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**November 13-15, 2009 – The Equine Affaire Versatile Horse & Rider Competition,
Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA.**

Equine Affaire's popular Versatile Horse & Rider Competition will return to the Eastern States Exposition on November 15th and 16th. Thirty pre-selected horse and rider teams will compete for \$5,500 in cash and other prizes as well as the title of Versatile Horse & Rider Competition Champion. Each horse and rider team will have to balance speed with precision through an obstacle course while being timed and judged on horsemanship criteria. The qualifying rounds of the competition will be held during Equine Affaire on Friday and Saturday afternoons in the coliseum at the Eastern States Exposition; the Finals will be on Sunday morning. The competition will be open to adult riders and horses of all breeds, and Tommy Garland will serve as the event's special guest commentator. Details on the competition and how to apply to compete are available at www.equineaffaire.com or by contacting Coagi Long at clong@equineaffaire.com or (740) 845-0085 ext. 114 Monday-Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm Eastern. The application deadline is September 4th. Put your horse and your horsemanship skills to the test—or enjoy the fast-paced action of this exciting event and cheer on your favorite competitors.

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