

2024 Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges Clinic Guest Speakers



Janet Foy

Janet is a FEI 5*/Level 4 dressage judge and a US Equestrian (USEF) Senior ("S") judge. She is a USDF bronze, silver, and gold medalist.

Janet has judged all the major competitions in North America, including several FEI North American Young Rider Championships. She was on the panel for the FEI World Cup Dressage Final in Paris and served as president in Omaha 2023. She judged the Pan American Games in Lima, Peru, and will be the FEI technical delegate (TD) for Santiago, Chile, 2023. Janet judged the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, the 2019 European Championships, and the 2018 European U25 Championships, and was the FEI TD for the World Dressage Championships in Herning 2022. She has judged the Bolivarian Games and the Central American Caribbean Games. Janet has done extensive judging in Europe, South America, Australia, and Asia.

Janet is a former member of the Board of Directors for the American Horse Shows Association, USA Equestrian, and the USEF, and served on the International Disciplines Council. She has been a 30-year member of the USEF Dressage Sport Committee and was chair of the High Performance Committee. She is a retired member of the USDF "L" program faculty. Janet is the first vice president for the International Dressage Officials Club.

She has been a volunteer and officer with her GMO and is also a former USDF Region 5 director. She has served on the USDF Competitors, Judges, Young Horse, Test Writing, and Sport Horse Committees; and she chaired the University Committee. Janet has also managed Regional Championships and CDI competitions in Region 5.



Hilary M. Clayton, BVMS, PhD, Dipl. ACVSMR, FRCVS

Dr. Hilary Clayton is the professor and Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair emerita. She was the original holder of the Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair in Equine Sports Medicine at Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, East Lansing, from 1997 to 2014. A world-renowned expert on equine biomechanics and conditioning, Dr. Clayton is president of Sport Horse Science, LC, which is dedicated to translating research data into practical advice for riders, trainers, and veterinarians through lectures, articles, and private consultations. A USDF gold, silver, and bronze medalist, she is a longtime *USDF*

Connection contributing editor and a past member of US Equestrian's Dressage Committee. In 2020 she was inducted into the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame.



Ludwig Christmann

Ludwig Christmann studied animal science at the universities of Gießen and Göttingen, achieving his Master Degree in 1981. He got the Doctor's degree for his PhD on "The development of breeding values based on the evaluation of mares in studbook and mare performance tests."

Since 1984 he has worked for the Hannoveraner Verband and has been a spokesperson for the society for 37 years.

First he worked as deputy breeding director, and later on he headed the department "Breeding International". He was the worldwide ambassador of the Hanoverian breeding society. One of his many tasks included being an inspector at foal and mare gradings, studbook inspections, and at mare performance tests. He spearheaded the development and promotion of projects, such as the Young Breeders initiative, the breeding program for Hanoverian Jumping Horses, the research on OCD, a program to market the Hanoverian as a pleasure horse ("Hannoveraner Erlebe"n) and the seminar program of the Hannoveraner Verband.

Christmann was decorated with the Golden Badge of Honour of the Hannoveraner Verband, but also the Gustav Rau Medal in Bronze by the German Equestrian Federation.