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Planning Begins for the 2nd Annual Arabian U.S. Open at the Rolex Central Park Horse Show

(05-MAY-16) – AURORA, COLO. – Planning is just getting under way for the 2nd Annual Arabian U.S. Open, sponsored by [Aljassimya Farm](#) and hosted by the [Arabian Horse Association](#) (AHA), at the [Rolex Central Park Horse Show](#).

In 2015, Arabian horses were showcased to the world on a platform with the potential to broadcast the Arabian breed into all four corners of the earth. Their debut in New York City was an exquisite one, with perfect weather, a breathtaking arena and an electric atmosphere – an evening for the record books.

2016 is the second year that the beloved Arabian breed has been invited to showcase their beauty and athleticism at this esteemed event. Located in Central Park in the middle of Manhattan, New York, on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, Arabian horses hold the coveted opening night spot at the September 21-25 event. The Rolex Central Park Horse Show is hosted by the [Chronicle of the Horse](#) and International Equestrian Group (IEG) and owner, Mark Bellissimo.

The Arabian U.S. Open 2016 [schedule](#) has changed slightly, but will include the following classes: Arabian Mounted Native Costume; Junior Fillies; Hunter Pleasure; Junior Colts; Western Pleasure; Senior Mares; Country English Pleasure; and Senior Stallions. The Hunter Pleasure, Western Pleasure and Country English Pleasure classes will be in the Pro/Am format and there will be no yearling classes. Gold, Silver and Bronze champions will be crowned once again for each class.

With the limited availability of stalls, fifty horses will attend the event. Trainers and exhibitors who participated at the show in 2015 will be given the first opportunity to attend. Additionally, at the 2015 U.S. Nationals, amateur riders who won invitations to compete with their horses at Central Park include: Afireandbrimstone SCA and Susan Knipe for Country English Pleasure; Onyx A and Anne Keller for Western Pleasure; RD Nevaska and Sheryl Yochum for Hunter Pleasure; and Beg for Mercy and Stacy Plonte for Native Costume.

Further information regarding qualifying for the available spots will be announced in the next couple of weeks. The deadline for entries is tentatively planned for July 1, 2016.

The Arabian U.S. Open will once again be held at Wollman Rink in Central Park Wednesday evening, September 21. The show will be live streamed through [Arabian Horse Global](#) and [Arabian Horse Results](#), allowing audiences around the world to see this prestigious event.

Further information, including the host hotel, opportunities for purchasing a VIP/Patron table and detailed information for exhibitors will be available after **June 1, 2016**.

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Aljassimya Farm and the Arabian Horse Association are proud to present the second Arabian U.S. Open. Thank you for your patience as we continue to plan and information will be forthcoming. Watch for e-blasts and news releases regarding further information. Website coming soon!

We'll see you...in New York City!

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AHA is a major equine association serving 84,000 Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horse owners across North America. AHA registers and maintains a database of more than one million Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses. AHA produces championship events, recognizes over 400 Arabian horse shows and distance rides and provides activities, education, and programs that promote breeding and ownership.

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