

Mark Your Calendar Continued

The **Equestrian Aid Foundation (EAF)** will be presenting a unique benefit that includes an original production choreographed exclusively for an EAF gala featuring former performers from the world famous “**Cavalia**” human-equestrian ballet troupe. Mark your calendars for February 12th in Wellington, Florida. Join the EAF for a once-in-a-lifetime event while supporting a great cause. For more than 20 years, the Equestrian Aid Foundation has provided financial assistance to members of the equestrian community with catastrophic injury or illness and financial crisis.

Show News



Greg Franklin, Michelle Durpetti and Caitlyn Shiels
Photo by Collin Pierson Photography

Michelle Durpetti of Chicago, Illinois, jumped to top ten placings at three of the most coveted national year-end finals riding her 7-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding **Lucca**. Based out of **Canterbury Farm** in Hampshire, Illinois, Michelle worked under the guidance of trainers **Greg Franklin** and **Caitlyn Shiels** in preparation for the indoor season. She and Lucca took home ribbons in the highly competitive Amateur-Owner Hunter 33” divisions at the **Pennsylvania National Horse Show** in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the **Washington International Horse Show** (WIHS) in Washington, D.C., and the **Kentucky National Horse Show** in Lexington, Kentucky. It was a dream come true for the 38-year-old amateur equestrian, who juggles multiple professional responsibilities including running her own wedding planning company as well as two family-owned restaurant and event venues.

Highlighting the **2016 Washington International Horse Show** was 18-year-old **Hunter Holloway**, winning the **WIHS Equitation Finals**. She impressed judges **George Morris**, **Rob Bielefeld**, **Kitty Barker** and **Danny Robertshaw** riding **Any Given Sunday**, and posted staggering scores of 96, 96.75, and 97 for the win. Congratulations, Hunter!



Megan Lane and Caravella
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

Canadian Olympian **Megan Lane** won the **\$20,000 Royal Invitational Dressage Cup**, presented by **Butternut Ridge**, at the **2016 Royal Horse Show**, held as part of the of the **94th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair** in Toronto, Ontario. Fresh off their **Olympic** debut this summer in **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**, Megan and her mount **Caravella** made their inaugural Royal Horse Show appearance a winning one with a score of 76.75% in the Grand Prix Freestyle, having also won the previous day’s Grand Prix. “It has been a lifelong dream of mine to compete at The Royal,” said Megan, 25, who developed Caravella from the junior ranks up to Grand Prix. “To have this dream come true on top of riding an amazing test on the partner I’ve grown up with is pretty surreal to me.”



Lauren Hough and Ohlala
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

U.S. Olympian **Lauren Hough** riding **Ohlala** won the coveted **\$130,000 Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Washington**, presented by **Events DC**, at the 58th annual

Washington International Horse Show (WIHS). Lauren and Ohlala topped a seven-horse jump-off over courses set by designer **Alan Wade** of Ireland to secure the win over second-place finisher **Laura Kraut** riding **Confu**. Lauren was also named **Leading International Jumper Rider** at WIHS thanks to consistent top finishes throughout the week.



Michael Jung
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

Reigning Olympic Champion **Michael Jung** of Germany claimed victory in the innovative **\$20,000 Horeware Indoor Eventing Challenge** at the **Royal Horse Show**, held as part of the **94th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair** in Toronto, Ontario. Michael, who won individual gold and team silver medals at the **2016 Rio Olympics**, thrilled a packed house of more than 6,000 fans by guiding **Cruising Guy** home in the fastest time to win the \$20,000 Horeware Indoor Eventing Challenge. Michael’s winning performance in his Royal Horse Show debut was especially remarkable considering he had only ridden his winning mount, owned by **Shawn Ferguson**, for the first time 24 hours earlier. When Michael was unable to bring his own mount as planned, he was sent video of three horses to choose from. Only a two-time Olympic gold medalist like Michael could pick a winner based off a video!

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McLain Ward and HH Azur
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

Three-time Olympic medalist **McLain Ward** of Brewster, New York, claimed an astonishing fourth consecutive win in the \$130,270 **Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Toronto** at the CSI4*-W Royal Horse Show, held as part of the **94th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair** in Toronto, Ontario. McLain and **HH Azur**, his Olympic team silver medal partner in Rio, successfully defended their 2015 title by posting the only double clear performance of the night over the tracks set by course designer **Bernardo Cabral** of Portugal to hold off Olympic teammate **Kent Farrington**, who had the fastest jump-off time

but at the expense of a rail riding **Creedance**. “This venue has been very good to me, so it’s like coming home,” said McLain, 41, who is aiming for the 2017 **Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final** in Omaha, Nebraska. “When you have a horse like Azur, it makes life a lot easier and you just try to stay out of her way. She is normally giving a great performance, and every once in a while, I don’t mess it up.”

Congratulations

Wedding bells!! The New York Yacht Club in Newport, Rhode Island, was filled with equestrians for the wedding of **Carol Cohen** and **Blake Hodess**. The elegant affair brought friends and horse lovers from Wellington to Los Angeles to the seaside city. Congratulations to the happy couple!



Blake Hodess and Carol Cohen