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The Liberty Festival is Back and Better than Ever

Following the groundbreaking success of the 2022 event, the Liberty Festival is the place to be to witness the magic of this unique discipline come to life.

[Lexington, KY] - The Liberty Horse Association is proud to announce the return of the highly anticipated Liberty Festival for 2023! This exciting event celebrates the incredible bond between horse and human through the art of Liberty horsemanship.

The festival will take place at the world-class Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park on Oct 13 – 15 and will feature a star-studded lineup of internationally renowned Liberty trainers and talented equine performers showcasing their creativity and connection with their horses through this unique discipline.

“We were blown away by the success of the 2022 Liberty Festival” said Dr. Elizabeth James, CEO of the International Liberty Horse Association and event coordinator. “People love Liberty. They love learning about it, talking about it, watching it, practicing it and performing it. We wanted to give people more of what they want along with some significant upgrades.”

The festival boasts a diverse program of performances, demonstrations, and clinics from some of the industry's top trainers and educators.

“When selecting clinicians for this year's Liberty Festival, we were committed to providing a diverse lineup of trainers that attendees wouldn't find at any other equine event,” explained Dr. James.

“We are ecstatic to welcome Ben Atkinson of Ben Action Horses from the UK, a fan favorite of Liberty enthusiasts worldwide, best known for his work on *Peaky Blinders*, *Poldark* and *The Witcher*. Also joining us is Ty Murray, a ProRodeo Hall of Fame inductee and seven-time all-around world champion rodeo athlete turned expert bridleless Liberty trainer with a particular fondness for Clydesdales.

The festival will also showcase Skye Liikanen of Australia, a colt starting and Thoroughbred makeover champion who uses Liberty to achieve success in both areas. Additionally, we have Chelsea Canedy, an accomplished dressage, jumping and eventing trainer, who specializes in positive reinforcement.

Lastly, we're excited to welcome back Warwick Schiller, a leading expert in connection-based horsemanship, with a unique focus on the psychology, behavior, and relationship between horses and humans - a perfect fit for our event celebrating the bond between horse and human.”

The Liberty Festival is designed for those interested in Liberty regardless of where they are in the journey.

- For those looking to learn Liberty there will be top clinicians doing demonstrations.
- For people with questions there will be trainers, clinics, booths and social events providing the opportunity for them to get answers.
- For Liberty enthusiasts wanting to showcase their own Liberty skills there will be Youth, Non-pro, Pro and Senior ILHA Championship classes for all levels and abilities.
- For trainers who offer Liberty lessons, clinics and other forms of teaching there will be the opportunity to connect with attendees seeking their services.
- For people wanting more than just an expo there will be exclusive VIP events along with everything central Kentucky has to offer in the fall.
- For those seeking community there will be ILHA Club representatives and social events to connect with other like-minded Liberty fans.
- For those who love to shop there will be a Liberty Festival Trade Show.
- For those seeking entertainment and inspiration, the one-of-a-kind night show, *The Evolution of Liberty*, is a must see. There they will experience the rich history of Liberty come to life through captivating performances, followed by an Invitational Freestyle Competition showcasing the boundless possibilities of combining Liberty with music and costume.

This one-of-a-kind event aims to educate, inspire and connect Liberty fans from all over.

Whether you're a horse lover, liberty enthusiast, or simply appreciate the beauty and grace of these magnificent animals, the Liberty Festival promises to be a truly unforgettable experience. Tickets and additional information about the festival can be found at:

www.libertyhorseassociation.com/liberty-festival

Don't miss this opportunity to witness the magic of Liberty horsemanship in action at the 2023 Liberty Festival!