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*Photographs available.*

## **Special Clinic Opportunities Afforded by the 2009 Equine Affaire**

**Pomona, CA, January 29–February 1, 2009**—Equine Affaire will return to Fairplex in Pomona, CA, January 29th through February 1st and attract horse enthusiasts of all ages, all breed and sport persuasions, and all levels of expertise from throughout the Southwest and beyond. Over the four days of the event, Equine Affaire’s legendary educational program will include more than 125 different clinics, seminars, and demonstrations on a broad range of equine disciplines and horse-related topics conducted by many of the nation’s most-respected coaches, competitors, horse trainers, and equine management experts.

While clinics presented at Equine Affaire will be catered to attendees who will be watching from the stands, there will also be unique opportunities for selected horses and riders to participate in many of the sessions. Among the many outstanding clinicians who will be accepting horses and/or riders at Equine Affaire will be general trainers including **Chris Cox**, **Julie Goodnight** (*Straightforward Horsemanship*), and **Mark Rashid** and discipline-specific trainers including **Marlene McRae** (*barrel racing and pole bending*), **Steffen Peters** (*dressage*), **Elizabeth Graves** (*Easy-Gaited Horses*), **Steve Edwards** (*Mules*), **Donna Snyder-Smith** (*Centered Riding*® and *Distance Competition*), and **Diane Kastama** (*Driving*). Reining and hunter/jumper clinics

which were not finalized as of press time will be posted at [www.equineaffaire.com](http://www.equineaffaire.com) as soon as they are confirmed.

Equine Affaire's Ride With The Best program offers rare opportunities for both horses and riders to interact with top trainers and coaches for modest clinic fees ranging from \$650 to \$100 per clinic. These fees include clinic participation, event admission, and stabling. While some clinicians are seeking riders and horses with specific skills or problems, others are seeking any riders interested in improving their relationships with their horses. Clinicians will select the participants for their sessions from written applications and videos submitted to Equine Affaire. Details and an application are available at [www.equineaffaire.com](http://www.equineaffaire.com). Interested riders may also request a Ride With The Best information packet by contacting Nicole Taylor at (740) 845-0085 ext. 123 or [ntaylor@equineaffaire.com](mailto:ntaylor@equineaffaire.com). The application deadline is December 8, 2008. Don't miss this chance to Ride With The Best at Equine Affaire.

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