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## **Art of the Horse Presented at Western States Horse Expo**

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Western States Horse Expo, June 9-11, 2017 in Sacramento, California is proud to present “Art of the Horse,” a juried art show and sale that features the magnificent world of horses in various art mediums.

You could walk through 15 art galleries in San Francisco or Los Angeles and not see one work of art that features horses. But at the Western States Horse Expo, an entire building area is dedicated to beautiful pieces of art, all focused on the horse.

Horse people embrace the horse in so many ways — having horses is truly a lifestyle, reflected by clothing, footwear, vehicles, barns, fencing — and artwork that adorns our homes. At the Western States Horse Expo, visitors can stroll through the art show and find a fascinating array of artwork — and it’s all for sale!

This year, in an ongoing effort to draw the finest artists in the country, the Western States Horse Expo is offering a \$1,000 cash prize to the winner of Best in Show, and a \$250 cash prize to first places in each division.

Categories for the show include acrylic, colored pencil, mixed media, sculpture, wearable art, oil, pastel, pencil/charcoal, photography, and watercolor. To encourage young people to participate in expressing their love of horses, there are junior art categories. Each division is judged by professionals, with top honor going to Best of Show. Expo attendees are encouraged to vote for their favorite piece of art, and the most popular vote will be presented with the “People’s Choice Award.”

Horses have been the icons of civilization throughout history, with mankind depending upon them for farming, transportation, war, and exploration. Horses have been depicted in art throughout the ages, too, often seen in larger-than-life statues. In fact, there is urban legend that soldiers seen astride in statues are thought to have died during battle if the horse is rearing. The soldier was

wounded in battle if one of the horse's front legs is lifted up, and if all four hooves are on the ground, the soldier died outside of battle.

Horses have captured our hearts and our attention throughout the ages, and in recognition of how horse aficionados want to surround themselves with "all things horses," the Western States Horse Expo invites you to visit the Art of the Horse art show and sale.

The Western States Horse Expo, June 9-11 in Sacramento, California is open Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More information can be found at [www.horseexpo.com](http://www.horseexpo.com). Follow Western States Horse Expo on Facebook at [XXXX \(NEED HOT LINK\)](#) for updates.

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**About Western States Horse Expo:** The Sacramento location for the Western States Horse Expo is now celebrating its 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary June 9-11, 2017 and the Western States Horse Expo Pomona celebrated its sixth year in 2017. Founded by horsewoman and entrepreneur Miki Nelsen, the Western States Horse Expos are the largest equine expositions in the United States.