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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WELCOMES PRESTIGIOUS
WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW

*The 64th Annual Equine Extravaganza Will Be Held from October 24-30 at the
Show Place Arena, Prince George's Premier Equestrian Event Space*

LARGO, MD – Prince George's County, the Town of Upper Marlboro, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County are excited to host the 64th Annual Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) beginning next week at the Show Place Arena. This is the first time the event will be held at Show Place Arena, and the first time in over two decades that the event is taking place in Prince George's County.

"We are Prince George's Proud to be able to host the prestigious Washington International Horse Show in Prince George's County, the Crown Jewel of Maryland," said Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. "Some of the most talented equestrian riders from across the country and world will be gathered here, which will have a significant economic impact on our County and State. We look forward to an amazing competition and being able to showcase all that Prince George's County has to offer."

The WIHS returns to the Washington, D.C. area this year following a two-year hiatus when it was held outdoors at the Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC) in North Carolina due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's show in Upper Marlboro will be held October 24-30 and will include seven days and three nights of thrilling five-star international jumping, top hunters, entertaining exhibitions, and special events for the whole family. Some of the competitions will be Olympic and World Cup-qualifying events.

"We are very excited that the 64th annual Washington International Horse Show will take place at The Show Place Arena at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Maryland," said Mary Helen Shaughnessy, Executive Director of WIHS. "Our return to the D.C. area will be particularly exceptional and we're extremely grateful for the positive reception and hard work put forth by Maryland state and Prince George's County officials and teams that are dedicated to

making this event the best yet. The show's new FEI five-star designation means this year's event will attract more of the world's top riders, from 10 different countries, including Olympic medalists McLain Ward, Jessica Springsteen, Laura Kraut, Kent Farrington, and Rodrigo Pessoa, as well as last year's Grand Prix winner Tiffany Foster of Canada."

Daytime events will be held throughout the week (Monday, October 24 through Sunday, October 30) and will include "hunters," where horses are judged on accuracy, grace, and elegance as they jump a course of natural-style obstacles similar to what might be found in foxhunting. The daytime events will also feature junior and amateur jumpers, where young riders will compete over decorated courses where speed and accuracy determine the winner.

Evening events will take place next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 27-29. These evening events will include international show jumping, entertaining exhibitions, and the WIHS equitation final. Additional WIHS highlights taking place during the week will include Barn Night on Thursday, October 27; Military Night presented by Boeing on Friday, October 28; an inaugural ETHOS Award Ceremony (to recognize contributions by African Americans to the horse world) and World Cup Night on Saturday, October 29; and Kids' Day activities on Saturday, October 22 at the National Harbor Carousel lot and Saturday, October 29 at the Show Place Arena Equestrian Center.

"We are excited to welcome the Washington International Horse Show back to the Metro DC region," said Mayor Sarah Franklin of the Town of Upper Marlboro. "The Town is especially honored to be hosting this event in Upper Marlboro. The Showplace Arena is expanding and continuing its tradition of hosting nationally acclaimed equestrian events such as the WIHS. Welcoming this prestigious show is another step toward achieving our goal of becoming a regional tourist destination."

"The Show Place Arena is an ideal setting for this illustrious event, and as our sports industry continues to flourish, we look forward to welcoming the equine community and all attendees to experience a sport of this distinction," said Leslie W. Graves, President and CEO of Experience Prince George's.

Details about all of the week's events can be found at the WIHS website, www.wihs.org.

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