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The 2025 Hampton Classic Horse Show Celebrates 50 Years on Opening Day

Bridgehampton, NY – August 24, 2025 – The **Hampton Classic Horse Show** began a week-long celebration of its 50th anniversary on Sunday with special ceremonies and elite equestrian competition featuring participants in various categories. Seventy-five riders in the 2-4 and 5-7 age groups were the first to compete in the Grand Prix Arena in the **Leadline division presented by Katherine Kaneb**, with judging conducted by three-time Olympic medalist and Show Jumping Hall of Famer Joe Fargis.

Celebrating 50 years of world-class equestrian competition in 2025, the Hampton Classic Horse Show takes place in Bridgehampton, NY, **August 24-31**, featuring FEI CSI5* and CSI2* show jumping and USEF Premier hunter competitions with more than \$1 million in prize money. The highlight of the week is the \$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix, one of the world's premier show jumping competitions, on Sunday, August 31.

Presenting the Hampton Classic with a 50th Anniversary Proclamation in the afternoon were Maria Moore, Supervisor of the Town of Southampton; Councilwoman Cyndi MacNamara; and Town Clerk Sundry Schermeyer. The Hampton Classic's Executive Director, Shanette Barth Cohen, accepted the Proclamation which commended the endeavors of the Hampton Classic's dynamic organization for exemplifying the highest form of sportsmanship, athletic excellence and generous community service to the town. Also participating were present and past board members, including 100-year-old Tinka Topping, one of the founders of the Hampton Classic in 1976, as well as Michael Braverman, Dianna Brennan, Emily Aspinall, Stephanie Bulger, Lisa Deslauriers, Katherine Kaneb, Silas Marder, John Wattiker, and Joey Wölffer.



Maria Moore, Supervisor of the Town of Southampton; Councilwoman Cyndi MacNamara; and Town Clerk Sundy Schermeyer presented a proclamation honoring the Hampton Classic's 50 years to Executive Director Shanette Barth Cohen and past and present board members. © KindMedia

Starting the day was the Leadline competition. Olympic double-gold medalist Joe Fargis, after nearly four decades of attending the Hampton Classic as a judge, rider and board member, encouraged Leadline division participants to embrace the experience, value sportsmanship and take advantage of opportunities for personal development throughout the competition.

“I’ve been doing this for 40 years,” said Fargis. “When kids start, the most important thing for them is getting good guidance, learning to be good at sports and having a good character about it. I think they’re all just happy to be here. It really doesn’t matter who wins; they just enjoy the day.”

Section Champions of Leadline 2-4 presented by Katherine Kaneb:

1. Peyton Fishlinger of Syosset, NY, riding *Carousel's First Steps*
1. Esmeralda Sanampudi of New York, NY, riding *Sail Away*
1. Zoe Bensimon of New York, NY, riding *Batteries Not Included*
1. Paisley Ellerson of Flanders, NY, riding *Oopsie-Daisy*



Peyton Fishlinger and Carousel's First Steps won their section of the Leadline 2-4 division © KindMedia

Section Champions of Leadline 5-7 presented by Katherine Kaneb:

1. Mackenzie Jane Mulligan of New York, NY, riding *Magic Carousel*
1. Carolyn Upward of Brookville, NY, riding *Twilight's Whisper*
1. Sophia Wulf of Brooklyn, NY, riding *Oohh Darla..*
1. Eva Hyejung Frelinghuysen of Washington, DC, riding *Sneek A Peek*



Eva Hyejung Frelinghuysen and Sneek A Peek won their section of the Leadline 5-7 division © KindMedia

The official **Opening Day** ceremonies followed in the afternoon with the introduction of officials and special guests before moving into the day's highlight classes, the \$30,000 The Wellington Jumper Challenge and \$10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby.

The Hampton Classic's official community partner, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, was brought to the ring to kick off the festivities. Partnered with the Hampton Classic since the show's inception in

1976, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital has received more than \$2 million in contributions from the show during that time.

Carolyn Vincent of Greenvale, NY, was awarded the 18th annual **Long Island Sportsmanship Award**. Renowned for her warmth, professionalism and longstanding commitment to the Long Island Horse Show community, she has contributed to numerous roles including management, judging and presenting awards at the Hampton Classic. Her positive influence has enabled many equestrians to thrive.



Long Island Sportsmanship Award recipient Carolyn Vincent with her husband Jason Fiorantino and Hampton Classic Executive Director Shanette Barth Cohen (right) and Marketing Director Reyna Archer © KindMedia

Other festivities included a showcase of horses participating in Monday's Animal Adoption Day Sponsored by Georgina Bloomberg and the EQUUS Foundation. EQUUS Foundation representatives included Vice President Valerie Angeli. Joining Angeli in the ring was international equestrian, Founder of The Rider's Closet and sponsor of Animal Adoption Day, Georgina Bloomberg, as well as fellow international equestrian Brianne Goutal-Martreau and her daughter Inez riding Rising Starr Horse Rescue's adoptable pony, Tommy. The EQUUS Foundation, founded in 2002 to keep America's horses safe at all stages of their lives, was presented with a \$4,000 donation from Seamus Doyle of **Connect One Bank**. The EQUUS Foundation was also joined by Superhero Rescue Horses of Goshen, NY, and Rising Starr Horse Rescue of Wilton, CT.



Seamus Doyle presented a donation from Connect One Bank to the EQUUS Foundation © KindMedia

The Smithtown Hunt also joined in the Classic's 50th anniversary by providing spectators with a showcase of their registered foxhounds in the Grand Prix Ring. Organized in 1900, the Smithtown Hunt is the only hunt on Long Island and a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization whose mission is conservation, education and preservation. Smithtown Hunt has participated in the Hampton Classic numerous times during its 50-year history.

For live show results, visit HamptonClassic.com. Photos from the event are [available via Dropbox](#) with credits to KindMedia (unless otherwise noted in the folder name).

Each year, approximately 50,000 people – including many A-list celebrities – come to watch the nation's best equestrian athletes compete at the Hampton Classic Horse Show. Rated **USEF 'Premier-6'** for hunters and jumpers with designated **FEI 2* and 5*** jumping classes, the Hampton Classic features more than 200 competitions in six spectacular show rings, the Agneta Currey Boutique Garden with more than 70 vendors, and a wide selection of dining options, all on its world-class 60-acre showgrounds.

FEI competition begins on Thursday, August 28, with the **\$5,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **\$32,000 CSI5* Two-Phase** and continues throughout the weekend with seven 2*/5* classes. FEI competition also includes Friday's **\$32,000 Wölffer Estate 2* Grand Prix Qualifier**, **\$116,100 Douglas Elliman 5* Grand Prix Qualifier**, Saturday's **\$62,500 5* Winning Round**, and culminates with the **\$70,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix** and **\$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix** on Sunday, August 31.

Other competition highlights include the **\$30,000 The Wellington Jumper Challenge**, **\$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper**, **\$40,000 CME Group 1.45m National Grand Prix**, **\$10,000 Hunt & Go Stake presented by The Baran**, **\$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship**, **\$25,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey 1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic**, and **\$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges**, which are now being offered as two separate bonuses: \$10,000 for the FEI 2* division and \$20,000 for the FEI 5* division.

Outside of the show rings, families can enjoy unique shopping in the Agneta Currey Boutique Garden and on Stable Row; hands-on activities, pony rides and petting zoo animals at the Kids Exhibition Tent; and many more fun activities during Kids Day (Saturday, August 30).

Daily entry to the Hampton Classic is \$25 per carload which includes grandstand seating on all days except Grand Prix Sunday. Admission is free on Monday. Admission is also free on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for Seniors, members of the Military and those who bring three or more non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Tickets for **reserved grandstand seats** for Grand Prix Sunday, August 31, are \$55 per seat and are available on the [Hampton Classic website](#). Tickets for the Classic's new **Judge's Box Lounge**, which offers an elevated experience for watching Grand Prix Ring competition on Thursday-Sunday, August 28-31, are also available. Lounge tickets are priced at \$200 for Thursday, \$300 for Friday or Saturday, and \$600 for Grand Prix Sunday and are available on the [Hampton Classic website](#).

For those who can't make it to the showgrounds, [complimentary live webcasts](#) of all Grand Prix and Aspinall Ring competitions air on the Hampton Classic website. Produced by ClipMyHorse.TV, the Grand Prix Ring livestreams are sponsored by Longines and the Aspinall Ring livestreams are sponsored by [ClipMyHorse.TV](#). In addition, WVVH-TV, Hamptons Television, broadcasts up to five hours of competition and highlights each day during the Classic. These broadcasts can also be seen online at [www.wvvh.tv](#).

For more information on the Hampton Classic Horse Show, please visit the Hampton Classic website at [www.hamptonclassic.com](#) or call 631-537-3177. Hampton Classic Horse Show, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation.