

BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY

The **WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW** returns to the streets of D.C.

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A FIXTURE IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C., COMMUNITY and an equestrian tradition since 1958, the Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) is the leading metropolitan indoor show in the U.S. and has stolen the hearts of competitors and horse-sport fans alike. The show, presented by Mars Equestrian, possesses a dedication to bringing horse sport to the masses. The WIHS thrives on introducing equestrian sport to those who may have never seen a horse, touched a horse, or watched a horse perform.



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Top Competition

A ribbon earned at WIHS is undoubtedly a cherished one with championships, recognitions, and special awards being bestowed upon some of the nation's top hunter horses and ponies. In addition, the Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Final proudly serves as one of the most prestigious year-end equitation finals and takes place on Saturday, October 26, before the level of horse sport climbs even higher later that evening. Also taking up the spotlight on Saturday, the \$136,300 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup Washington for the President's Cup is a coveted qualifier for the 2020 Longines FEI World Cup Jumping Final in Las Vegas, NV, next April. Purchase a ticket, which starts as low as \$2.

A Celebration of the Horse

WIHS has always been more than just a horse show. It features the fan-favorite



Above: Aaron Vale and Finou 4 beat the challenge of the puissance wall when it stood just shy of 7-feet; Beezie Madden and Breitling LS; the Shetland Pony Steeplechase.

Barn Night, presented by the Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund, on Thursday, October 24. Kids' Day Saturday, October 26, includes the WIHS Shetland Pony Steeplechase Championship Series, presented by Charles Owen, and, featured this year, is the \$35,000 International Jumping Accumulator Costume Class.

Modern Day Tradition

While some of the world's most celebrated riders have competed at WIHS, the show is also a historic social event. Many notable guests have made their way to WIHS over the years, including Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, and Gerald R. Ford. Embrace D.C. culture on Military Night, presented by Caterpillar Inc., and enjoy the \$50,000 Speed Final and iconic \$25,000 Land Rover Puissance on Friday, October 25.

