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**World #1 Kent Farrington Tops Impressive Field of Entries Set to Compete in
50th Annual Hampton Classic Horse Show**
Entries Include 13 Olympians and Athletes from 22 Countries

Bridgehampton, NY – August 14, 2025 – World #1 Kent Farrington (USA) heads an impressive list of show jumping athletes entered to compete in the 50th anniversary **Hampton Classic Horse Show**. This year's competition promises to be the best yet with 13 Olympians, top international stars from 22 countries and the three podium finishers from 2024 all ready to contest the courses designed by Nick Granat (USA).

Celebrating 50 years of world-class equestrian competition in 2025, the **Hampton Classic Horse Show** returns to 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.

Germany's **Rene Dittmer** hopes to defend his 2024 Hampton Classic Grand Prix title against multiple Olympic veterans and fellow Grand Prix winners, including World #1 **Kent Farrington**, who won the event in 2012 and 2013. Farrington has represented the U.S. at two Olympic Games and multiple championships with one Olympic medal (team Silver in 2016), one World Championship medal (team Bronze in 2014) and two Pan American Games medals (team Gold in 2011, team Bronze in 2015).



World #1 Kent Farrington (USA), winning the Hampton Classic Grand Prix in 2013
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Defending Longines Hampton Classic Grand Prix champions Rene Dittmer (GER) and Corsica X
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Among those joining Dittmer and Farrington at the Classic is six-time U.S. Olympian **McLain Ward**, who has won the Hampton Classic Grand Prix a record seven times and is currently ranked World #8. Ward is a top competitor on the international stage with five Olympic medals (team Gold in 2004 and 2008; team Silver in 2016, 2021 and 2024). He was also the Longines FEI World Cup™ champion in 2017 and claimed his second victory in the Hampton Classic's Longines Rider Challenge last year.

Also looking to reclaim the Hampton Classic Grand Prix title is three-time Olympian **Daniel Bluman** of Israel, who is currently ranked #21 on the Longines FEI World Rider Rankings. He brought home his third Classic title in 2023 and became just the fourth rider to win the featured event at least three times.



Among the returning Hampton Classic Grand Prix winners are the USA's McLain Ward (left) and Israel's Daniel Bluman (right) © KindMedia

Also returning to the Hampton Classic is four-time Canadian Olympian **Mario Deslauriers**, who won the Grand Prix in 2019. He will not make things easy for his fellow athletes, including his daughter **Lucy Deslauriers**, who placed second to him in 2019. Deslauriers is a three-time WEG and two-time

Pan American Games competitor and remains the youngest rider ever to win the FEI World Cup™ Final, a title he won in 1984 at age 18. Lucy helped the U.S. win a team Bronze medal at the 2019 Pan American Games.

Other entered riders include World #22 **Shane Sweetnam**, who represented Ireland in the 2021 and 2024 Olympic Games and who has won the Hampton Classic's Longines Rider Challenge three times; World #11 **Darragh Kenny**, Sweetnam's teammate for the 2021 Olympic Games and winner of the 2023 Longines Rider Challenge at the Classic; 2021 Olympians **Nayel Nassar** (EGY) and **Uma O'Neill** (NZL); and 2024 Olympians **Thaisa Erwin** (AUS), **Luis Fernando Larrazabal** (VEN) and **Isabella Russekoff** (ISR).

Other notable athletes looking to claim prestigious titles at the Hampton Classic this year include three-time Olympic veterans **Beat Mändli** (SUI) and **Alberto Michan** (ISR), World #29 **Lillie Keenan** (USA), 2015 Hampton Classic Grand Prix winner **Karen Polle** (JPN), and Dittmer's fellow 2024 podium finishers: Americans **Mimi Gochman** and **Alex Matz**, who finished in second and third, respectively.



Americans Mimi Gochman aboard Inclen BH (left) and Alex Matz aboard Ikigai (right) rounded out the 2024 Longines Hampton Classic 5 Grand Prix podium © KindMedia*

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 show grounds.

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).

Some **VIP tables** in the Grand Prix and USET Tents still remain for Opening Sunday, August 24, as well as for the rest of the week (Tuesday through Sunday). Those interested in purchasing a table should email sponsorship@hamptonclassic.com.

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**, that 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](#).

Further information on the Hampton Classic is available on the Classic's website at www.hamptonclassic.com or by calling 631-537-3177. Hampton Classic Horse Show, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation.