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## Oklahoma State Fair to Host Peruvian Horse National Show This Weekend

**Oklahoma City** – The North American Peruvian Horse Association National Show will take place at the Oklahoma State Fair from Friday, September 24 to Sunday, September 26. The event will take place in the Performance Arena.

Over 120 Peruvian horses and riders have traveled from all corners of the United States to compete in the competition. States represented at this year's National Show include New York, California, Ohio, Florida, Texas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Idaho, Mississippi, and South Dakota. Some riders have come to Oklahoma from as far as Peru.

NAPHA President Mark Renn said, "We are honored to be part of the historic Oklahoma State Fair. Our breed is unique and we can't wait for the great people of Oklahoma and visiting states to meet the smoothest riding horse in the world, the Peruvian Horse."

Participants will compete on Friday and Saturday in hopes of qualifying for Sunday's championship classes. Unique to the breed, Sunday afternoon culminates with Champion of Champions classes where this year's champions will compete against previous winners. The show ends with all award winners participating in a traditional "Barrida of Champions" where all major award winners join in a grand presentation that originates back to historic war maneuvers.

"We rotate our National Show around the United States and this is the first time in history it will take place in Oklahoma," said Show Chairman, Horacio Santos. "The excitement around this year's national competition has been electric. We welcome everyone to see our beautiful horses Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in the Performance Arena here at the State Fair."

Special event announcements and general updates for the 2021 Oklahoma State Fair will be released as information becomes available. To stay up-to-date on all the Fair fun, visit <u>www.okstatefair.com</u>, find us on <u>Facebook</u> or follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. And don't forget to share your Fair memories and stories with us using #OKStateFair and #Back2FunIn21

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