



## SHOW JUMPING HALL OF FAME

Preserving Our Heritage - Honoring Our Legends

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Marty Bauman, 508-698-6810, [marty@classic-communications.com](mailto:marty@classic-communications.com)

## **Layla Kurbanov Earns June's Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* Award Sponsored by Charles Ancona**

**Lexington, KY – July 7, 2022** – Layla Kurbanov of Greenwich, CT, has earned the **Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* Award Sponsored by Charles Ancona** for June.

Kurbanov competes in the Amateur Division of the **Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series' East Conference Presented by ROOD & RIDDLE**. She had a busy month of June in both the hunter and jumper rings, competing with multiple horses during the Split Rock Hunter Jumper Classics' two weeks of competition in Kentucky. She earned the *Rider of the Month* Award by winning the second week's \$10,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame High Junior/Amateur Classic aboard *A Toi De Prim*, who was named June's Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Horse of the Month*. They also finished fourth in the first week's Hall of Fame Classic. Kurbanov also earned the horse show's 1.40m Junior/Amateur Jumper Championship and added two second-place finishes aboard *Ronja* in FEI 2\* Speed classes.



*Layla Kurbanov © Four Oaks Creative*

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. The Series culminates in year-end Championships at the

National Horse Show in Lexington, Kentucky, and Blenheim EquiSports' International Jumping Festival in San Juan Capistrano, California. Winners of the Series' East and West Finals each receive one of LAURACEA's best-selling Convertible Backpack Totes.



*The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Rider of the Month Award is sponsored by Charles Ancona.*

The 2022 winners of the **Show Jumping Hall of Fame Rider of the Month Award Sponsored by Charles Ancona** are:

- January – Grace Debney of Hampden, MA
- February – Zayna Rizvi of Greenwich, CT
- March – Tom Wachman of Tipperary, Ireland
- April – Natalie Jayne of Elgin, IL
- May – Mimi Gochman of New York, NY
- June – Layla Kurbanov of Greenwich, CT

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 honored with induction 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 Jumper Classic Series is sponsored by Blenheim EquiSports, Charles Ancona, CMJ Sporthorse, ESP, 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.

[Charles Ancona](#) jackets are made in the USA using the finest Italian stretch fabrics to provide both stylish looks and high-performance functionality. Machine washable, water repellent, and lightweight to help keep you cool on the hottest days, each jacket features a fully customizable

design and is made to order in New York City's garment district – no two jackets are alike! Charles Ancona is the Official U.S. Team Supplier through USEF. Charles Ancona Show Jackets were worn in the Tokyo Olympics and will be for all U.S. teams through the 2024 Paris Olympics. Charles Ancona takes pride in designing and manufacturing the highest quality products for their customers, including top riders such as Show Jumping Hall of Fame inductee Margie Engle, five-time Olympic veteran McLain Ward, Aaron Vale, Beat Mandli, Brian Moggre, Brianne Goutal-Martreau, Laura Chapot, Sydney Schulman, and John French.

[The Hampton Classic](#) 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 [Kentucky Horse Park](#) 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, [Lisa Seger Insurance](#) (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 [National Horse Show](#) 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.

[Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital](#) 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 [United States Hunter Jumper Association](#) (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 [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org).

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](http://www.ShowJumpingHallofFame.net).