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Northwest Horse Fair 2019: - Twentieth Anniversary - Celebration of the Horse! -

The twentieth annual *Northwest Horse Fair and Expo*, presented by Akins Trailers Sales, will gallop into Albany, March 22nd through 24th, at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center. John Cloe, event founder and manager said, "Our 20th Anniversary celebration of the *Northwest Horse Fair and Expo*, will feature fancy dancing horses, costumed choreography on horseback, *Endo the Blind* Horse performances; fast-paced precision drills on horseback, world-renowned clinicians, the *Colt Starting Challenge USA*; the *BreyerWest*® Model Horse Show; pony rides for kids; a huge trade show, and demos by more than two dozen different horse breeds from all over the world!" Mr. Cloe continued, "If you enjoy horses, or wish you owned a horse, we have three days of horse fun planned for you! This is a family-friendly event, with something for everyone!" Reflecting on the twentieth year of the expo, Mr. Cloe noted, "We saw rapid growth in our early years of the horse fair, and now the *Northwest Horse Fair* has become the largest and oldest expo in the Northwest!"



Introducing: The Colt Starting Challenge!

"We're excited to host the *Colt Starting Challenge USA*, a new event at the *Northwest Horse Fair!*" said Mr. Cloe. "Six experienced horse trainers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, will draw a young horse to work with, and will apply their training skills to the young unbroken colts. Trainers have just three days to gentle, saddle, and ride these young horses in the *Colt Starting Challenge USA*! Using Natural Horsemanship methods, these talented trainers will work their horses simultaneously in the arena, taking turns to explain to the audience what they're doing and why. The last day of the expo, each trainer will ride and compete with their colt, through a demanding obstacle course!" The winning trainer will be awarded a custom Event Buckle, and will qualify for the National *Colt Starting Challenge USA* Finals at the end of 2019.

BreyerWest®

BreyerWest®, returns for the fourth year, to the *Northwest Horse Fair 2019*. *BreyerWest* features both an open and novice/youth model horse show with national competition. Horse show entrants are coming from as far away as Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Alberta, Canada! *BreyerWest* offers three days of Breyer horse fun, with workshops and activities for model horse hobbyists and enthusiasts, including free Stablemates painting for kids, hands-on crafts and workshops, plus free demos with hobby experts.



Equine Entertainment & Demos!

A diverse array of horses will show off their strengths with engaging performances, designed to educate and entertain horse lovers! The *BlackPearl Friesian Dance Troupe* will perform daily, as their flashy prancing horses perform lively choreography to music! *Endo the Blind* horse will demonstrate extraordinary communication, training and trust with his owner/rider and trainer, in an amazing performance!

And Marcia Moore-Harrison will perform a special *Cowboy Dressage* performance to music daily, before her clinics. Fancy and fast, the *Rhinestone Cowgirls Precision Drill Team* will perform high-action precision drills to music. Highlighting fast-paced hair-trigger action, the Oregon Mounted Shooting Association will present Cowboy Mounted Shooting! “The *Breed Showcase* and *Stallion Reviews* will represent breeds from all over the world! What a variety of horses!” Said Mr Cloe. “We’ll have the hypoallergenic Curly Horses, powerful Gypsy horses, mighty Mustangs, high stepping gaited horses, and majestic Baroque breeds, just to name a few! And spectators can visit these horses up-close and personal, in the stall barn!”



Learn from World-Class Riders & Trainers!

Grand Champion riders and highly successful trainers from across the United States will teach clinics and give daily demonstrations during the expo. The equine experts include: Josh Lyons, of *Lyons Legacy*, featuring *General Horsemanship* clinics; Mette Rosencrantz presenting *Dressage*; Heidi McLaughlin teaching how to be a *Fearless Rider*; Marcia Moore-Harrison featuring *Cowboy Dressage*; Steve Lantvit conducting *Horsemanship & Ranch Versatility* clinics; and Tom Seay from *Best of America by Horseback* offering *Trail Riding* lectures. Plus, on Friday, Lukas Bardue from the *BlackPearl Friesian Dance Troupe* will give a clinic on *Liberty & Trick Training*; on Saturday, Randal Walker of *Satus Stockdogs*, will feature *Working Dogs*; and on Sunday Ian Jones will give a presentation on *Equine Trail Sports*. And radio and on-line TV host of *Speaking with Horses*, Wayne Williams, will be on hand, as well as providing a lecture, *Horses in My Lifetime*, on Friday. Additional educational workshops, demos and lectures will be offered throughout the three days of the expo.



Giant Trade Show!

Vendors from all over the United States will provide a huge trade show, that spreads into two buildings, plus outdoor displays at the ***Northwest Horse Fair***. Shoppers can browse the vast selection of services and products for horse enthusiasts, including horse trailers, farm and stable products, clothing for rider and horse, gifts, artwork, home décor items and much more!

Discounted Admissions!

Friday March 22, attendees at the ***Northwest Horse Fair*** can receive \$1 off their gate admission price, in exchange for a donation of non-perishable food item(s), to support the *Albany Helping Hands Homeless Shelter*. Expo attendees can bring their food donations to the entrance gate at the ***Northwest Horse Fair***, and receive their ticket price discount at that time. Discount on gate admission only; limit one discount per person. All food donations go to *Albany Helping Hands*.

Sunday, March 24 is KMTR Youth Day, when young horse lovers have the opportunity to gain entrance to the horse expo at no charge! Children aged 12 years and under get in free that day, when accompanied by a paying adult; plus 4-H and Pony Club members aged 13 to 18, get in free with their club ID cards.

Tickets & More Information

For more details about the ***Northwest Horse Fair and Expo***, including advance tickets, hours and admission, go to: <http://www.equinepromotions.net/northwest-horse-fair>, 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 2019*** include: Akins Trailer Sales, the presenting sponsor; Beelart Embroidery, the official event embroiderer; Fitzgerald Corrals; KMTR-TV, the 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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