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Georgia Renaissance Festival re-signs “Equus Maximus” for 2017 Season!

March 28, 2017...Fairburn, GA...The Georgia Renaissance Festival celebrates its 32nd Anniversary by cranking up the fun and excitement in the 32-acre 16th Century English Village of Newcastle, a unique Festival venue located just minutes south of the Atlanta Airport.

One of the entertainment mainstays of the Renaissance Festival is **The Joust**, and the Georgia Renaissance Festival is proud to announce the return of **“Equus Maximus”** for the entire run of the 2017 Season. “Equus Maximus” is a spectacular Joust production that includes stunts, trick riding, acrobatics, staged combat and even chariot races!

Each day of the 2017 Festival, the grounds of the Royal Tournament Field will echo with the thundering hooves of over 4,000 pounds of equine fury as armored knights battle to claim victory by days end. During the quest, each knight must demonstrate their skills with horse, sword and lance in a series of challenges that will have tempers flaring on the field and audiences on the edge of their seats!

Developed and presented by DeBracey Productions, “Equus Maximus” features the talents and skills of professional equine performers who have toured internationally with productions such as “Cavalía”, “Gladius the Show”, “HorsePower Live!” and Ringling Brothers Circus.

“Equus Maximus” cast members performing at the 2017 Georgia Renaissance Festival include a talented husband and wife team with a romantic story of their own, fitting for a Renaissance Festival. **Dosbergen Kozugulov** was born in Tash-Kumyr, Kyrgyzstan. Riding since a young age, Dosbergen has always been drawn to horses. He eventually left university to pursue his passion of “djigitovka” (trick riding) and “alanski” (Roman riding) with his uncle’s troupe, the Kambarov Riders. He has traveled around the world performing in circuses such as Ringling Brothers and Gatti Circus, later moving on to grandiose productions “Cavalía” (2004-2012), “Valitar” and most recently with Big Horse Productions in “Gladius the Show”. A performer for over 20 years, he is currently performing with his beautiful wife, Aly Love-Kozugulova.

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Aly Love-Kozugulova, from Wyoming, Ontario, has been performing with horses for over a decade. Starting out in in the Western Pleasure Ring, she moved to the equine entertainment known as “trick riding”. Aly quickly developed an extensive repertoire, and competed in the North American National Trick Riding Competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto in 2010, taking 3rd place. In 2011, Aly travelled to Australia to train, and while there, she won the opportunity to ride in the National Arabian Horse Show in Tamworth, New South Wales, Australia – through a bet that she couldn’t stay on a horse! Not only did she stay on the horse, she also rode the horse in an equitation class, receiving an honorable mention. After returning home to Ontario, Aly joined the cast of the touring equine show “Cavalia” where she met her husband, Dosbergen Kozugulov.

In late 2012, Aly and Dosbergen joined “Gladius the Show”, and in 2013, they worked with the Ross Millar Group to create the new children’s show “HorsePower Live!” which was featured at the 2014 Canadian National Exhibition, as well as many other prestigious venues. These two fine performers and the full cast of “Equus Maximus” can be seen daily at the Georgia Renaissance Festival, April 15 through June 4, 2017.

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The Georgia Renaissance Festival offers a full day of endless entertainment for all ages on 10 stages with hundreds of costumed characters performing in over 150 shows each day. Over 130 skilled artists inhabit the quaint village cottages creating unique artful treasures in the Artisan Marketplace. The food is another featured attraction. You can feast like Royalty on a vast menu of tantalizingly delicious foods. A must-have is the 1-1/2 lb. roasted turkey leg, a favorite of the Royals for generations. It’s a whole lotta’ fun, and a little bit of History at the 32nd Annual Georgia Renaissance Festival.

April 15 – June 4, 2017 - Saturdays, Sundays & Memorial Day - 10:30am – 6:00pm

**I-85, Exit #61 (Fairburn-Peachtree City) Just minutes south of the Atlanta Airport
Physical Address: 6905 Virlyn B Smith Rd, Fairburn, GA 30213 (GPS may not be reliable)**

Admission at the Gate:

Adults - \$22

Children - \$10

Children 5 and Under – FREE

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