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Front Row

April/May 2011

The Show Place Arena — It All Happens Here. Business • Entertainment • Sports

FREE

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— or very close to it

We're all attracted to the word "free,"
but in this economy it's even more compelling.

Kee your eye on the monthly calendar at The Show Place Arena. Over the course of a year, you can find daytime and weekend events for every member of your family, and many of them are free or for children, far less than the price of a movie ticket.

Horse shows remain a popular attraction here and we have bookings running from March through November. On average, the Arena is home for 84 days of horse shows, representing 20 organizations. Free to all of its spectators, each show has its unique personality with a focus on different aspects of a horse and rider's performance. You don't need to be an equestrian to enjoy these all-day events and you can drop by at any time.

Similarly, cheerleading competitions are all-day events and are often free to spectators. Nearly a dozen organizations return to the Arena every year. Thrilling to aspiring cheerleaders and sports enthusiasts, these competitions show dance and performance skills that are amazing to watch.

For the first time last fall, the Suburban Maryland Home Show was a free event. Piccadilly Circus, arriving at the Arena in April, offers free admission to children with a coupon and the annual Prince George's County Fair is free for children under the age of five.

Of course, we do hold events with admission charges but a number of those festivities are either free or nearly-free for young children.

And for all events, our guests never pay for parking.

So if you're looking for something interesting to do, we have plenty of excitement for you.

Arena Highlights

For the most current listings, check our website at www.showplacearena.com

Trot Right In!

This April and May we're hosting an extraordinary 24 days of horse shows showcasing six different equestrian organizations. Drop by to support friends who are competing or come to learn more about horses and horse shows. All shows will be held outdoors, with the exception of The Interscholastic Equestrian Horse Show featuring its 2011 National Finals. To find out what's happening at our other equestrian events, visit the websites below.

APRIL 2011

1-3	Maryland National Horse Show (outdoor)	8 AM
7-10	Spring Festival Horse Show (outdoor)	8 AM
16-17	Maryland Saddle Association www.mdsaddle.com (outdoor)	7:30 AM
23-24	Southern Maryland Horse Association www.smhahorseshow.com (outdoor)	8 AM
28-30	Interscholastic Equestrian Horse Show www.rideiea.com	8 AM
30	Mounted Games Across America www.mountedgames.org (outdoor)	8 AM



MAY 2011

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1	Mounted Games Across America www.mountedgames.org (outdoor)	8 AM
7-8	Southern Maryland Horse Association www.smhahorseshow.com (outdoor)	8 AM
14-15	Black-Eyed Susan Horse Show Series www.besthorseshows.com (outdoor)	8 AM
21-22	Maryland Saddle Association Horse Show www.mdsaddle.com (outdoor)	7:30 AM
28-29	Southern Maryland Horse Association www.smhahorseshow.com (outdoor)	8 AM



The Circus is in town!



Piccadilly Circus

Saturday, April 4, 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm, Admission

Yes, the circus really is coming to town! This dazzling 1-1/2 hour performance includes motorcycle daredevils, outrageous contortionists and of course, circus clowns. Also on the program is Katunga the Giant Monster, an elephant act and Rocky the Boxing Kangaroo.

What could be better? Free tickets for children have been distributed at all elementary schools, pre-schools, day care centers and churches. Also be on the lookout for free tickets at sponsoring businesses in the area.

For more information, go to www.thefuncircus.com.

U.S. Academy and Military Career Forum

Monday, April 18, 6 pm to 8 pm, Free



Once again, the Steny Hoyer Military Career Forum returns with information about military education, training and jobs.

Students between the ages of 17 and 22 and

living in Maryland's 5th district are eligible for nomination to one of the four U.S. Service Academies. If you're seriously interested in a military career, both parents and their children are encouraged to attend this evening event where details on the application process will be presented.

For additional information, contact Betty Rogers at 301.474.0119.

BOOKINGS: 301.952.7900

EVENTS HOTLINE: 301.952.7999

Kudos from Clients

Our clients count on us for effective logistical support that will facilitate their meeting and event objectives. Whether its specific logistical requirements that need to be in place prior to an event or additional needs that may be identified while an event is in progress, we are dedicated to providing the best service.

Here are comments from a few of our clients:

"The space worked very well for our purposes. Staff was also readily available to answer IT question about wireless service. We were pleased to work with Liz Yewell and your team."

— Tom Waite
Senior Vice President
Special Olympics of Maryland

"Your staff was very helpful and responsive during our event."

— Maryland-National Capital Park
and Planning Commission
Planning Department

**We're getting ready...
for 2011 High School Graduates!**



Check this issue of *Front Row* or go to

www.showplacearena.com

For a Complete Schedule of Graduation Ceremonies

Mark your Calendars

JUNE 2011

1	Meade High School Graduation Calvert High School Graduation Northern High School Graduation
2	Northeast High School Graduation Huntingtown High School Graduation Patuxent High School Graduation
3	Southern High School Graduation Annapolis High School Graduation Glen Burnie High School Graduation
4	Old Mill High School Graduation Broadneck High School Graduation Special Olympics Horse Show
5	MET Horse Show
6	LaPlata High School Graduation Westlake High School Graduation Thomas Stone High School Graduation
7	McDonough High School Graduation Lackey High School Graduation
8	Crossland High School Graduation Potomac High School Graduation
9	Oxon Hill High School Graduation Central High School Graduation
10	Frederick Douglass High School Graduation DuVal High School Graduation
11	Prince George's County Home Expo
11-12	Maryland Saddle Association
15	Southern Management Team-Building
15-19	W. Gary Baker Horse Show
22	Metro DC Diversity Job Fair
25-26	Potomac Valley Dressage Association Ride for Life

more info, next edition

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14	Catwalk Classic Fashion Show	6 PM
14-15	Black-Eyed Susan Horse Show Series	8 AM
21-22	Maryland Saddle Association	7:30 AM
25	Forestville High School Graduation*	9:30 AM
	Friendly High School Graduation*	2:30 PM
May 26	Fairmont Heights High School Graduation*	9 AM
	Gwynn Park High School Graduation*	2 PM
	Prince George's County Community College Graduation *	7 PM
May 27	Largo High School Graduation*	9:30 AM
	Bladensburg High School Graduation*	2:30 PM
May 28-29	Southern Maryland Horse Association	8 AM
May 31	South River High School Graduation	9:30 AM
	Surrattsville High School Graduation	2:30 PM

*Tickets may be required

All events are subject to change and are correct at time of printing. For updated information, call our **Events Hotline at 301-952-7999** or visit us on the web: www.showplacearena.com.



DIRECTIONS

From Washington: Take I-95 (Washington Capital Beltway) to exit 11A Pennsylvania Avenue South/East (Route 4). Follow for seven miles to Upper Marlboro exit. Turn right at stop sign.

From Baltimore: Take I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) to Route 97 to Route 3. Route 3 turns into Route 301. Continue to exit at Route 4 North/West (toward Washington). Take first exit to stop sign. Turn left and follow to the infield at the Prince George's Equestrian Center.

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