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Kelsey Thatcher Named Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* for October

Lexington, KY–November 5, 2013–Kelsey Thatcher of Bluffdale, Utah has been named the Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* for October.

Thatcher won the \$15,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show and earned the division Championship with *Athena*, and also took second place and Reserve Championship with *Everything*. Thatcher, who is trained by Alex and Maggie Jayne, was also named the horse show's Leading Amateur-Owner Jumper Rider.

"I'm elated - I'm going to start crying!" said Thatcher, who won the Hall of Fame class without a jump-off after riding *Athena* to the only clear round out of the starting field of 26. "It doesn't get any better than this!"

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 Kelsey Thatcher on being our *Rider of the Month* for October," said George Morris, President of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame. "We wish her continued success."

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 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series receives sponsor support from LEGISequine.com, The National Horse Show Association of America, SmartPak, 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.

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The Alltech National Horse Show is a weeklong championship event featuring "AA"-rated hunters, open jumpers, junior/amateur jumpers, and the ASPCA Alfred B. Maclay Finals. The 2013 event runs October 29 - November 3, in the Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY, site of the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™. Further information is available at www.AlltechNationalHorseShow.com.

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