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## AHA's Youth Nationals Returns to OKC in 2016

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**(3-March-15 – AURORA, CO)** – The Arabian Horse Association (AHA) is excited to announce the return of the Arabian & Half-Arabian Youth National Championship Horse Show to State Fair Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. for 2016-2018. The 2016 show runs from July 23-30.

Over the years, [State Fair Park](#) has evolved into the 21st Century horse show destination and one of the largest and busiest event facilities in the country. The park ensures OKC maintains its status as the 'Horse Show Capital of the World,' through a recent equine renovation project. The project was implemented as part of the \$100 million dollar on-going improvements to the park.

One of the biggest changes to the park is the inclusion of climate controlled amenities, including the air condition of all show arenas. In addition to having excellent heating and cooling, a state-of-the-art ventilation system will continuously circulate fresh air in and out of the barns.

"As long time chair of the Youth Nationals Show Commission, we are excited about the opportunities that OKC can offer our exhibitors and their families," says Mickey Hegg, AHA Youth Nationals Show Commission Chair.

AHA is proud to be one of many outstanding equine organizations to produce a national show from State Fair Park in 2016. Arabian & Half-Arabian Youth Nationals will be immediately followed by the [AQHYA World Championship Show](#) in July, the [Grand National Morgan Horse Show](#) (video links) in October, and finally the American Quarter Horse World Championship Show in November.

"In addition to being the 'Horse Show Capital of the World,' Oklahoma City is currently one of the most talked about cities in the country," says Timothy J. O'Toole, President and CEO, Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. "Recent improvements throughout the city have attracted the eye of not only the business traveler, but also of the casual tourist. Oklahoma City is certainly on an upward spiral with attractions and activities to suit any and all tastes."

Families taking a break from the show can spend time taking in all the great food, lodging and entertainment that OKC offers. [Bricktown](#), the former warehouse-turned-entertainment district just east of OKC offers a plethora of sights and sounds to take in along the beautiful Bricktown Canal.

"This is an exciting announcement for Oklahoma City," said Michael Carrier, president of the [Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Bureau](#). "The Horse Show Capital of the World offers tremendous opportunities for the Arabian Horse Association's Youth National Championship including a top-rated zoo, the new [RIVERSPORT Rapids at the Boathouse District](#), the unique [National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum](#) along with numerous other world class museums and plenty of family-fun facilities for all to enjoy. We are proud to have been selected to be the host city beginning in 2016 and look forward

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to showcasing Oklahoma City to those attending." AHA and State Fair Park look forward to seeing you in OKC in 2016.



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