

2011 Fall Weekend Symposium with Kyra Kyrklund – Demo Riders Needed

NEDA is thrilled to have Kyra Kyrklund as this year's clinician at our annual Fall Weekend Symposium. This year's schedule will be based entirely upon Kyra's symposium format, and the rider selection process will be entirely different and exciting as well!

We are looking for a total of 8 or 9 horses and riders that fit into the following categories:

- Young Horses (horses either 4- or 5-years old)
- Novice Riders (rider at or below First Level, pony rider, or junior on a horse)
- Advanced Medium Horses & Riders (3rd or 4th level pairs; should be able to demonstrate flying changes and half-pass; can be younger, non-confirmed horse or learning rider on schoolmaster type)
- pairs confirmed and competing at Prix St. Georges and/or Intermediare
- pairs competing at or schooling the Grand Prix movements

Multiple horse-and-rider combinations at each of these levels will be chosen for use in the symposium. If you've had the pleasure of attending a Kyra symposium in the past, you'll know she is a perfectionist. There will be sessions on rider position and seat as well as on how to properly school movements and train the horse. A variety of horse types, rider levels, and talent will be chosen to ride in the 2-day symposium format.

The Rider Selection Committee will pair all applicants down to approximately 15 semi-finalists. Then those semi-finalists will be required to travel, at their own expense, to the Hadley Equestrian Center in South Hadley, Massachusetts for the final, in-person selection round which will be held Friday, November 4th. Kyra would like to watch all semi-finalists ride their horses in small groups, the day before the symposium, and she will make the final selection of riders for the weekend. All riders chosen as semi-finalists will be given free auditing admission for the weekend.

Applications may submit their applications in the form of video tapes, DVDs, or YouTube links. Written applications should be sent with video/DVDs or emailed with your YouTube link. If you submit via YouTube, DO NOT consider your application as received unless you get an email in response to your submission. Emails should be sent to Jennifer Dillon (jjpdillon@verizon.net) and Alison Yama (aeyama@yahoo.com); please direct emails to both address, not one or the other.



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November 5 & 6, 2011
UMass Hadley Farm ~ Hadley, MA

including NEDA's Year-End Awards & Banquet
November 5, 2011
The Clarion ~ Northampton, MA

Presented by



DEMO RIDER APPLICATION

Rider Name: _____

_____ I have read the demo rider application process and understand that semi-finalists will travel to South Hadley, MA, at their own expense, for an in-person final selection round. If chosen as a semi-finalist, I have the right to decline this opportunity if I do not wish to travel. (please initial)

____ Professional ____ Amateur ____ Junior/Young Rider Age, if Jr/YR: _____

Address: _____

Best phone to reach you _____ Email (if you use email) _____

Horse's Name: _____ Horse Owner: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Current level(s): (competing) _____ (schooling) _____

If chosen as a finalist, non-member rider applicants are required to join NEDA and may use the Early Bird Membership to join for this symposium and for the 2012 membership year. If you are already a NEDA member, please include a copy of your membership card with your application.

Biographical information on horse and rider (please attach). Include training experience, competitive record, and any other pertinent information about why you would like to be a part of this year's symposium featuring Kyra Kyrklund.

Please submit your visual portion of the application in the form of a VHS video tape, DVD, or YouTube link. We prefer that you ride a test for your application as this ensures your visual format will be approximately 10 minutes and will show all required movements. If you are not currently competing, simply ride a test at home. **Please send a separate application for each horse.** Emails (or phone calls) will be made to verify receipt of your application. If you would like your video or DVD returned, please include a self-addressed, postage-paid envelope; or you may pick up at the symposium.

Cost: There is no fee to ride in the symposium. All semi-finalists will travel to the UMass Hadley Farm in South Hadley, MA, at their own expense, for the final selection process (Friday, November 4th). All semi-finalists will be given free auditing admission for themselves and 1 guest. All travel, lodging, and stabling expenses will be the responsibility of the rider/horse owner. Additional information will be forwarded to semi-finalists.

PLEASE SEND APPLICATION AND VIDEO TO:
Jennifer Dillon ~ 191 Lincoln St, Franklin, MA, 02038 ~ jjdillon@verizon.net ~ 508-641-3121
Applications must be **postmarked by August 10th (no exceptions)**
and semi-finalists will be notified by the end of September.