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Show Jumping Hall of Fame Unveils New Jump

Jump, Created by Stephens Equestrian Design, Unveiled at 2022 Devon Horse Show

Lexington, KY – June 8, 2022 – The **Show Jumping Hall of Fame** unveiled its new custom jump during the \$20,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Junior Jumper Classic at the 2022 Devon Horse Show & County Fair, May 26-June 5. The jump was designed, made and donated by Steve Stephens, owner of <u>Stephens Equestrian Designs</u>, one of the nation's most respected show jump companies.



The Show Jumping Hall of Fame's new jump was unveiled during the \$20,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Junior Jumper Classic at the Devon Horse Show © KindMedia

"The Show Jumping Hall of Fame plays an essential role in preserving the history and heritage of our sport," Stephens said. "I thought it was important to publicize the Hall of Fame and what it does for our sport and I felt this jump would help achieve that. I thank Liz Soroka for all her help with this. I know we both consider it an honor to support the Hall of Fame and its efforts to promote our sport and its history."

A Florida native, Stephens was inducted into the Show Jumping Hall of Fame in 2013 for his successful career as a rider, show manager and course designer, which included designing courses at some of the world's biggest events including the 2008 Olympic Games. He serves on the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Board of Directors while running his Stephens Equestrian Designs, supplying jumps for such prestigious competitions as the Devon Horse Show, Hampton Classic, Lake Placid Horse Show and many others.

"The Show Jumping Hall of Fame is deeply indebted to Steve and his Stephens Equestrian Design" said Peter Doubleday, Chairman of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Board of Directors. "We appreciate his efforts to help promote our sport and its history. The new Hall of Fame jump is absolutely beautiful and we are thrilled to have it as another way to call attention to the Hall of Fame and to honor those who have contributed so much to show jumping."



Show Jumping Hall of Fame chairman Peter Doubleday with the Hall of Fame's new jump at the Devon Horse Show © KindMedia

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame was organized to promote the sport of show jumping and to immortalize the legends of the men, women and horses who have made great contributions to the sport. The Show Jumping Hall of Fame is located at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. Plaques honoring those who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame can be seen at the Horse Park's Rolex Stadium. Mementos and artifacts from the sport's history are on display as part of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame collection at the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) Wheeler Museum at the Horse Park.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame conducts the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series with classes at approximately 80 horse shows each year. The Series hosts separate divisions for junior and amateur riders in two Conferences – the East Conference presented by Rood & Riddle and the West Conference presented by LAURACEA – and follows Grand Prix rules and specifications. The Series is designed to give amateur and junior riders the opportunity to compete at higher levels and serves as a proving ground for many riders who aspire to represent the United States in international competition. Each month the Series honors the one rider and one horse who earn the most points in Series competition that month with the *Rider of the Month* Award Sponsored by Charles Ancona and *Horse of*

the Month Award Sponsored by Lisa Seger Insurance.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series is sponsored by Blenheim EquiSports, Charles Ancona, CMJ Sporthorse, The Hampton Classic Horse Show, Kentucky Horse Park, LAURACEA, Lisa Seger Insurance (LSI), National Horse Show Association of America, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital and United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA).

Blenheim EquiSports is an equestrian event management company based in San Juan Capistrano, CA, producing horse shows in San Juan Capistrano, CA and Las Vegas, NV. These competitions include USEF "Premier" rated hunter-jumper shows; Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ USA; a Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ North American League Qualifier; USHJA International, National, & Pony Hunter Derbies & Finals; the Whitethorne Equitation Challenge, Medal Finals, and so much more.

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<u>The Hampton Classic</u> is the prestigious culminating event of the Hamptons' famed summer season. Top jumper and hunter riders from around the world compete for some of the richest prize money in the nation. The Classic hosts more than 100 classes of competition in six rings for horses and riders of all ages and abilities. The Classic also features a Boutique Garden with more than 70 vendors, a wide selection of dining options and a Farmer's Market, all on its 60- acre show grounds.

The <u>Kentucky Horse Park</u> is the leading tourist attraction for all things "horse" and one of the world's best equine competition facilities and only park open to the public. The Kentucky Horse Park hosts a handful of events each year such as the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event, Kentucky Summer Horse Show and BreyerFest.

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and jewelry, horses, and commercial operations.

The <u>National Horse Show</u> is a championship event featuring "AA"-rated hunters, open jumpers, junior/amateur jumpers, and the ASPCA Alfred B. Maclay Finals. It is held in the Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. This year's National Horse Show, October 26- November 6, offers over \$350,000 in prize money and is an FEI CSI4*-W designated event.

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The <u>United States Hunter Jumper Association</u> (USHJA), as the official hunter/jumper affiliate of the United States Equestrian Federation, is a competition-based sport organization that serves our members through educational programs, awards and recognition, communication and rules. They provide a wide array of programs for all hunter/jumper levels and are mindful of the well-being of our equine partners. Additional information is available at <u>www.ushja.org</u>.

For more information about the **Show Jumping Hall of Fame**, including the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series, please visit the Show Jumping Hall of Fame website at www.ShowJumpingHallofFame.net.