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**FOREWORD
BY THE FEI PRESIDENT**

On behalf of the Fédération Equestre Internationale, it is my pleasure to welcome you to another thrilling qualifier of the prestigious Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ series 2023 here in San Juan Capistrano, California. This tremendous series has stood the test of time with over 100 years of top sport, team spirit, and innovation, ensuring not only the series' exceptional longevity but also safeguarding the values, which make equestrian sport so unique.

It is with great anticipation that we look forward to discovering who the laureates here at the Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park will be. National pride and camaraderie are key as some of the world's best athletes come together aiming for victory and for precious Nations Cup™ points leading up to the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final in Barcelona (ESP) from 28 September to 1 October.

Team work is inherent to the equestrian landscape at all levels and every athlete you will see here that has been selected to represent their nation is effectively representing countless individuals and organisations that have not only supported them and their horse but paved the way to compete on the global stage. This is what makes the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ so special – it is a celebration of horsemanship, collaboration, expertise, determination and passion.

I would like to thank Blenheim EquiSports and their team, as well as all those who have dedicated their time, commitment and support to the successful running of the series allowing people around the world to engage first-hand with FEI Jumping. I would also like to thank our Title Partner Longines for their ongoing support, together with whom we ensure that this historic series remains at the cutting edge of sport so that we can continue to raise the profile, visibility and reach of equestrianism around the world.

To the athletes and the nations, I wish the best of luck! To the fans, I hope you will enjoy the best of what our sport has to offer.



**INGMAR DE VOS
FEI PRESIDENT**



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Equestrian Sports Enthusiasts,

As the Title Partner, Official Timekeeper and Watch of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Series, we are delighted to be here at the Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park for this exciting world-class event taking place in San Juan Capistrano. Longines is proud to present two highlights of the competition: the Longines Grand Prix on Friday, May 12 and the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ of USA on Sunday, May 14. Besides, we will have the pleasure to grant the winners with elegant Longines timepieces as a reward for their great performance.

Longines is also proud to present the Official Watch of the event, a model from the Longines DolceVita X YVY line. Swiss designer Yvonne Reichmuth has given the famously rectangular timepieces a new identity, with sophisticated leather straps. Referencing the equestrian world so dear to Longines, their design is evocative to bridles and harness.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "M. Breschan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "B".

MATTHIAS BRESCHAN
LONGINES CEO

Longines' passion for equestrian sports dates back more than 150 years and finds its roots in the values of Tradition, Elegance, and Performance shared by the brand and these disciplines. Perfectly representing these values, it is a great honor for Longines to be part of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ of USA.

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Equestrian Sports Enthusiasts, we wish you to live many memorable and emotional moments of action here in San Juan Capistrano.







LONGINES DOLCEVITA X YVY

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THE LONGINES FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ OF USA

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As the summer invites watch-wearers to bare their forearms and reveal the timepieces adorning them, the winged hourglass brand is unveiling its new line of Longines DolceVita X YVY models. The Swiss watch brand has matched its watches here with subtle double straps in leather, in three shades: double beige leather, double brown leather, and double black leather with rivets. The design of these models was entrusted to the Zurich-based company YVY, creators of sophisticated glam-rock accessories popular with international stars and a clientele looking for exclusivity.

The complementary worlds of Longines and YVY have come together in an almost instinctive collaboration. Made of leather, the straps of the Longines DolceVita X YVY models are adorned and reinforced with metal details. Their finishes are impeccable and they feature striking references to the beloved equestrian world of the winged hourglass brand.





Welcome to the San Juan Capistrano International and the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ USA, proudly hosted by Blenheim EquiSports.

It is a distinct honor and privilege to host the Nations Cup USA in its debut on the West Coast. Part of our mission at Blenheim EquiSports has been to bring the highest caliber of equestrian sport right here to Southern California and, this week, we are thrilled to welcome many of the world's best show jumping horses and athletes. We welcome you to a 5* equestrian competition and a 5* culinary and social experience.

For those who are joining us from across the country and the globe, we hope that you enjoy all that San Juan Capistrano has to offer. With a rich equestrian history, it truly is a place like no other. For centuries, our unique equestrian culture has flourished within the local working ranches. We encourage you to also explore the heart of our quaint town where you can enjoy the historic landmark Mission San Juan Capistrano as well as all that this city has to offer.

Here onsite at the Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park, you'll find something for the whole family to enjoy inside our Defender Village, featuring live music, shopping, food, art, children's activities, and more!

It is with deep gratitude that I thank all of our sponsors, partners, volunteers and staff whose commitment and tireless work will be reflected in this week's event.

Good luck to all competitors, welcome to our guests and sponsors, and enjoy your week in beautiful San Juan Capistrano!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "HRC", written in a cursive style.

HILLARY RIDLAND
BLenheim EQUISPORTS, CEO

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EVENT MAP



RANCHO MISSION VIEJO RIDING PARK

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EVENT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY | May 10, 2023

12:00 pm 2* FEI \$15,000 WELCOME TWO PHASE
Oaks International Grand Prix Field
3:00 pm 5* FEI HORSE INSPECTION | FEI Schooling Ring

THURSDAY | May 11, 2023

8:00 am 5* FEI FAMILIARIZATION | Oaks International Grand Prix Field
10:00 am - 5:00 pm VENDORS OPEN | Defender Village
11:00 am 2* FEI \$20,000 SPEED STAKE | Oaks International Grand Prix Field
3:00 pm 5* FEI 68,000 CHF WELCOME SPEED
Oaks International Grand Prix Field

FRIDAY | May 12, 2023

7:30 am - 10:00 am **THE HEART OF SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO**
BREAKFAST | VIP Sponsor Tent
9:30 am - 7:30 pm VENDORS OPEN | Defender Village
10:00 am 2* FEI \$40,000 WINNING ROUND
Oaks International Grand Prix Field
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm LUNCH | VIP Sponsor Tent (Bar closes at 5:30)
1:30pm VIP COURSE WALK
2:30 pm 5* FEI LONGINES GRAND PRIX
Oaks International Grand Prix Field
5:00 pm DRAW & AUTOGRAPH SIGNING | Defender Village
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm LIVE MUSIC | Defender Village - Kelly Boyz Band/Line Dancing

SATURDAY | May 13, 2023

7:30 am - 10:30 am **THE GOLDEN AGE OF EARLY CALIFORNIA**
BREAKFAST | VIP Sponsor Tent
9:30 am - 6:30 pm VENDORS OPEN | Defender Village
10:00 am 5* FEI 35,000 CHF SPEED CLASS
Oaks International Grand Prix Field
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm LUNCH | VIP Sponsor Tent (Bar closes at 5:30)
2:30 pm 2* FEI \$77,300 GRAND PRIX | Oaks International Grand Prix Field
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm LIVE MUSIC | Defender Village - Soundwaves Beach Band

SUNDAY | May 14, 2023

7:30 am **LONGINES FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ & MOTHER'S DAY**
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST | VIP Sponsor Tent
8:30 am - 4:30 pm VENDORS OPEN | Defender Village
8:30 am 5* FEI 35,000 CHF WINNING ROUND
Oaks International Grand Prix Field
10:30 am - 1:30 pm MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH | VIP Sponsor Tent (Bar closes 3:00)
11:15 am 5* TEAMS OPENING CEREMONIES, VIP COURSE WALK
Oaks International Grand Prix Field
12:00 pm 5* 250,000 CHF LONGINES FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm LIVE MUSIC | Defender Village - Flashback Heart Attack



A PLACE LIKE NO OTHER

In the heart of Southern California

A unique town with a rich history, San Juan Capistrano has an equine identity that is rooted at the heart of what makes the City authentic and special. For centuries, this equestrian culture has evolved and flourished within the local working ranches and the community that embraced this lifestyle. The history of the area is steeped in the Ranch's tradition. Roping, reining, and running cattle are the roots of many Western sports today.

Surrounded by rolling hills and endless riding trails, the charming Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park is nestled at the base of a beautiful valley in San Juan Capistrano. At the heart of this quaint town is the historic Mission San Juan Capistrano landmark and The Los Rios District, one of the oldest neighborhoods in the state of California, with buildings dating back to 1794. The nearby train depot offers visitors direct access from the San Diego and Los Angeles metropolitan areas. The town's authentic equine identity has evolved and flourished within the working ranches, and has been embraced by the local community. The Riding Park has been home to world-class rodeos, music festivals, and some of the most important international horse shows, including the US Olympic Equestrian Trials in 2000 and the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup USA in 2023, both held for the first time on the West Coast in this very special place in Southern California.

California has a rich history of Plein Air art, starting in the 19th century. The Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park would like to introduce the horse show jumping community to the local California Plein Air Painting art movement. This international event welcomes the Mission Fine Art Gallery, the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, and its selected artists, the opportunity to paint on the grounds through the weeklong event. Through observing the equestrian competitions, the local thriving ranch culture, and the vibrant energy of activities and entertainment, artists will find inspiration from all aspects to incorporate into their works of art.



TWO TOP CHEFS AND A 5* EXPERIENCE

Chef d'Equipe Robert Ridland and Chef Azmin Ghahreman

The U.S. show jumping team is led by California native Chef d'Equipe Robert Ridland – but Ridland is not the only renowned “chef” at this week’s Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ USA.

Acclaimed culinary Chef Azmin Ghahreman has joined forces with Blenheim EquiSports to create a 5* culinary experience like no other for the sponsors and VIPs in attendance.

Since coming on board at the Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park this year, Chef Azmin has sought to provide riders with food that keeps their bodies fueled all day, using fresh, locally-sourced, high quality ingredients. In such a short time, Chef Azmin has transformed the culinary offerings by delivering a top-of-the-line FEI riders’ lounge and Medal Club experience during Blenheim’s spring horse shows. From protein smoothies and protein bites, to ‘grab-and-go’ salads and more, the response from the riders was terrific. This week, Chef brings competitors fresh food, prepared daily to provide the nourishment needed to sustain them for their next ride. For spectators and guests, a delectable culinary experience awaits inside the Medal Club.

For Chef Azmin, providing top-quality results is nothing new. Born in Iran, raised in Europe, and with culinary degrees from top European and Californian academies, Chef has lived and worked all over the globe, immersing himself in the food and culture of every continent. In addition to serving as executive chef at leading international hotels, he has designed and operated restaurants

and created culinary solutions for hotels, cruise ships, clubs, schools, and businesses throughout the United States.

Chef Azmin’s comprehensive understanding of authentic, cultural cooking is unique: his inter-cultural perspective combined with his driving passion and respect for people distinguish his work in the culinary world. He makes an impact in the community with heart and dedication to his mission. He is known for saying, “the sky is not the limit.”

In addition to providing world-class cuisine, Chef Azmin is wholly committed to improving childhood nutrition, and in 2008, he founded Sapphire at School. The innovative school lunch program currently partners with eight Orange County schools and prepares fresh, wholesome and flavorful meals for more than 5,500 students daily.

With every dish he expertly prepares and each menu he creatively designs, Chef Azmin weaves a tapestry of flavors and textures, combining the best ingredients with a global influence derived from his own world experiences. Sapphire Catering brings this rich experience directly to clients by providing delicious fare and truly memorable events, just like the exquisite meals we will enjoy at the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ USA.



PLEIN AIR PAINTING IN THE PARK

Honoring the Legacy of California California Artists

California's rich history of Plein Air artistry will be on full display during the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ during the weeklong competition and social event May 10-14, 2023.

Invited artists from Mission Fine Art Gallery in San Juan Capistrano and members of the Laguna Plein Air Painter's Association will select places in the park to paint on site — "en plein air" a term translated from the French art world meaning "to paint outdoors." Guests are encouraged to interact with the artists and to learn the importance of the plein air movement in our state's history. Paintings created each day of the event will be on display and for sale at their Hospitality Suite Cabana. On Friday, May 12th, MISSION FINE ART GALLERY artists will be featured during San Juan Capistrano Day and on Saturday, May 13th, LPAPA artists will be featured as we celebrate California Day.

MISSION FINE ART GALLERY

Located in the heart of downtown historic San Juan Capistrano, is an artist-run gallery which, since 2001, has exhibited beautifully curated, award-winning art in the form of paintings, sculptures, ceramics and jewelry. Its mission is to serve the community by displaying art featuring the culture and natural surroundings of Southern California. They are located at 31760 Camino Capistrano, Suite C, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675 opposite the historic Mission of San Juan Capistrano.

missionfineart.gallery

LAGUNA PLEIN AIR PAINTERS ASSOCIATION,

Founded in 1996, LPAPA is considered the steward of Laguna's plein air painting legacy. Early plein air artists that helped establish the town as an Artists Colony, founded the original Laguna Beach Art Association and opened the first art gallery in 1918, and started a permanent collection that later established the town's museum. The LPAPA Art Gallery is located at 414 North Coast Highway in Laguna Beach. LPAPA's mission, as a nonprofit art organization, is to preserve the history of California's 19th century plein air movement, to support the outdoor painting tradition as it exists today, and to foster a network among plein air painters worldwide.

lpapa.org

Spectators and visitors to the Riding Park during the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ May 10-14 can view the plein air paintings on display in the Art Gallery located on Cabana Row on the upper berm at the entrance to the Cabanas.



TEAM CANADA



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Erynn Ballard

Alicia Gadban-Lewis

Sean Jobin

Jacqueline Steffens Daly

Beth Underhill





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TEAM IRELAND

David Blake

Andrew Bourns

Mark Kinsella

Conor Swail



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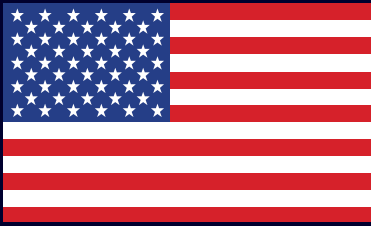
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Luciana Roberta Gonzalez Guerra

Alberto Sanchez-Cozar



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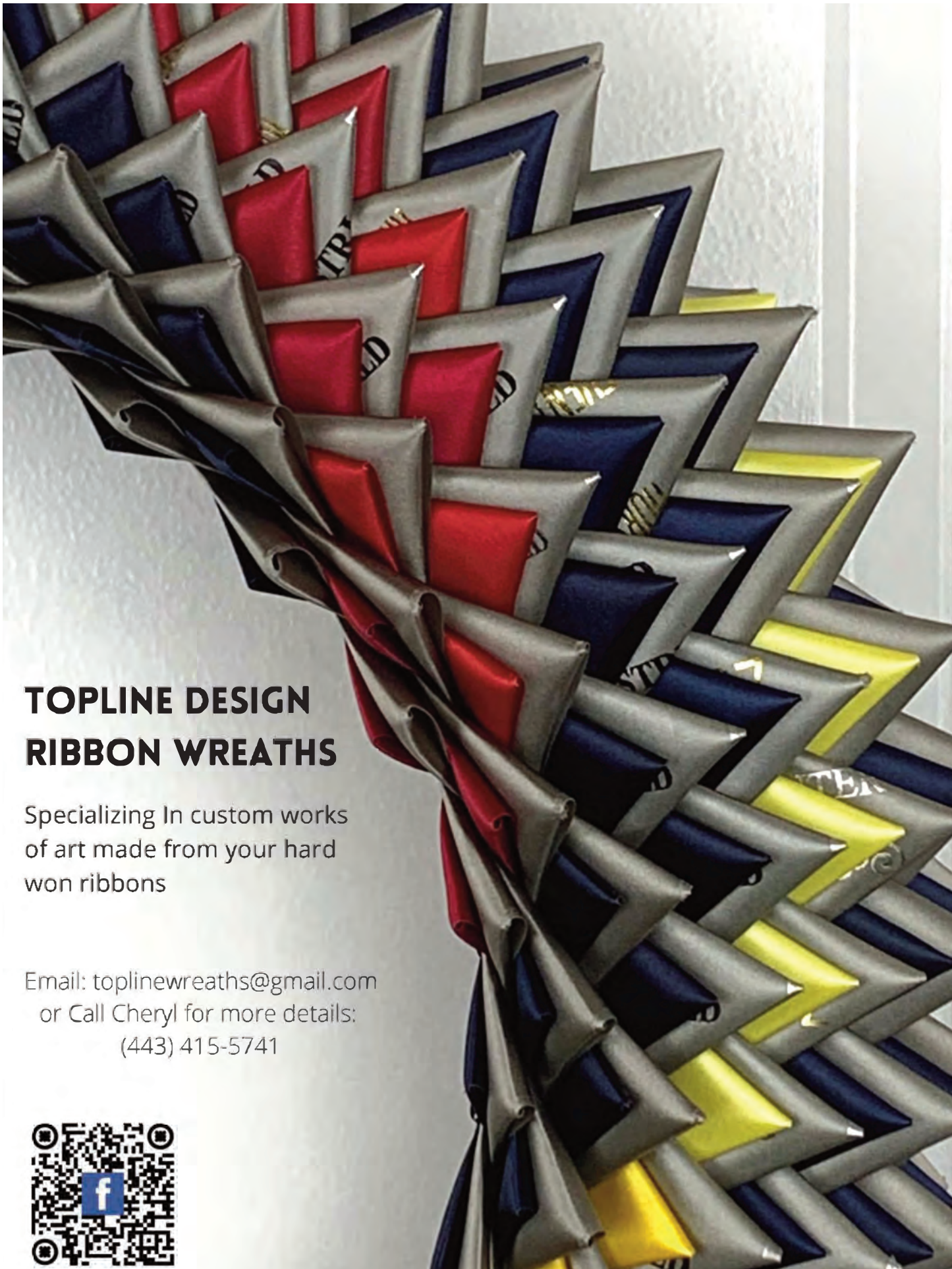
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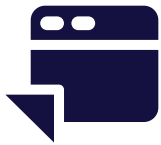


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Buchalter is an esteemed full-service national law firm with more than 400 attorneys, but for Danielle Mayer, Peggy Hosking, Leah Lively and Alexandra Bijan Pakzad, it's much more than that. Thanks to Buchalter's equine law practice, it's a place where each of the four skilled lawyers can bring together their work and their lifelong love of horses and equestrian sport. As equestrians, Mayer, Hosking, Lively and Pakzad have the nuanced perspective that most attorneys lack when advising equine industry clients.

"I think one of the big gaps we can fill in the equestrian industry is that we ride, compete, breed and own horses and equestrian facilities and we understand the needs of those segments of the industry," explained Mayer, who is an accomplished civil litigator as well as an owner and rider.

"It still surprises me that people will buy a horse on a handshake or just wire money to Europe with no questions asked, and the only real diligence being done is a vet check," said Mayer, who, as a litigator, sees first-hand the impact of poorly drafted contracts, including liability issues and the lack of transparency in the buying and selling process. "Knowing the stress and costs of litigation, I'd rather keep you out of trouble in the first place. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and this can be said about any issue that might arise with horses."

For Lively, one thing that she sees as often being overlooked in the industry are employment laws, so much of her work as a labor and employment attorney based in Oregon is focused on this.

"Not complying with those laws can subject an employer to tens, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars in penalties or a class action lawsuit," explained Lively, who also owns and operates a retirement horse farm. "We see a lot of lawsuits on the West Coast regarding improper classification of workers as independent contractors instead of employees, failure to keep accurate time records and failure to provide employees with required meal and rest periods. None of these are difficult concepts, but if you don't know what requirements

apply to you as an employer or business owner, it's difficult to be compliant and subjects you to legal liability."

In addition to being a litigator, Lively also provides advice and training on employment issues for her clients, and, with her extensive experience in the equine industry, she can provide industry specific training, not only on wage and hours issues, but diversity issues and harassment and discrimination.

For Pakzad, the focus is on corporate and intellectual property matters. Pakzad has many years of first-hand business experience managing the worldwide trademark portfolio of one of the most renowned luxury goods brands. This makes her particularly well-suited to assist clients in realizing their business objectives through the protection and monetization of their intellectual property assets.

"Intellectual property and goodwill are oftentimes the most valuable yet underutilized assets," said Pakzad, who has competed up to the 1.40m jumpers and recently moved to Northern California to build her own farm. "There are so many unrealized opportunities in the equine world, from a grand prix rider leveraging her or his name to develop a co-branded line of horse feed or tack, to a non-equine company seeking to increase brand awareness amongst a particular demographic."

Rounding out the group, Hosking brings to the group a depth of knowledge in business and commercial real estate – as well as her own equestrian background. Hosking rode hunters and jumpers on the East Coast, and is now pursuing her silver medal in dressage while operating her own boutiques equestrian facility, Azure Farms. Hosking serves as an outside general counsel for many of her clients, guiding them from start-up and formation through to sale, and handling all of their commercial real estate needs. She has also represented clients before USEF, negotiated the resolution of fraud and misrepresentation in horse sales and assisted owners with a myriad of contractual issues ranging from facility leases to purchase and sale agreements for large equestrian properties.

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Ferder's passion for the equestrian world is deeply rooted in his upbringing on his family's horse farm in Israel. Today, Lugano is a strong supporter of the equestrian world and has an entire line of equestrian-themed pieces that capture the majesty of the equine culture.

Beyond its involvement in the equestrian world, Lugano is committed to community stewardship, supporting local and global non-profit organizations that make a difference in areas such as the arts, education, health, and community support. They believe in the importance of giving back and invest their resources in philanthropic organizations that are close to their hearts, including CASA of Orange County, Wells of Life, The Kennedy Center, Lupus Foundation of America, Aspen Art Museum, The Kravis Center, Museum of Fine Arts - Houston, Palm Beach Symphony, The Buddy Program, City of Hope hospitals, The Aspen Institute, and the Orange County Museum of Art among others.

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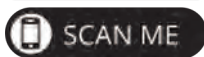


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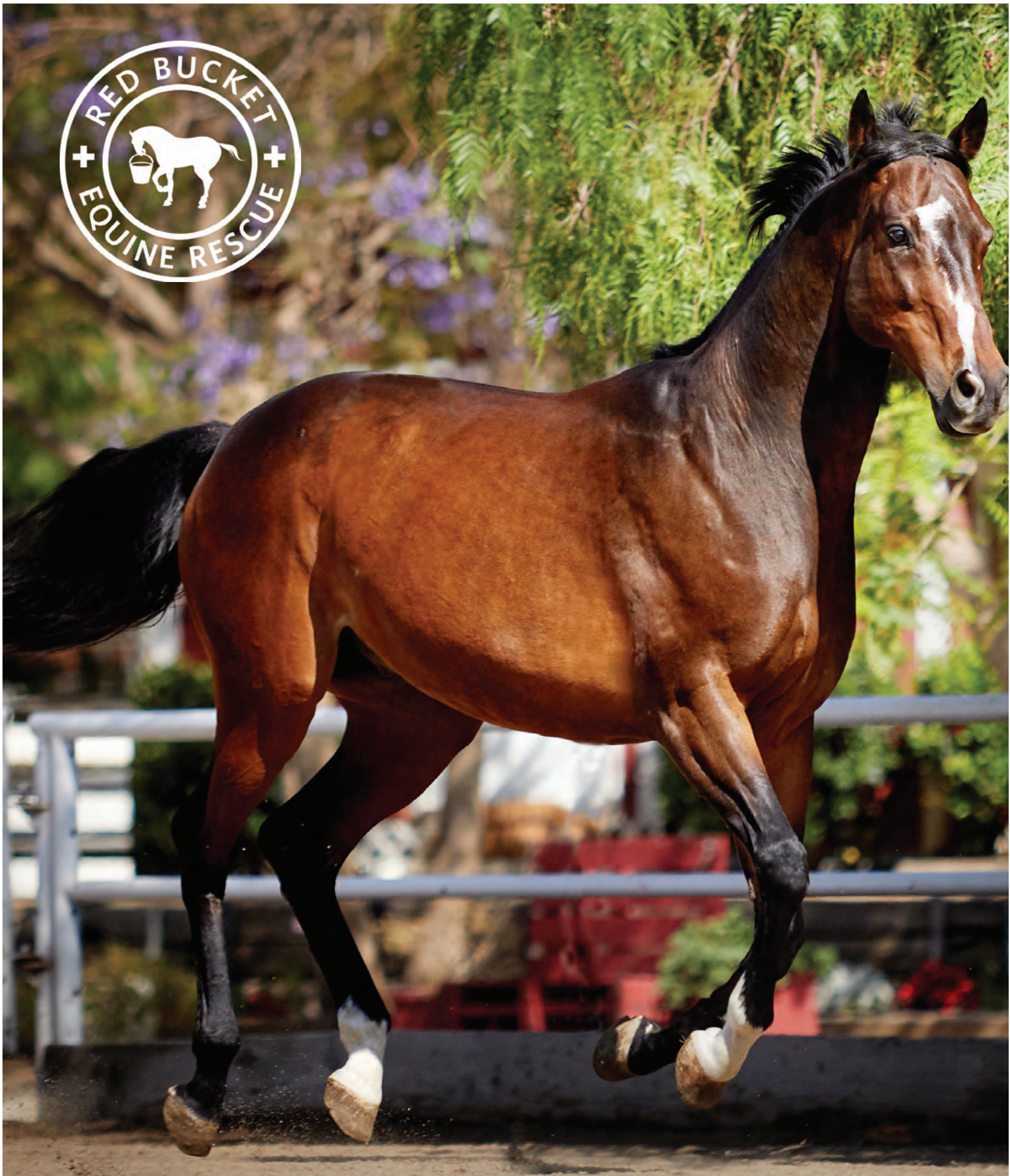
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Rescue Is Only The Beginning...

Celebrating 11 Years of Lifesaving Work!

By: M. R. Rogers

Nestled on a cozy little ranch in Chino Hills, California, Red Bucket Equine Rescue is doing very big work. Red Bucket is a volunteer run 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that unconditionally serves the abused, starving, lame, sick, slaughter bound, and unwanted. With a growing national presence and some of the best results in the country, Red Bucket is preparing to celebrate their 10th anniversary of lifesaving work. Given that a recent UC Davis study cites that 70% of equine rescues close within the first three years, Red Bucket really has something to celebrate! The Red Bucket Mission has three parts. First, they save slaughter bound, abused, starving, desperate and

surrendered equines. Second, they rehabilitate and train them, giving them time to heal and regain trust in humankind...and in themselves. All of Red Bucket's efforts are to fulfill the third and final part of their mission; to place the horses in permanent, loving, forever homes. When a horse comes to Red Bucket it receives a bucket, a name, the gift of dignity...and a promise that really means something. Red Bucket keeps its promise too, and they have saved hundreds of desperate horses, making a remarkable impact on those horses' lives and on equine welfare. Every one of those horses has a story, and I have asked them to share a few:



FINBAR

Fifty starving horses stood in filth; not a blade of hay in sight, the scarce, shallow water squalid and undrinkable. The scene resembled a graveyard of desperation, with vacant, helpless eyes, untreated festering wounds, and bones protruding through hide that appeared to be stretched over skeletons. The majority of the suffering were once beautifully bred Irish Thoroughbreds, victims of a breeding scandal and human greed. Several others had been “collected” at local racetracks to be sold for meat. The horses stood in hopeless despair, their tails long ago chewed off in a dire attempt for sustenance. Finbar, the leader and the only stallion who had



retained his tail, stood amongst them; starving, defiant, mustering fury without the energy or ability to hold his own head up. While Finbar's ribs faded, he clung, committed to his anger, for a long while.

Today, nearly ten years later, 48 of the horses rescued that day - including Finbar - have been adopted into loving, devoted forever homes. Finbar slowly shed his vitriol and anger, replacing it with joy, affection, and an authentic happiness; grateful...and once again glorious.

THE REAL FACTS.

We understand that “Rescue is Only the Beginning”

- 130,000-150,000 American horses are slaughtered for human consumption each year.
- 92.3% of horses going to slaughter are trained and in good condition.
- 80% of first-time horse owners get rid of their horses within five years.
- Thousands of rescued or adopted horses are returned to the slaughter or abuse pipeline because many rescue groups do not have a responsible plan for their care, training and future.
- With many agencies, a high percentage of their donations go towards overhead and management.

ROULETTE

In keeping with our passion for serving the desperate, Red Bucket led a rescue effort that impacted 31 feral pregnant mares, saving them from the anguish and brutality of slaughter. Consistent with our practice of saving as many lives as we possibly can...and then one more, we were able to rescue a terrified baby who



had been separated from her mother and mixed in with frantic mares. Roulette was petrified, filthy and exhausted when she arrived. Dried mud and manure caked her matted coat and she shrank from our touch, trembling uncontrollably. During those first several weeks, it seemed as though every time we peeked in at our little orphan she was asleep, curled in a little forlorn ball in the corner of her stall.



Roulette slowly began to trust that she was safe, and her gentle-natured personality emerged. We enrolled her in Red Bucket "Charm Farm" and began the slow process of teaching her that people are kind and touch is good. This last spring, in preparation for the promise that we made to her, Roulette began her under-saddle training. A pleaser by nature, Roulette has emerged a confident, beautiful and willing horse.



CLARABELLE

Clarabelle arrived with a group of malnourished and very sick horses who we saved from a rescue group that had recently collapsed. The group was not providing enough food or basic care, and had unconscionably been participating in breeding. All of the horses were unhandled, semi feral, and had alarmingly high fevers, which required us to isolate them and implement strict biosecurity protocols. Once Clarabelle and the others were nursed back to health, Clarabelle was enrolled in Red Bucket "Charm Farm". Initially untouchable and fractious, Clarabelle has been halter trained, received farrier care, and relishes human touch. As is our custom with youngsters, Clarabelle has also been enrolled in our mentorship program and partnered with 32-year-old Casey, who has the responsibility of teaching Clarabelle how to be a good little horse. Clarabelle will be trained in preparation for the promise that was made to her, a loving family of her very own.



neglect, and obscenely overgrown feet made every step to our awaiting trailer an agonizing event. Once safely home and with a great sense of urgency, we assembled our team of caregivers. Starting with an immediate nutrition plan of round-the-clock monitoring and re-feeding every two hours, we began the very careful process of providing nourishment and restoring health. Due to the severe nature of her hooves, our veterinarian partnered with our farrier, and working from radiographs, utilized a tree saw to reduce the tremendous growth of hoof that impeded Mira's ability to walk even the shortest distance. We were profoundly grateful to rescue our beautiful Mira, and honored to serve her as we reclaimed her dignity and life. Mira is a very strong representation of why we will never stop saving and serving the desperate.

MIRA

Red Bucket responded swiftly to an urgent call about a hoarding situation that had reached the tipping point of implosion. In dismantling the operation and finding safety for all horses involved, Red Bucket brought two of the most damaged victims home to the safety of our little red ranch. The horses had spent two decades in the growing absence of even the most basic care. Nutrition, farrier, dentistry, and veterinary care had been ignored altogether. We held our collective breath loading the little mare, Mira, as her malnutrition,



BLOTZER

Sometimes the act of rescue is arduous and has the side effect of nail biting. In the rescue of Blotzer, we also held our breath while trying to locate him and bring him to safety. Blotzer came from a lifetime of repeated abuse, and after one too many violent hits to the head, his cornea was perforated, causing his eye to collapse. He was dumped in a dry riverbed; bleeding, terrified, and in insurmountable pain. An eye injury of this type is one of the most excruciating injuries that a horse will experience. In Blotzer's case it was the worst that

our vet reported ever seeing! He suffered without veterinary care or pain relief for over two and a half weeks until we could finally locate and rescue him. He arrived in a terrified state, covered in visible saddle marks, dried sweat, and a painfully traumatized face. He submerged his poor swollen muzzle in a fresh bucket of water, seemingly unable to quench his thirst.

Our veterinarian arrived promptly, and Blotzer began his first day as a treasured resident and valued horse. He quickly developed a sweet tooth (especially for carrots and butterscotch candies) and an incredibly affectionate nature. His initial care required multiple bandage changes daily, and we would emerge from his paddock drenched from his repeated licking, nuzzling and kissing. It has become impossible to pass his paddock without his adorable whinny for attention...and touch. He is making great progress with his physical healing, and what is most remarkable is Blotzer's innocence and ability to forgive and trust. While he has lost the sight in his left eye, we have been able to save the globe, and much more importantly, we have saved Blotzer.



Blotzer Before



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During his sickness he was astounded by how many people cared about him and how many friends he found he had. He was shy about all the attention but I could see how much it meant to him and it truly nourished his soul. I was able to meet his amazing brother, Justin, who sounds just like Gareth and hear stories about other aspects of Gareth's life. Rascal, risk taker, thrill seeker, and prankster.

The patriarch of a fraternity that stretches across oceans, he led and occasionally followed. He was a sturdy lifeline to McKenna as she navigated the hurdles of being a teenager growing up in Orange County. I am certain he helped raise many a youngster on the show circuit. Firm. Patient. Encouraging and always loyal.

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