



SHOW JUMPING HALL OF FAME

Preserving Our Heritage - Honoring Our Legends

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Marty Bauman, 508-698-6810, marty@classic-communications.com

Tickets Now on Sale for Show Jumping Hall of Fame Induction Gala

**New Inductees to be Honored on Sunday, March 1, at Wellington National Golf Club
Kevin Babington to Receive International Award**

Lexington, KY – January 14, 2026 – Tickets are now on sale for the 2026 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Induction Gala! At the Gala, Sunday evening, **March 1**, at the **Wellington National Golf Club** in Wellington, Florida, show jumping's newest class of Hall of Famers, to be announced in early February, will be formally inducted. Additionally, the Hall of Fame will present its annual **International Award** to **Irish Olympic veteran Kevin Babington**.



Induction into the Show Jumping Hall of Fame is an honor bestowed annually upon select individuals whose accomplishments and contributions to the sport have set them apart and whose influence has had a significant impact on the sport of show jumping and the equestrian community. This year's inductees will be announced during the first week of February.

Being presented with the Show Jumping Hall of Fame International Award will be Kevin Babington, whose most notable successes include riding on Ireland's Gold medal team at the European Championships in 2001, finishing eighth individually at the World Equestrian Games in 2002, and placing fourth individually at the 2004 Athens Olympics, as well as winning many major Grand Prix such as the Hampton Classic, Silver Oak Jumper Tournament, and Lake Placid. He joins previous International Award winners Ian Millar (CAN), Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA) and Mario Deslauriers (CAN).



Kevin Babington will be presented with the Show Jumping Hall of Fame International Award

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Induction Gala is a night when the history of show jumping is on display, providing guests with the chance to mingle with many of the sports' living legends. It is truly a night like no other!

[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)



Hall of Famers at the Induction Gala in 2025

Front row (l-r): Margie Engle, Laura Kraut, Katie Prudent, Mary Chapot, Melanie Taylor, Jane Forbes Clark, Leslie Howard, Beezie Madden; Back row (l-r): Pancho Lopez, Norman Dello Joio, Peter Doubleday, Robert Ridland, Linda Allen, Anne Kursinski, David Distler, Michael Matz, Anthony D'Ambrosio, Dan Marks

© Kind Media

Show Jumping Hall of Fame Inductees

Since 1987, the Show Jumping Hall of Fame has inducted William C. Steinkraus, Bertalan de Némethy, *Idle Dice* (1987); Patrick Butler, August A. Busch, Jr. (1988); David Kelley, Ben O'Meara, Frances Rowe (1989); Arthur McCashin, Kathy Kusner, Brigadier General Harry D. Chamberlin, *San Lucas* (1990); Adolph Mogavero, Whitney Stone, Morton "Cappy" Smith, Pat Dixon (1991); Eleonora "Eleo" Sears, Mary Mairs Chapot, Barbara Worth Oakford, *Snowman* (1992); Dr. Robert C. Rost, Joe Green (1993); Frank Chapot, Gordon Wright (1994); Mickey Walsh, *Trail Guide* (1995); Pamela Carruthers, *Jet Run*, Richard "Dick" Donnelly and *Heatherbloom* (1996); Edward "Ned" King, Bobby Egan and *Sun Beau* (1997); Fred "Freddy" Wettach, Jr., Melanie Smith Taylor, Johnny Bell (1998); Rodney Jenkins, Sinjon, Franklin F. "Fuddy" Wing, Jr. and *Democrat* (1999); George Morris, Carol Durand, *Touch of Class* (2000); Eugene R. Mische, Lt. Colonel John W. Russell, Bobby Burke, *Untouchable* (2001); Harry R. Gill, Clarence L. "Honey" Craven, *Calypso*, *Gem Twist* (2002); J. Russell Stewart, Sr., *Main Spring* (2003); *Snowbound* (2004); Michael Matz, *For The Moment* (2005); Conrad Homfeld (2006); Joe Fargis, Karen Golding, Marcia "Mousie" Williams (2007); Dr. John Steele, *Abdullah*, *Miss Budweiser*, *Riviera Wonder* (2008); Neal Shapiro, *Balbuco* (2009); John D. Ammerman, Leonard A. King, Jr., *Good Twist* (2010); Jane Forbes Clark, Gabor Nicholas Foltenyi, Hap Hansen, Larry Langer (2011); *Starman*, *Nautical*, D. Gerald Baker, Charles "Sonny" Brooks (2012); Daniel Marks, VMD, Seamus Brady, Steve Stephens (2013); F. Eugene Fitz Dixon, Jr., Major General Guy Henry, *I Love You* (2014); Elizabeth Busch Burke, Katie Monahan Prudent, Susan Hutchison (2015); Anne Kursinski, Fran Steinwedell, Walter Devereux, *The Natural* (2016); Norman Dello Joio, Hunter Harrison, *Authentic*, *Sympatico* (2017); Peter Doubleday, Robert Ridland, Colonel John W. "Gyp" Wofford, *Bold Minstrel* (2018); Leslie Burr Howard, David Distler (2019), Margie Engle, *Sapphire* (2020); Beezie Madden, Mason Phelps, Jr. (2021); Anthony D'Ambrosio, Linda Allen (2022); Francisco "Pancho" Lopez, *Cedric* (2023); and Laura Kraut, *Sandsablaze* (2024).

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 CMJ Sporthorse, Hampton Classic Horse Show, Kentucky Horse Park, Lisa Seger Insurance, Markel, Nilforushan Equisport Events, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA), Washington International Horse Show and Wellington International.

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 Defender Kentucky Three-Day Event, Kentucky Summer Horse Show and BreyerFest.

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.

[Nilforushan Equisport Events](#) is a horse show management company devoted to its mission to produce world-class events that will enhance the West Coast equestrian scene and help to make California a top show jumping destination. Exhibitors can expect great sport, a series of prize money classes and affordable showing options at every event thanks to the inventive style of the Nilforushan management team. Competitors and spectators alike will be treated to a first-class VIP area, festive entertainment experiences and charitable opportunities. Whether you are riding in the grand prix, competing for the first time, supporting from ringside or simply in town for a vacation, we invite you to join us for a day, a week or the entire horse show series!

[Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital](#) began as an ambulatory practice in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1982 and established a full-service equine hospital in 1986. Today the practice is known and respected worldwide for innovative and highly skilled treatment of horses. Rood & Riddle continues their tradition of excellence into the twenty-first century serving as a referral center for horses requiring specialized medical and surgical care and providing ambulatory care for all breeds and disciplines. With the original hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, and locations in Saratoga Springs, New York, and Wellington, Florida, Rood & Riddle maintains an unwavering commitment to quality, both in the care of horses and in our relationships with clients and the community.

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.

Founded in 1958, the [Washington International Horse Show presented by MARS Equestrian™](#) is one of the most prestigious, competitive and exciting equestrian sporting events in North America. Held annually in October, WIHS brings together the finest and most talented horses and riders from across the country and around the world for seven days of top jumper, hunter and equitation competition, equestrian entertainment, and community and charity events.

Situated in the heart of Wellington, FL, the iconic “Winter Equestrian Capital of the World,” [Wellington International](#) is the proud host of the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). This internationally recognized 13-week event is the world’s largest and longest-running hunter/jumper horse show. Every year, WEF opens its gates to thousands of riders from 50 U.S. states and over 34 countries. Spanning more than 111 acres, the Wellington International facility is equipped with 14 competition arenas, over 500 permanent equine stalls, dedicated horse trails, pedestrian paths, and golf cart tracks. Beyond equestrian sports, WEF offers an all-encompassing experience featuring VIP services, unmatched hospitality, versatile event spaces, and world-class shopping opportunities. With an annual contribution of more than \$400 million to Palm Beach County’s GDP and the creation of over 3,700 jobs, the competition’s impact extends well beyond the facility. The Winter Equestrian Festival is a flagship event operated by Equestrian Sport Productions, LLC. For more information visit www.wellingtoninternational.com.

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