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The 2019 Royal Horse Show promises to deliver its famous mix of fun and fabulous sport

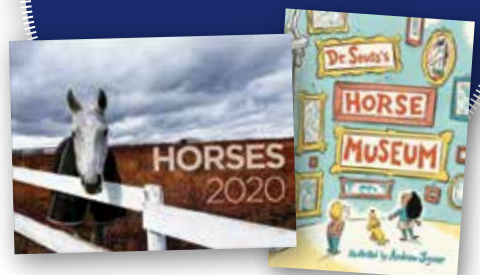
The highly-anticipated Royal Horse Show at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, taking place at Exhibition Place in Toronto, ON, November 1-10, 2019, always proves to be an exciting wrap-up to the Canadian competition season and an opportunity to see some world-class international jumping performances. This year, more than \$980,000 in prize money will be on offer in the fiercely-competitive hunter, jumper, harness and breed classes (the total purses are targeted to crest \$1 million in 2020!).

On Friday evening, Nov. 1st, the popular \$20,000 Horsemare Indoor Eventing Challenge and the opening round of the \$125,000 Canadian Show Jumping Championship – now generously

sponsored by insurance company HEP – kick things off. A champion will be chosen in both during the final rounds on Saturday evening.

During the second week the jumpers in the CSI4*-W international division will inhabit the Coca Cola Coliseum, including many Tokyo Olympics hopefuls. The seven feature classes will take place over courses designed by Michel Vaillancourt and begin with a new feature, the \$37,000 International Strength & Speed Challenge. The \$85,000 Big Ben International Challenge takes place on Thursday evening, Nov. 7th, while the show will once again enjoy its grand finale on Saturday evening, Nov. 9th, with the Longines FEI World Cup Toronto, offering an increased purse of \$210,000 – the richest in Royal history.

Be sure to stop by the *Horse Sport* booth where you can subscribe at 50% off and get our new 2020 Horses Calendar! There will also be a limited number of copies of the new *Dr. Seuss's Horse Museum* books for sale.





Longines FEI World Cup Jumping



Dressage Night at the Royal



Horseware Indoor Eventing Challenge



International K9-Equine Relay



Canadian Hunter Derby National Championship

Returning Faves

- » Showcasing top hunters over stunning natural obstacles, the Canadian Hunter Derby National Championship takes place on Sunday, Nov. 3rd and Tuesday, Nov. 5th, offering a total of \$60,000 in prize money for top competitors from the Eastern and Western divisions.
- » Dressage Night at The Royal, with its unique knockout competition format introduced last year, will be the feature presentation on the evening of Nov. 5th.
- » For Big Eq fans, the Jump Canada and CET Medal National Finals take place over three days, Nov. 5-7.
- » The final Saturday afternoon is reserved for a family favourite, the \$25,000 International K9-Equine Relay, where pooches and ponies team up for an exciting, blow-the-roof-off-the-Coliseum competition.
- » The Ontario Toyota Dealers Rodeo on the final Sunday of the Fair once again welcomes guest emcee Amber Marshall of CBC's hit show *Heartland* to preside over the rough-and-tumble events.
- » Throughout the run of the Fair, the President's Choice Animal Theatre showcases animals at work and play, including demonstrations by Spirit of the Horse, Medieval Times, President's Choice SuperDogs, the Toronto Police Service's Mounted Unit, and more.

Entertainment for 2019

- » The iconic RCMP Musical Ride will perform during all horse show paid performances, Nov. 1-3.
- » Internationally acclaimed performer Sylvia Zerbini will demonstrate her amazing communication with her troupe of liberty horses during all paid horse show sessions Nov. 5-9.

While bouncing between the show and the shopping, keep yourself nourished and hydrated on the go at the myriad of food and beverage locales at the Royal, or sit down and enjoy artisanal food and adult beverages and chef demonstrations. Horse show tickets, schedules and more info at royalfair.org 🐾