

The Royal[®] HORSE SHOW

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2018 Royal Horse Show Features International Show Jumping at its Finest

96th Annual Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Returns to Toronto

Toronto, Ontario – With top caliber sport and entertainment for every horse enthusiast, the world-renowned Royal Horse Show, held as part of the 96th Annual Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, returns to Exhibition Place in downtown Toronto, Canada, from November 2 through 11, 2018.

Increased prize money and innovative schedule changes will make this year's CSI4*-W Royal Horse Show better than ever. The \$205,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Toronto presented by GroupBy moves to Closing Night on Saturday, November 10. One of the hottest tickets in town, fans will see the best show jumping athletes in the world chasing the prestigious title as well as valuable qualifying points for the 2019 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ to be held next April in Goteborg, Sweden.



Kent Farrington of the United States will return to the CSI4-W Royal Horse Show, held as part of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, to defend his title in the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Toronto presented by GroupBy. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography*

The international show jumping division officially opens on Wednesday, November 7, featuring the \$36,000 Jolera International Welcome in the evening session. A sentimental favourite, the \$85,000 GroupBy 'Big Ben' International Challenge highlights Thursday evening while the popular \$50,000 Weston Canadian Open remains in its traditional place on Friday evening's Royal Horse Show schedule.

Saturday afternoon, November 10, is Family Day, presented by McDonald's, at the Royal Horse Show. The entertaining K9-Equine Challenge, presented by the Toronto Star, pairs show jumping horses with agility dogs to see who can complete their respective courses in the fastest time. In an unparalleled evening of horse sport, the \$205,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Toronto presented by GroupBy will bring down the curtain on Closing Night as Kent Farrington of the United States attempts to defend his title.

"The Royal Horse Show is a pivotal part of the overall Royal Agricultural Winter Fair experience and we are proud to have of the world's most talented athletes, both human and horse, join us in Toronto," said Charlie Johnstone, CEO of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. "We work tirelessly year-round to improve the Royal Horse Show experience and have again raised the bar by offering increased prize money and a new schedule to truly showcase the best of the best for our loyal audience."



Australia's Guy McLean will showcase his unique form of natural horsemanship throughout the 10-day Royal Horse Show running November 2 to 11 in Toronto, Canada. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

Before the international show jumping division gets underway, top Canadian talent will contest the \$125,000 Canadian Show Jumping Championship on November 2 and 3 in the hopes of taking home the coveted national title. Irish course designer Alan Wade, fresh off the biggest challenge of his career at the FEI World Equestrian Games, will set the show jumping tracks in the Coca-Cola Coliseum throughout this year's Royal Horse Show.

In addition to show jumping competition, this year's Royal Horse Show features the exciting Horsemanship Indoor Eventing Challenge on November 2 and 3 while Tuesday evening, November 6, doubles down on derby fun with both the \$25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby and the newly-introduced Dressage Derby, which will see four riders going head-to-head in a knock-out format. Among this year's featured entertainment, Australia's Guy McLean will demonstrate his unique form of natural horsemanship throughout the 10-day Royal Horse Show.

Offering more than \$980,000 in prize money, the Royal Horse Show attracts competitors – and more than 1,000 horses - from around the globe for its 10-day run. VIP Platinum and Gold seating, as well as group and

individual tickets, are **on sale now and moving quickly**. All Royal Horse Show tickets include general admission to the Fair.

Link: <https://www.ticketmaster.ca/Royal-Winter-Fair-Horse-Show-tickets/artist/891637>

For more information on the Royal Horse Show, the marquee event of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, please visit www.royalfair.org/horse-show.

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About The Royal

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is the world's largest combined indoor agricultural and equestrian event. This year marks the 96th anniversary of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and it runs November 2-11, 2018, at Exhibition Place in Toronto, Canada. For competition schedules, live webcasting, results, and to purchase tickets, please visit www.royalfair.org.