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## **The Devon Horse Show and Country Fair Celebrates Inaugural "Devon Legends"**

**Devon, Pa. - October 12, 2021** - On Friday, October 8, the [Devon Horse Show and Country Fair](#) (DHSCF) kicked off its 125th anniversary with an induction ceremony honoring the inaugural "Devon Legends" at the iconic Merion Cricket Club. This prestigious group of inaugural honorees includes Olympians, national champions, and other luminaries connected to the success of the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair.



*The 2021 Devon Legends. Photo By: Brenda Carpenter*

This is the first time in the history of the distinguished competition at Devon that the legends of the sport have been recognized. The Devon Horse Show and Country Fair looks forward to annually recognizing the many more legends that have made the event a unique and unparalleled horse show.

"Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate our 125th anniversary year of the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair on Friday," said Wayne W. Grafton, Chairman and CEO of the DHSCF. "It was an honor to recognize our first class of Legends that have helped make Devon what it is today. We were excited to celebrate these remarkable individuals in the first of many such celebrations of our leaders, competitors and supporters. The Devon future is bright! We hope everyone enjoyed the evening and the rich history that has made our organization strong for future generations."



*Sheila Connelly, Janet Crawford Hicks, Carson Kressley, Roderick Denault (accepting on behalf of Richard Ridge), John Guerrero, Rodney Hicks, and Devon Legend Edward Ochenschlager. Photo By: Brenda Carpenter*



*Wayne Grafton and Louise Serio. Photo By: Brenda Carpenter*

The first group of Show Jumping athletes includes Laura Chapot, Joe Fargis, Peter Leone, Michael Matz, and McLain Ward, as well as hunter athletes Louise Serio and Patricia Heuckeroth. Ed Ochenschlager and Richard L. Ridge will represent the Hackney and Saddlebred Legends, while Paul Martin, Donald Rosato and John White represent the Coaching division.



The "Devon Legends" include many of those outside of the historic Dixon Oval, which have helped create the magic that remains strong at the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair. These legends include Ringmasters John E. Franzreb III and Alan Keeley. The final group of Legends being honored feature distinguished supporters who have worked to improve the event over many years, including Mr. Leonard A. King, Jr., and Mrs. Elizabeth R Moran.

"The inaugural 'Devon Legends' represented the top athletes in the sport, as well as those who have helped make the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair the best event in the country for over a century. We were thrilled to recognize the people that have given back to the sport and to the community in so many ways, and we are looking forward to this new chapter in this event's legendary history," concluded Grafton.



*Olympian Michael Matz. Photo By: Brenda Carpenter*

**About the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair:**

[The Devon Horse Show and Country Fair](#) is the longest running and largest outdoor multi-breed competition in the United States. With the grandeur of Philadelphia's prestigious Main Line setting the stage, the event features a world-class field that annually ranks among the most prominent internationally. The event also includes the country fair, which offers world-class shopping, rides, games, multiple dining options and special entertainment events. Mark your calendars for May 26- June 5, 2022, to celebrate the show's 125th anniversary at the historic showgrounds.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DEVON HORSE SHOW & COUNTRY FAIR**



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