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Michael Hughes Named Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* for February

Lexington, KY—March 5, 2013—Michael Hughes, of Allendale, NJ has been named the Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* for February.

Hughes competes in the East Conference Junior division of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series aboard *Dromma*. The month of February was successful for Hughes and his riding partner, as they earned a 1st place finish at the Ocala Winter Classic, and then another 1st place finish at the next week's Ocala Winter Festival.

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 Michael on being our February *Rider of the Month*,” said George Morris, President of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame. “The competition in Florida during the winter is intense, and for Michael to come away with two first place wins is a testament to his skill.”

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic 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 and Las Vegas 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. The series receives sponsor support from SmartPak, The National Horse Show Association of America, and Stadium Jumping, Inc.

Any horse show offering a class that meets all the criteria set forth in the 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 2013 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.