



- ❖ The Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association (MSHA) originated in the 1960's and was formally created in 1983. Our events reach thousands of individuals throughout Minnesota and other states.
- ❖ The organization's mission is to promote the American Saddlebred horse within the State of Minnesota. Specifically, the Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association encourages the breeding, ownership, training, showing, use and improvement of the breed to foster public recognition and esteem for the breed.
- ❖ Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association organizes, promotes and participates in a growing number of events and activities involving Saddlebreds.

### **Youth Programs**

These programs encourage sportsmanship, learning and volunteerism among youth members through award programs and Junior Judging programs. These young people support the future of the breed as riders, owners, exhibitors and trainers.

### **Horse Shows**

Minnesota is host to eight to ten horse shows annually. The horse show season begins in April and runs through October.

### **Summer Series Program**

This Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association sponsored series of horse shows culminates in championships which are awarded during the Minnesota State Fair Horse Show.

### **Horse Expo, MN EquiFest & other venue opportunities**

These venues introduce the American Saddlebred horse to a vast cross section of the public as well as serving as a learning opportunity.

### **The Mane Event: Saddlebred Demonstrations at the MN State Fair**

This hour-long program of Saddlebred demonstrations reaches a large crowd of State Fair visitors.

### **Limited Breeders & Futurity Program**

These programs encourage breeding Saddlebreds in Minnesota with prize money generated through an auction of stallion services and nomination fees.

### **Horsemanship Clinics**

Special clinics given by nationally renowned instructors are offered periodically to build horsemanship knowledge and skills.