

Minnesota Horse Expo gets ready for April 22-24 Dates

The Minnesota State Fairgrounds opens to the 34th annual Minnesota Horse Expo for everyone who enjoys horses on Friday, April 22 through Sunday, April 24.

Some 750 vendor booth spaces packed with gear, horse association info, trailers, riding, showing and work apparel, equine supplies and more for horse and owner will fill six Fair buildings and flow outside to space along Judson Avenue. The MN 4-H Horse Project volunteers will help consign and sell thousands of items of tack, equipment and clothing at the Expo Consignment Sale in the Dairy Building.

This year's presenters include Guy McLean, Australian horseman and entertainer, Julie Goodnight, educator and host of Horse Master on RFD-TV, Anita Howe, gaited horse trainer and author of *Freedom to Gait*, Dale Myler, a leader in bit design and biting application, Yvonne Barteau, dressage trainer, competitor, author of *Ride the Right Horse* and *The Dressage Horse Manifesto*, and Robert Eversole, owner and operator of the largest horse trail and horse camp guide in North America.

Horses from approximately fifty breeds are expected to be on display in the Horse Barn and featured daily in the noon time narrated Parade of Breeds in the Coliseum. Friday and Saturday afternoons provide longer demonstrations of each breed; with a review of Stallions at Expo in the AgStar Arena each day.

PRCA rodeo performances have long been a favorite at the Minnesota Horse Expo with sell out crowds. The three rodeo performances feature Barnes PRCA Rodeo stock, seven rodeo events plus Rider Kiesner, who entertains with the Cowboy skills of trick roping, gun spinning and whip cracking. Tickets for the 7pm Friday and Saturday and 3pm Sunday afternoon rodeos are in addition to Expo daily admission and can be purchased starting March 1 on the Minnesota Horse Expo website and onsite during the Expo.

Friday and Saturday nights listen to live music outside the east side of the Horse Barn near Coasters from 7:30 to 10:30pm. Free horse, pony and wagon rides are available all three days of the Expo.

The Minnesota Horse Council owns the Minnesota Horse Expo and uses profits from the event to further their committee work for the state's horse industry. Daily Minnesota Horse Expo Admission tickets are \$11 for ages 13-61; \$7 for ages 6-12 and 62 plus. Children 5 and under are Free. Parking is free at Minnesota Horse Expo in State Fair lots. Tickets for the PRCA Rodeos are in addition to daily Expo admission. For updated Horse Expo information and a link to the Minnesota Horse Council site, visit www.mnhorseexpo.org or call 877-462-8758.