

# Come Stirrup Some Fun

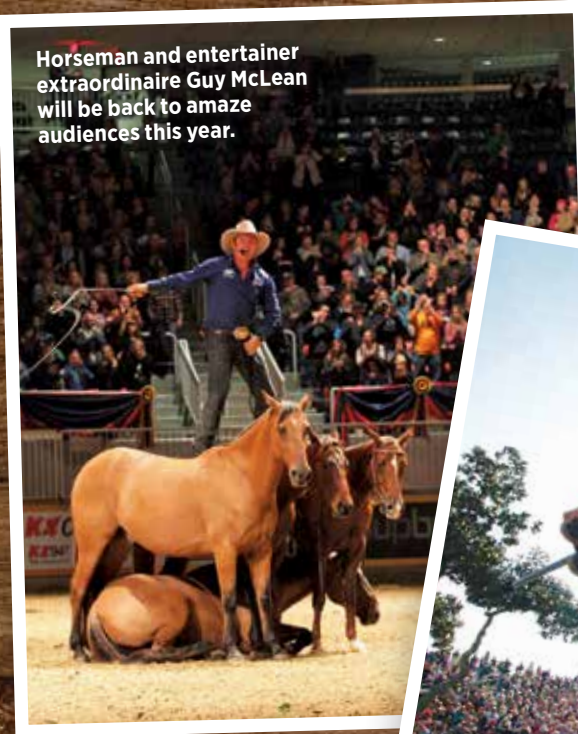
## at the 96th Royal Horse Show!

Toronto, ON, November 2-11, 2018

Last year was the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair's most successful on record, and this year's edition promises to be just as exciting. More than \$950,000 in prize money will up for grabs in a full slate of hunter, jumper, harness, breed classes and more.

Competition gets underway on Friday evening, Nov. 2nd, with the wildly popular \$20,000 Horsemare Indoor Eventing Challenge and the initial round of the \$125,000 Canadian Show Jumping Championship. Action continues with both competitions choosing a champion on Saturday evening.

During the second week the international jumpers invade the Coca Cola Coliseum, many fresh from competing at the World Equestrian Games. The seven feature classes in this division will be run over courses set by WEG course designer Alan Wade of Tipperary, Ireland. The \$85,000 GroupBy Big Ben International Challenge will now take place on Thursday evening, Nov. 8th, while the show will wrap up on Saturday evening with the Longines FEI World Cup, presented by GroupBy, offering an increased purse of \$205,000.



Horseman and entertainer extraordinaire Guy McLean will be back to amaze audiences this year.



Pogo Puissance by Xpogo!

## HORSE SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

- The Canadian Hunter Derby National Championship on Sunday, Nov. 4th and Tuesday, Nov. 6th will see top hunters from the Eastern and Western divisions square off over beautiful natural courses for a total of \$60,000 in prize money.
- On the evening of Nov. 6th, the elegant Dressage Derby will be the feature presentation.
- Guest emcee Amber Marshall of CBC's hit show Heartland will once again preside over the Ontario Toyota Dealers Rodeo on the final Sunday of the Fair. The Canadian Cowgirls troupe will perform their precision routines.
- Horses and dogs race for dough (and treats and pets!) in the the \$25,000 International K9-Equine Relay, which is always a good time, Nov. 10th during the matinee.

### AWESOME ENTERTAINMENT!!

- Pogo Puissance by Xpogo! During performances on the opening weekend (Nov. 2-4) Xpogo will amaze audiences as incredible young athletes riding pogo sticks compete over ever-increasing heights in the Coca Cola Coliseum. Who will be the last pogo master standing?

- The Man from Down Under: Popular Australian trainer and entertainer Guy McLean is returning with his amazing horses and horsemanship during all paid horse show performances during the run of the Fair.
- Don't forget the shopping, cooking battles, Spirit of the Horse demos, Presidents Choice Animal Theatre .... and the food, glorious Fair food!
- At the Horse Media Group booth you can pick up great gifts including calendars and ball caps, catch up with \$1 back issues, plus subscriptions are 50% off!

Last year, Kent Farrington put the kibosh on fellow American McLain Ward's eight-time dominance of the Longines FEI World Cup Jumping title at the Royal.



Amy Millar and Heros won the Canadian Show Jumping Championship for the first time last year.

Jessica Phoenix and Abbey GS took the \$20,000 Horseware Indoor Eventing Challenge title in 2017.



The Canadian Hunter Derby National Championship pits high-performance hunters against each other over lovely natural courses.



The \$20,000 Royal Dressage Cup Invitational was won by Megan Lane and Caravella. This year a new Dressage Derby format will be introduced.



Throughout the Fair you can find artisanal food, wine pairings, and chef demonstrations, plus enjoy delicious treats at your fave stops in the Food Court!

- New for 2018, The Royal has partnered with Boots and Hearts Presents to launch the Country Music Culinary Festival, which includes the first stop on the Tim Hicks "Get Loud" tour on Thursday evening. Hicks will be joined by The Washboard Union, Tebey and Madeline Merlo. On Friday, The Royal will feature the Boots and Hearts Emerging Artist Showcase, highlighting new Canadian country artists.



The carriage classes are always breathtaking.

Tickets, schedules and more info at [royalfair.org](http://royalfair.org)

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