Long Island Competitors Star on Opening Day at the 2023 Hampton Classic Horse Show

Bridgehampton, NY – August 28, 2023 – The 48th annual **Hampton Classic Horse Show** opened Sunday with classes featuring Long Island's top horses and riders in what is commonly referred to as "Local Day." Among the day's champions was Laura Bowery of Bridgehampton, NY, who secured the **Grand Local Hunter Championship** and South Fork Perpetual Trophy for the second consecutive year.

The Hampton Classic, August 27-September 3, is one of the world's most prestigious horse shows, featuring competitors at every level from young children in leadline to Olympic, World, and World Cup Champions. The Classic also has competitions for riders with disabilities.

The Classic traditionally reserves Opening Day competition for the Long Island equestrian community, with classes open exclusively to horses stabled in Nassau and Suffolk counties for at least 75 days since January of the calendar year. Many local hunter and equitation riders took center stage in the show's beautifully manicured rings, vying for top honors before Sunday afternoon's featured classes, the $30,000 Hampton Classic 1.40m Jumper Challenge and $10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby.

Laura Bowery and Capote earned the Grand Local Hunter Championship for the second consecutive year

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This year, Bowery once again earned the most points in any local hunter division aboard Denise Landman's 12-year-old Westphalian gelding *Capote*. Their outstanding performances in the Local Professional Hunter Section B Sponsored by Barbara Borg not only earned them the Grand Local Hunter Championship but also the Eddie Horowitz Memorial Trophy and overall **Local Working Hunter Professional Championship**.

Bowery walked away with a second championship thanks to her ride on *Rocklyn*, Anne Byers' 12-year-old Zangersheide gelding, in the Local Professional Hunter Section A Sponsored by Yvette Rechler Newman. Earning the Section C Championship was *Donrato X*, a 7-year-old Holsteiner gelding owned by Maxine Orens-Williams and ridden by Michael Zukerman of Mill Neck, NY.

Grace Majoros and Edgewood's Wonder earned the Miller & Associates Local Junior Hunter Championship

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Other top honors included the **Miller & Associates Local Junior Hunter Championship**, which was earned by Grace Majoros of New York, NY, and her 13-year-old Warmblood gelding *Edgewood's Wonder*. In the **Local Non-Professional Hunter** division, Danae Oliveri of West Islip, NY, piloted Orpen Horses' 7-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding *Lurango* to the championship. *Coeur De Leon*, the 14-year-old Warmblood gelding owned and ridden by Cynthia Sulzberger of Wellington, FL, earned top honors in the **Local Amateur-Owner Hunter Championship**.

L: Danae Oliveri and Lurango won the Local Non-Professional Hunter Championship. R: Cynthia Sulzberger and Couer De Leon won the Local Amateur-Owner Hunter Championship. © KindMedia

"We are always excited to come here to the Hampton Classic," said Brianne Goutal-Marteau, who piloted Sterling Equine LLC's 8-year-old Oldenburg gelding *Heartland* to win the $10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby. "It's our big event of the summer. It's our absolute favorite show and the one we work backwards from when we make our plans for the year."

For live show results, visit TheHamptonClassic.com.

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. Rated **USEF 'Premier-6'** for hunters and jumpers with designated **FEI 2* and 5*** 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.

The Hampton Classic's FEI competition begins Thursday, August 31, with the **$10,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **$39,000 Flecha Azul 5* Speed Stake** and continues throughout the weekend with eight 2*/5* classes featuring courses designed by Ireland's Alan Wade. FEI competition also includes

Friday's **$39,000 Wölffer Estate 2* Jumper Classic**, **$78,000 Douglas Elliman 5* Grand Prix Qualifier**, Saturday's **$39,000 Open Speed Class CSI2*,** and the **$78,000 The Agency 5* Speed Stake**, and culminating with the **$78,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix** and **$425,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix** on Sunday, September 3.

Outside the show rings, families can enjoy unique shopping; hands-on activities, pony rides and petting zoo animals at the Kids Exhibition Tent; and many more fun activities during News 12 Long Island Kids Day (Saturday, September 2).

Daily admission to the Classic is $20 per carload. Admission is free on Monday; seniors and military are also admitted free on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Grandstand tickets for the $425,000 Longines Hampton Classic Grand Prix on Sunday, September 3, are $55 per person for reserved bucket seating. Grandstand tickets are electronic only; E-Tickets are provided thanks to support from Green is the New Blue.

For those who can't make it to the show grounds, 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.

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