

# THE BIG E

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## IN THE COLISEUM: BIG E HORSE SHOWS, DEMONSTRATIONS AND SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

Grab a seat in the grandstand of the Coliseum to watch tons of exciting, elegant horse shows and demonstrations. Since 1917, horses and riders across New England have trotted, cantered and galloped their way to victory in the Eastern States Horse Show, a United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Heritage Competition, sponsored by *Williams Distributing*. From petite Hackney ponies to giant Drafts, riders and their skilled equines exhibit amazing athleticism as they compete in a variety of classes.

The Eastern States Exposition Horse Show was granted the USEF Heritage Competition Designation on July 1, 2016. This prestigious designation places the show with an elite group of Federation licensed competitions that have been established for a long period of time and have made substantial contributions toward the development and promotion of the sport.

This year, lookout for **The Hunter Show** on Sept. 12—two days before opening day. The show will continue through Sept. 16 and includes the **USHJA Zone HOTY Finals**. The fourth **\$15,000 Hunter Classic** will take place Friday, Sept. 14 at 7pm—The Big E's opening night!

**Saddlebreds, Hackneys, Morgans, Friesians and Open Opportunity Classes** enter the Coliseum Sept. 20–23, and check out **The Big E Draft Horse Show**, Sept. 27-30. In this show, Belgians, Clydesdales, Shires and Percherons take over the Coliseum. Watch horses compete for the top prizes in a variety of classes for carts, tandems, unicorns, teams and fours. Enjoy the following during the show:

- Sept. 30: The **\$35,000 Six Horse Hitch Showdown**
- Sept. 30: The **2018 North American Classic Cart Series Finals**
- Sept. 30: **The Haflinger and Hitch Pony Finals**

World-renowned horse trainer and performer, **Guy McLean**, will appear in the Coliseum Sept. 27-30 during the Draft Show. Since he was a child, Guy held deep connections with the horses on his homestead in Australia, and knew practically his whole life that he wanted to be a Horseman. He's been training horses since his teen years, and now demonstrates his skills in shows around the world.

For additional excitement, mark your calendars for the following demonstrations:

- Sept. 17: **Horse Pulling**
- Sept. 18: **Ox Pulling**
- Sept. 19-22: **4-H Horse Show**
- Sept. 24: **Sheep Dog Trials**
- Sept. 25: **The Northeast Six Shooters** come to The Big E. This fun-filled event includes friendly competitions while promoting safety and fun. Watch mounted shooters show off their cowboy heritage in traditional garb as they demonstrate target shooting on horseback!

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**Equestrian Hall of Fame Induction, Sept. 22 at 6pm**

Join us to honor the fifth inductee into the Eastern States Exposition Equestrian Hall of Fame! The Hall of Fame was established in 2014 to recognize individuals and equines that have shown excellence in their discipline, made significant achievements in the competition world and made outstanding contributions to the sport and equestrian community. Nominations are open to actively competing or retired horses as well as individuals who have been affiliated with Eastern States Exposition at year-round shows or Big E horse shows. Visit [TheBigE.com/EquestrianHOF](http://TheBigE.com/EquestrianHOF) for a list of past recipients.

The Big E takes place Sept. 14 – 30 in West Springfield, Mass. and will be jam-packed with food, entertainment, and so much more! Visit [TheBigE.com](http://TheBigE.com) to sign up for emails and connect on social media to be the first to get exclusive information. Join us with #BigEMoments.