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Tulsa Reining Classic Returns to Tulsa Through 2018

In late August each year the reining industry lives on Tulsa time when the Tulsa Reining Classic takes over the Built Ford Tough Livestock Complex at Expo Square! On August 26, the event begins its second decade, running through August 31.

The success of the event has helped it become a mainstay in the reining world and prompted its producer, Global Reining Sport Group, to extend its contract with the Tulsa County Public Facilities Authority through 2018.

Anne-Marie Burns, Global Reining Sport Group Treasurer, was instrumental in securing the agreement and she is enthusiastic about returning to Tulsa. "We appreciate the support of the entire staff at Expo Square, the Tulsa community, Visit Tulsa and the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce for their support in helping the Tulsa Reining Classic remain in Tulsa. We look forward to many years of reining in this location," Burns said.

The Tulsa Reining Classic features an array of reining competitions, for horses aged three and up. The \$60,000 added Hollywoodstinseltown Open Futurity and Turnabout Farm \$25,000 added Non Pro Futurity draw exhibitors from across the country and abroad, last year attracting over 700 entries! With steadily increasing participation in the \$20,000 added Darling Ranch Developing Horse Futurity, it's predicted to grow even more in 2014 and it leads a list of innovative and progressive classes.

In the past, the Tulsa Reining Classic has hosted the United States Equestrian Federation National Reining Championship. This year, since the World Equestrian Games are taking place the same week in Normandy, France, the show will feature several tributes to Team USA - hoping to see them bring home gold medals!

Young riders and non pros are important to the industry and the youth reining horsemanship clinic that began last year with multi-World Champion Katie Krshka will be joined by a non pro clinic given by the legendary Jackie Krshka. There's also a Youth Evening on Friday, August 30, complete with Lead-line Reining and Youth Freestyle classes. Plus, short stirrup riders, aged ten and under, will compete for a circuit championship buckle.

Colleen McQuay, a founding partner of the Global Reining Sport Group, noted, "We credit our sponsor relationships with making this show a success. Some, like Ariat, have been on board since the beginning and are certainly a part of the Tulsa Reining Classic family. We've been fortunate to have not only industry sponsors, but also supporters from the Tulsa business community. It's because of this type support that we are able to offer new things such as clinics and youth and non pro activities while we enjoy training and showing our horses in this great facility."

Another change for 2014 is the addition of Cheryl Magoteaux Cody's Pro Management, Inc. of Byars, Oklahoma, which has come on board to manage the growing event. McQuay is excited about Pro Management joining the Tulsa team. "I've worked with Cheryl and her group for many years on other very successful projects. I'm very excited to look forward to having Pro Management's high level of professionalism and service help take us to the next level!"

For information on the Tulsa Reining Classic, visit www.tulsareining.com or call [\(580\) 759-2525](tel:5807592525).