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## Show Jumping Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Now Available to Watch Online

*Lexington, KY – June 23, 2022 –* A video recording of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is now available to watch on the Show Jumping Hall of Fame website at: <u>Induction</u> <u>Ceremony</u>! Hosted on March 6, the induction ceremony honored four 2020 and 2021 inductees including Olympic riders Beezie Madden and Margie Engle, renowned media executive and fundraiser Mason Phelps, Jr., and McLain Ward's two-time gold medal Olympic mount, *Sapphire*.

Held at Wanderers Club in Wellington, FL, the induction dinner featured some of the sport's all-time legends, including ten others in attendance who were previously inducted into the Hall of Fame: Olympic medalists Norman Dello Joio, Leslie Howard, Anne Kursinski, Michael Matz, and Melanie Smith Taylor as well as David Distler, Peter Doubleday, Karen Golding, Steve Stephens and former Olympic rider and current U.S. Chef D'Equipe Robert Ridland. Others in attendance included Olympic veterans McLain Ward, Lauren Hough, Laura Kraut and Nick Skelton and Grand Prix riders Lillie Keenan, Heather Caristo-Williams, Olivia Chowdry, Dominic Gibbs and Katherine Strauss.

"This year's Induction ceremony in Wellington was one of the greatest nights I've experienced in my more than 50 years in show jumping," said Peter Doubleday, Chairman of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Board of Directors. "Having so many stars of our sport in attendance was very exciting and I think everyone was touched by the speakers; from McLain's talk about Sapphire to Beezie's incredibly moving acceptance speech, it truly was a night to remember. I am so glad that it is now available on the Show Jumping Hall of Fame website for everyone to enjoy!"

## 2022 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Induction into the Show Jumping Hall of Fame is an honor bestowed annually upon individuals whose contributions and influence have had a significant impact on the sport of show jumping and the

equestrian community. Comprising some of the nation's top riders, trainers and officials, the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Election Committee elected Engle and *Sapphire* as the class of 2020 and Madden and Phelps as the class of 2021.

Each inductee received a blue blazer with the Hall of Fame logo and the word "inductee" on the breast pocket. Formal acceptances took place following that ceremony with 2019 inductees Leslie Howard and David Distler giving thanks for their inductions that took place during the pandemic, followed by acceptances by Engle, Madden, McLain Ward on behalf of *Sapphire* and Marty Bauman on behalf of his longtime friend, Mason Phelps, who passed away last year.

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 is sponsored by Blenheim EquiSports, Charles Ancona, CMJ Sporthorse, ESP, 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).

<u>Blenheim EquiSports</u> 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<sup>™</sup> USA; a Longines FEI Jumping World Cup<sup>™</sup> 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.

LAURACEA is a collection of finely crafted leather goods inspired by the true equestrian lifestyle. Designed for equestrians with quality, function, and sophistication in mind, LAURACEA is the brainchild of founder Tamara Makris, designer, entrepreneur, and mother of two equestrians.

Backed by a team of equestrian and insurance experts, <u>Lisa Seger Insurance</u> (LSI) brings "service" back to "customer service" as THE Lifestyle Source for Insurance. The company is associated with the largest and most respected Luxury Insurance Underwriters, serving clients who have more to protect while expecting higher levels of service. LSI can help find coverage for home, auto, fine art 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.

<u>Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital</u> was founded in 1986 with its original facility in Lexington, KY. The practice grew in both size and reputation and added locations around the country. Rood & Riddle now boasts facilities in three centers of world-class equine activity – Lexington, KY, Saratoga Springs, NY, and Wellington, FL. Rood & Riddle prides itself on being a worldwide leader in equine healthcare with some of the most innovative techniques on the market. The Rood & Riddle name is known and respected internationally for its treatment services, including specialized surgical and medical care.

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 <u>www.ShowJumpingHallofFame.net</u>.