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Pennsylvania National Horse Show Offers Non-Stop Family Fun Competitions and Spectator Events Make Show a Must See for All Ages

Harrisburg, PA - When the Pennsylvania National Horse Show opens its doors for the 66th annual event, both exhibitors and spectators will be able to enjoy a variety of competitions and special events that have helped earn the event the "Horse Show of the Year" Award from the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame.

The 2011 show runs from Thursday, October 13th through Saturday, October 22nd at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg. The premier equestrian event is a favorite among the nation's best riders and attracts competitors from almost every state in the union. Over 1,200 horses will be competing in the Farm Show's main arena during the ten-day event.

All ten days are filled with experiences and events for all ages, with proceeds benefitting youth and equine programs. The Harrisburg Kiwanis Youth Foundation and the Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation both award grants from the proceeds to deserving charities.

Pennsylvania National Horse Show daily highlights include:

Thursday, October 13 – Competition begins for Junior Hunters at 8:00 a.m. and finishes with the North American Pony League Finals.

Friday, October 14 – Competition begins at 7:30 a.m. with Junior Hunters, followed by Pony Hunters and finishes with the Randolph College/USEF Prix de States Team Championship.

Saturday, October 15 – Pony Hunters begin competition at 7:30 a.m. The afternoon is dedicated to equitation and the evening to opening ceremonies and the Randolph College/USEF Junior Jumper Individual and Overall awards.

Sunday, October 16 – The Pessoa/USEF National Hunter Seat Medal Finals presented by Randolph College fills the day culminating with the awarding of this coveted championship which has been won by many equestrian greats.

Monday, October 17 – Competition begins at 9:00 a.m. for day-long hunter classes. Hunt Night begins at 6:30 p.m. and features the popular Jack Russell Terrier Races, a Parade of Foxhounds and the North American Fox Hunting Horn Blowing Championship.

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Tuesday, October 18 – Competition begins at 8:00 a.m. for hunter classes, followed by jumper classes in the afternoon. The evening's Local Night competition features amateur and professional riders within a 50-mile radius of Harrisburg. A special feature on Local Night is the Leadline Class where youngsters under 6 years show their skills

Wednesday, October 19 – Competition begins at 8:00 a.m. for hunters, sidesaddle classes and jumpers. The Gamblers' Choice Open Jumper Speed class begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by Invitational Barrel Racing and Pole Bending. Guy McLean will make his first appearance.

Thursday, October 20 - Competition begins at 8:00 a.m. with hunters followed by jumpers in the afternoon. The evening kicks off at 7:00 p.m. with the PA Big Jump, an FEI World Cup Qualifying class where riders compete for \$40,000 in prize money. Guy McLean makes his second appearance.

Friday, October 21 – Competition begins at 8:00 a.m. with Amateur Owner Hunters followed by Amateur Owner Jumpers. The evening begins at 7:00 p.m. with an Open Jumper Class followed by Celebrity Team Penning and another performance by Guy McLean.

Saturday, October 22 – The Amateur Owner Hunters begin competition at 8:00 a.m. followed by North American League Jumpers and an afternoon performance by Guy McLean. **The \$75,000 Grand Prix de Penn National begins at 7:30 p.m.** Following the Grand Prix, Guy McLean will give his final performance.

Parking is free. General Admission tickets for the first nine days of the show – October 13 – 21 - are \$10 for regular adult admission and \$5 for students and seniors (over 65). Children under 6 are free in General Admission seats. On Grand Prix Saturday, October 22nd, adult general admission seats are \$20 and \$10 for students and seniors. General Admission tickets can be purchased at the show or online, www.PAnational.org, under the "Event Info" tab.

Reserved Seats for the evening session, which will also allow all day admission, are available at \$50, \$40 and \$25. Reserved seats can be purchased by calling the show office, 717-770-0222 on Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

For more details on show events, competitors and vendors, please visit the show's website www.PAnational.org or contact the Pennsylvania National Horse Show at 717-770-0222 or by E-mail at eventinfo@PAnational.org.

The Pennsylvania National Horse show is celebrating its 66th year. One of the largest indoor horse shows in the U.S., the event hosts horses and competitors from across the country and spectators from throughout the Mid-Atlantic. In addition to the ten-day event, the Pennsylvania National Horse Show has donated over \$1.4 million to equine-related charities since its inception in 1945.

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