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Gaited Clinician Julie Dillon Appearing at the 2017 Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo

Certified Horsemanship Association Instructor and Member Julie Dillon has been selected as the Gaited Clinician for the 39th Annual Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo held in Indianapolis, Indiana, from March 31-April 2. “I am proud to represent and promote our CHA standards for safety and horsemanship education this spring at the Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo,” she said. “All of our dedicated Master Instructors at CHA have been a source of inspiration. Their guidance has been invaluable starting with my first certification clinic at Potter’s Ranch with Amy Hayback and Terry Jones in 2001!”

Dillon is a native of Texas now living in Mason, New Hampshire. She has traveled all over the country teaching gaited equitation and lecturing on the joys of riding the four-beat “Glide Ride” of the Tennessee Walking Horse, Missouri Fox Trotting Horse, and other gaited breeds. She is a proud member of Friends of Sound Horses as well as an IJA Learner in the Gaited Dressage Judges Program. Dillon promotes and supports the Sound Horse Movement by providing educational gaited clinics, demonstrations, and presentations at various equine events and clinics all over New England.

HorseFeathers Academy was established by Dillon and her husband, Matt, 30 years ago. Since then, Dillon has been teaching gaited equitation and horsemanship with gaited horses. Her multi-discipline program focuses on gaited horses and riders of all levels on the trail and in the arena. Dillon specializes in the promotion of gaited horse-and-rider teams in open dressage competition in New England. She is a competitor in the dressage arena and has earned multiple year-end national and regional gaited dressage championships up through Second Level. She and her registered Missouri Fox Trotting horse, Prince Jester’s Request, are schooling in preparation for Third Level testing in open dressage competition this summer.

This will be Dillon's second appearance at the Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo, and she is thrilled to be invited to appear once again: "It is an honor to be a part of this great event and share my enthusiasm with the gaited community in Indiana," she said. "The folks that organize and attend the Hoosier Horse Fair and Expo are wonderful to work with, and I am looking forward to teaching and learning with everyone there!"

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