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Katie Dinan Named Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* for January

Lexington, KY—February 7, 2012—Katie Dinan of New York, NY, has been named the Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* for January.

Dinan competes in the East Conference Amateur-Owner division of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series aboard *Sandro*. The month of January was a huge success for the pair, as they earned first and second place honors in Series classes held during the first two weeks of the FTI Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL, earning 260 points.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series honors one rider each month as the *Rider of the Month*. The honor goes to the one rider who earns the most points on one horse in Series competition that month.

“We would like to congratulate Katie Dinan on being our first *Rider of the Month* for the 2012 Series,” said George Morris, President of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame. “We are looking forward to an exciting Series, and to honoring many more talented equestrians, like Katie, with our *Rider of the Month* Award.”

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series saw competition at 5 events during the month of January, and will see classes at more than 100 horse shows before the Series culminates in the Year-End Championships at the Alltech National Horse Show in November.

The Series hosts separate divisions for junior and amateur-owner riders in two Conferences—the East Conference and the West Conference. Series standings are used to help determine junior and amateur-owner entries for the Alltech National Horse Show.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame conducts the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series, held under Grand Prix rules and specifications. The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series is designed to give amateur-owner and junior riders an opportunity to compete at higher levels and serves as a proving ground for many riders who aspire to someday represent the United States in international competition.

Any horse show offering a class that meets all the criteria set forth in the 2012 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series specifications and has prize money of at least \$1,000 is eligible to be part of the Series.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame was organized to promote the sport of show jumping and to immortalize the legends of the men, women and horses who have made great contributions to the sport. The Show Jumping Hall of Fame is located at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. Plaques honoring those who have been honored with induction into the Hall of Fame can be seen at the Horse Park's Rolex Stadium. Mementos and artifacts from the sport's history are on display as part of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame collection at the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) Wheeler Museum at the Horse Park.

Sponsorship opportunities for the 2012 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series are currently available. For more information, please contact Jonathan Bauman at Jonathan@classic-communications.com or call 508-698-6810 extension 12.

For more information about the Show Jumping Hall of Fame, including Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series, please visit the Show Jumping Hall of Fame website at www.showjumpinghalloffame.net.