearl Friesian Dance Troupe** will provide costumed choreography, synchronized to music, on elegant dancing horses. The “dynamic duo”, Spanky and Dally: a miniature horse and daring little dog, will show off their playful partnership, with amusing and unusual feats, guided by trainer Francesca Carsen. Ramping it up a notch, the **Rim Rock Riders Drill Team** will perform high-speed precision drill maneuvers, in unison!



### **Breed Showcase & Stallion Review**

Diversity of equine will highlight breed demonstrations at the **Northwest Horse Fair**. From fuzzy long-eared burros to dainty high-stepping Paso Finos; from the agile maneuvers of Andalusians to the sure-footed gaits of stout Canadian Horses; a wide variety of breeds from all over the world, will be on hand at the **Northwest Horse Fair!** Crowds can learn more about the array of equine breeds, in the Breed Showcase and Stallion Reviews. Plus horse lovers can browse the horse barn, getting up close and personal to horses of all colors and sizes!



### **The Largest Equine-Related Trade Show In the Northwest!**

An enormous trade show, with shopping booths filling two buildings, will provide a wide variety of products and services for horse owners and horse lovers. Vendors from all over the United States and Canada, offer trailers, horse supplies, saddles, services, horse and rider clothing, farm products, gifts, home décor items and much more!

### **Admission Discounts!**

**Northwest Horse Fair** attendees can receive a ticket discount on Friday March 23, while supporting the Albany **Helping Hands Homeless Shelter**. Friday attendees can bring a non-perishable food item to the gate at the **Northwest Horse Fair**, and receive \$1 off their ticket price! Discount on gait admission only; limit one discount per person. All food donations go to **Albany Helping Hands**.

Sunday March 25 is **KMTR Youth Day!** All Children 12 and under get in free that day with a paid adult admission. In addition, 4-H and Pony Club members aged 13 to 18 years, can get in free Sunday, with their club ID cards. “We offer Youth Day to support the future of the horse industry, through the 4-H and Pony Club organizations that educate young people about horses, and to provide an opportunity for youngsters to enjoy horses!” said Mr. Cloe.

### **Hours & More Info**

Hours for the Northwest Horse Fair are: Friday March 23, from 10am to 8pm; Saturday March 24, from 9am to 8pm; and Sunday March 25, from 9am to 6pm. For ticket information, schedules and more details about the **Northwest Horse Fair and Expo**, go to [www.equinepromotions.net](http://www.equinepromotions.net), email [jjcloe@equinepromotions.net](mailto:jjcloe@equinepromotions.net), call 765-655-2107, or join us for late breaking details and excitement, on Facebook (Northwest Horse Fair & Expo (NWHF)) and Twitter (@NWHorseFair).

Sponsors for the **Northwest Horse Fair and Expo 2018** are: Akins Trailer Sales, the presenting sponsor; Beelart Embroidery, the official event embroiderer; KMTR-TV, Youth Day sponsor; KRKT; Logan Coach Trailers; *The Northwest Horse Source*, the official publication of the **Northwest Horse Fair and Expo**; Phoenix Inn & Suites, the hosting hotel for the **Northwest Horse Fair and Expo**; and Wilco.

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