

Margie Engle Earns Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Title at Toronto's Royal Horse Show

Wellington, FL – U.S. Olympian Margie Engle was named the Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider on Saturday evening, November 9, during the award's debut at the Royal Horse Show, held as part of the 97th annual Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, in Toronto, ON.

The Leading Lady Rider Award was presented at the CSI4®-W Royal Horse Show for the first time in 2019 and recognized the high-score female rider based on performances in the international show jumping division.

International competition at the Royal Horse Show included four days of events, highlighted by the \$210,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Toronto, a sought-after qualifying event for the 2020 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final in Las Vegas, NV.

Engle, 61, enjoyed strong placings throughout the Royal Horse Show, including a third-place finish in the \$85,000 Big Ben International Challenge on Thursday evening, November 7, riding Dicas.

"I would like to thank Martha for offering such a great award at one of my favorite horse shows, and supporting our industry the way she does," said Engle, 61, who hails from West Palm Beach, FL, and has won at least one Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider title each year at various events since the award's inception nearly 10 years ago. "Our sport is special because men and women compete against each other, but it is a great honor to win an award created for the women who have top performances worth celebrating at the end of a show."

In honor of her Leading Lady Rider Award, Engle was presented with a custom pendant necklace from Canadian-based company Horse Features Jewelry. The necklace was hand-selected by Jolicoeur at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair's iconic trade fair.

"I am proud to bring this award to Canada after watching it become a coveted title at horse shows along the east coast of the United States," said Jolicoeur, who sponsors the award weekly during the 12-week Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL, among other events. "The Royal is such a special occasion for Canadian horse sport as well as international riders from around the globe, and it is one that draws such an impressive crowd of knowledgeable horse sport fans. It was a real honor to be a part of the event and to present Margie with this



Margie Engle and Dicas on their way to a top-10 finish in the \$210,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Toronto at the Royal Horse Show, held as part of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Photo by Jump Media



Margie Engle (center) is presented as the Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award at the conclusion of the 2019 Royal Horse Show by Dr. Stephen Norton (left) and Martha Jolicoeur (right). Photo by Jump Media

special award."

An accomplished rider in her own right, Jolicoeur is a member of the elite Douglas Elliman Real Estate Sports and Entertainment division and was named the No.1 realtor in the Wellington, FL, market as well as No. 1 in Florida overall for 2018.

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Rowan Willis Speeds to Victory at Toronto's Royal Horse Show

Toronto, ON – Australia's Rowan Willis topped the \$50,000 Canadian Open International Challenge, presented by 1-800-GOT-JUNK?, on Friday evening, November 8, at the Royal Horse Show, held as part of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, in Toronto, ON.

The best was saved for last when Willis, 39, and his 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games™ (WEG) mount, Blue Movie, and showcased their foot speed over course designer Michel Vaillancourt's one-round test. The final pair in the Coca-Cola Coliseum, Willis and his 13-

year-old Anglo-European Mare (Chacco Blue x Pilot) broke the timers in 54.60 seconds, shaving only hundredths of a second off the seemingly unbeatable time of Canadian Olympic individual gold medalist Eric Lamaze. After taking the lead from the second position in the order, Lamaze, 51, and Fine Lady 5 ultimately settled for runner-up in 54.66 seconds.

"I got a little bit of luck to get ahead of him," admitted Willis, who will also pilot Blue Movie in the \$210,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Toronto on Saturday



Rowan Willis of Australia riding Blue Movie won the \$50,000 Canadian Open International Challenge, presented by 1-800-GOT-JUNK?, on Friday evening, November 8, at the Royal Horse Show, held as part of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, in Toronto, ON. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

evening. "My mare's naturally very fast so that helps. I tried not to do too wild, but obviously we managed to do just enough."

"When you're last to go, the competitive spirit comes out," continued Willis, who made his debut at the Royal Horse Show in 2018. "This is a great show, and it's nice to ride in that atmosphere every night against some of the best riders in the world. When you have a crowd as fantastic as tonight, it's hard not to give it your all!"

Of the mare that carried him to victory, Willis touted, "She's very special. It has taken a long time [to get here], but she's paid me back for all those years of patience. She seems to be growing up a bit, getting

more mature, and she knows her job, so hopefully the best is yet to come."

Rounding out the podium, Ireland's Daniel Coyle, 24, took third in 55.35 seconds riding Legacy for owner Ariel Grange. Five different nations were represented in the top-five with Andy Kocher (USA) taking fourth riding Coldplay 31 and Belgium's Jos Verlooy claiming fifth with Varoune.

For more information, visit royalfair.org/horse-show.

Funding support for The Royal has been provided by the Government of Canada, Government of Ontario, and the City of Toronto.

At Left: For the second night in a row, Eric Lamaze and Fine Lady 5 finished runner-up in international show jumping competition at the Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.

Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography



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