



**7th Annual
Jump Canada Hall of Fame
Induction Dinner**

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER



On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the seventh annual Jump Canada Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Gala. Tonight's event pays tribute to two of Canada's show jumping legends: Ian Millar and Hickstead.

Canada's horsewomen and horsemen have done a fine job of demonstrating their skill in equestrian events, both at home and abroad. With many successes to their credit, it is only fitting that we recognize in perpetuity those who have made invaluable contributions to the hunter-jumper sport.

I am very pleased to join in the applause reserved for the outstanding accomplishments of Ian Millar and for rider Eric Lamaze, who will bear eloquent witness to the remarkable exploits of Hickstead. Both the induction and the trophies are richly deserved.

Please accept my sincere best wishes for a memorable induction ceremony and gala.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dalton McGuinty".

Dalton McGuinty
Premier



On behalf of Equine Canada, I am pleased to extend greetings to everyone attending the Jump Canada Hall of Fame Ceremony and I would like to congratulate this year's inductees.

Unfortunately I am not able to attend this year's event as I will be representing Canada at an FEI meeting that is scheduled at the same time. I am extremely pleased to see Hickstead and Ian Millar as this year's inductees. As Chef de Mission and Team Leader from 2004 to 2008 I was privileged to

be part of the team that saw both of these inductees in some of their finest and historical performances.

I would like to extend sincere thanks to Mark Samuel and his committee for the outstanding job they continue to do by organizing this fantastic event. I would also like to thank the BMO Financial Group for their continued support.

J. Michael Gallagher
President
Equine Canada



On behalf of Jump Canada, I would like to welcome everyone to the seventh annual Hall of Fame Gala. It seems incredible that this is the seventh edition of the Hall of Fame, and I know that the community looks forward to the evening more and more each year. This is not just a fabulous celebration for one evening; it is an ongoing archive that helps us record the history of our sport and leaves a legacy for future fans of show jumping.

Tonight's celebration will perhaps be the most special Hall of Fame Gala yet. The two inductees being honoured are both incredible icons of our sport. And not only are they heroes of Canadian sport, but show jumping legends the world over – any nation would be proud to lay claim to their citizenship.

A special word of thanks goes out to the Hall of Fame committee. Their tireless efforts are appreciated by everyone here tonight. Thanks also to our generous sponsors – without your help this event would not be possible.

Please enjoy the celebrations this evening and continue to enjoy your sport.

John 'JT' Taylor
Chair Jump Canada



Dear Friends,

On behalf of my committee and myself it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Seventh Annual Jump Canada Hall of Fame Gala. We are thrilled to be back at the beautiful Liberty Grand and to have BMO Financial Group as our Presenting Sponsors once again. BMO has been with us since our inception and we are honoured and humbled by their steadfast support.

The Hall of Fame Organizing Committee is comprised of a professional and creative band of volunteers. I wish to thank them on behalf of the Hunter/Jumper industry for all of the time, talents and energy that they put into making this a special evening. This year, we have chosen to try something different and we are celebrating just two inductees... but what Champions they are! Ian Millar and Hickstead are true Canadian heroes. Through their character and their achievements they have captured the imaginations of the nation and have become sports Icons. It is our honour to salute them this evening and to have them join our Hall of Champions.

Last year we inducted Terrance Millar into the Hall of Fame in the category of Builder and this year we are thrilled to have the opportunity to recognize his official retirement as Chef D'Equipe of the Canadian Show Jumping Team. "Torchy" has given so much to the sport in so many ways and the Team has risen to great heights under his watchful eye. It is quite remarkable to note that Canada is the only nation to have finished in the top 5 at the last two Olympics and World Equestrian Games!

A final thank you to all of our sponsors who have stepped forward to make this evening possible. Only through your commitment and support are we able to gather every year to celebrate our Champions and to capture our proud legacy.

Enjoy your evening!

Mark Samuel
Chairman, Jump Canada Hall of Fame

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BUILDER (INDIVIDUAL)

Ian Millar

Presented by Sam-Son Farm

After more than four decades of excelling in international competition, Ian Millar's name has become synonymous with the sport of show jumping in Canada. Aptly dubbed 'Captain Canada' by his fans, Millar is the most successful competitor in the history of Canadian show jumping, with few, if any, other athletes enjoying such longevity and popularity in their respective sport. At the 2012 London Olympics, Millar set a world record by becoming the first athlete in



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any sport, from any nation, to represent their country in 10 Olympic Games.

Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Millar first began riding at the age of 10 in Lacombe, Alberta when he rented a horse from a cowboy at the general store near his family's cottage. Millar spent the summer riding and helping the cowboy run his business, before starting formal lessons in Edmonton, Alberta, that fall.

Millar was first named to the Canadian Equestrian Team in 1971 and made his Olympic debut one year later. He has ridden in more team competitions than any other Canadian rider and is an eight-time Canadian Show Jumping Champion.

Humble beginnings at Dwyer Hill, located outside of Ottawa, led to big things for Millar. While many remember Millar for his accomplishments in the show jumping arena, Millar also excelled in the hunter divisions, and was a force to be reckoned with in the 1970s.

With the legendary Big Ben, who was inducted into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame in 2006, Millar was the first rider in history to successfully defend the World Cup title, winning back to back victories in 1988 and 1989. After 11 seasons on the international circuit together, Big Ben was retired in 1994. In 1996, both Millar and Big Ben were inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, making Big Ben the second non-human to be inducted, the only other being racehorse Northern Dancer.

In 1997, Millar became the only rider in the world to win their World Cup League standings for a record tenth time and, at the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Manitoba, had an incredible come-from-behind victory to win the Individual Gold medal, in addition to his Team Bronze, with Ivar. It was the second Individual Gold medal for Millar at a Pan American Games, having previously won in Indianapolis, Illinois, in 1987 aboard Big Ben.

At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Millar riding In Style anchored Team Canada, which included Mac Cone, Jill Henselwood, and Eric Lamaze, to win the Team Silver medal after a thrilling jump-off with Team USA. The Team Silver was Millar's first Olympic medal.

In 2011, Millar set a record by competing in his ninth consecutive Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, the most of any athlete in Canadian history. In total, Millar has earned an impressive nine medals at the Pan American Games, more than any other equestrian athlete.

In addition to his own competitive success, Millar has also coached some of Canada's top grand prix riders including Jill Henselwood and Mario Deslauriers, both of whom have been Millar's Olympic teammates on two occasions. Gilles Casavant, Karen Hendry-Ouellette, Lauren Hunkin, Alison Moore, Karen Sparks and Sarah Watt represent just a handful of other athletes that Millar has provided guidance and support to.

Millar Brooke Farm in Perth, Ontario, is the base for Millar's success. Much more than a training center, it is where Ian and his wife, Lynn, made their home, raising their two children, Jonathon, now 38, and Amy, now 35, both past members of the Canadian Show Jumping Team who are following in their father's footsteps. An integral part of 'Team Millar', Lynn died just months before the 2008 Beijing Olympics, making the Team Silver medal an extremely emotional and poignant accomplishment for Millar.

Lynn was also the catalyst of the Millar Brooke breeding program, supported by long-time owners the Matthews family. Many of the mares that Millar has competed with have gone on to enjoy breeding careers at Millar Brooke following their retirement from sport, and young progeny can be seen competing in young horse divisions throughout North America.

A true ambassador of show jumping, Millar has been instrumental in attracting sponsorship to the sport. For example, in a partnership spanning more than 25 years, Millar has acted as BMO Financial Group's corporate equestrian advisor since 1988.

Millar's on-going legacy to all facets of our sport makes him a true living legend and fitting inductee to the Jump Canada Hall of Fame.



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JUMPER

Hickstead

Presented by Equestrian Management Group

Possibly the greatest show jumping horse of all time, Hickstead captured the hearts of fans around the world, but his feisty temperament and hot nature nearly ended his career before it began.

Bred by Jan van Schijndel, Hickstead (birth name Opel), was born in the Netherlands on March 2, 1996. At just a few months old, the



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bay Dutch Warmblood was sold to Rinus de Jong. Passed over by several top riders, including Olympic medalists Nick Skelton and Mac Cone, the small stallion, barely standing 16hh, was deemed too difficult to develop for top level competition. It wasn't until 2004 that Hickstead came to the attention of Eric Lamaze, and the fairy tale began.

Lamaze first met Hickstead on a buying trip with business partner Stephan Conter of Stephex Stables in Belgium. By then he was in the ownership of Gerard Franssen whose son, Tim, had shown him at the 1.30m level. Like many who had tried him before, Lamaze felt Hickstead was wild and difficult to ride, despite his impressive jumping ability. When few prospects had emerged by the end of his European trip, Lamaze went back to try the sensitive stallion a second time.

"We pulled into the farm at ten o'clock at night and tried him in the same arena that they used for breeding," remembered Lamaze. "The horse was berserk, but he did jump amazing! We got back in the car, and I admitted that he jumped well, but I still was not convinced. I got talked into it, to be honest."

It would not be a decision that Lamaze would regret. Hickstead soon arrived at his new home, Torrey Pines Stable, in Schomberg, Ontario, and began his competitive career under the ownership of Lamaze and American John Fleischhacker of Ashland Stables.

What developed was a partnership that would go down in the history books as one of the most successful ever. Having won Team Silver and Individual Bronze medals at the 2007 Pan American Games, Lamaze and Hickstead returned home to Canada to claim the \$1 million CN International in front of their adoring fans at the Spruce Meadows "Masters" Tournament in Calgary, Alberta.

Hickstead was in the spotlight at the 2008 Beijing Olympics where Individual Gold and Team Silver medals marked Canada's best finish ever in Olympic equestrian history. A dramatic jump-off for the Individual Gold medal proved to the world that Hickstead truly was phenomenal, and made him a household name in Canada.

Two years later at the 2010 World Equestrian Games, Lamaze would earn an Individual Bronze medal while Hickstead carried all four of his riders to clear rounds in the 'Final Four,' earning the title of 'Best Horse.'

For the third consecutive year, Lamaze and Fleischhacker were presented with the 'Owner of the Year' award by the FEI Jumping Owners Club in recognition of Hickstead's magnificent achievements.

Hickstead's last major victory came on September 11, 2011, in front of 89,632 show jumping fans when he won the \$1 million CN International for the second time in his career. It marked Hickstead's fifth consecutive appearance in the \$1 million CN International, having always finished in the top five.

On November 6, 2011, a true champion was lost when Hickstead died at the age of 15 of an aortic rupture after competing in the World Cup Grand Prix in Verona, Italy. An emotional outpouring of grief was felt not only in Canada, but around the globe as remembrance ceremonies and tributes to Hickstead were held the world over.

"There have been a lot of great horses, but I think any rider in Europe or North America will concede that he was the best horse in the world. There maybe won't be another one like him," said Lamaze. "I hope all riders get a chance to experience what I experienced on such a horse. It changes your life and your career."

In his time with Lamaze, Hickstead earned over \$3.7 million in prize money, having claimed several major grand prix titles including Calgary (2007 and 2011), Geneva (2008), Aachen (2010), La Baule (2011), and Rome (2011).

Hickstead is widely acknowledged as the best show jumping horse of his era.



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Jump Canada Award Recipients

The Jump Canada Hall of Fame is honoured to recognize the following 2012 Jump Canada Award recipients:

Official of the Year – David Esworthy

Owner of the Year – Brian Gingras

Sponsor of the Year – Running Fox

Volunteer of the Year – To be revealed!

Recognition of Terrance Millar

Canadian Show Jumping Team Chef d'Equipe

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Jump Canada Hall of Fame Past Inductees

2006 Inductees

- Pony** Farnley Soya
Rider Gail Greenough
Hunter Horse Just Cruising
Builder (Individual) Brigadier - General W. Denis Whitaker, D.S.O., C.M., E.D., C.D.
Builder (Organization) The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
Jumper Horse Big Ben
Team The 1968 Olympic Gold Medal Team:
James Day and Canadian Club,
James Elder and The Immigrant, and
Tom Gayford and Big Dee
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2007 Inductees

- Pony** Wotten Nell
Rider Lorne Siegle
Hunter Horse Dr. Schpiegle
Builder (Individual) Major General and Mrs. C. Churchill Mann (posthumous)
Trainer Gladys Adam (posthumous)
Official Francois Ferland
Jumper Horse Aramis
Media Susan Jane Anstey (posthumous)
Team The 1980 Alternate Olympic Gold Medal Team:
James Elder and Volunteer,
Mark Laskin and Damuraz,
Ian Millar and Brother Sam, and
Michel Vaillancourt and Chivas

Jump Canada Hall of Fame Past Inductees

2008 Inductees

Pony	Minnie Mouse
Rider	Shirley (Thomas) Prosser
Hunter Horse	Blue By You
Builder (Individual)	Ron and Marg Southern Spruce Meadows
Trainer /Coach	Tom Gayford
Jumper Horse	Monopoly
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2009 Inductees

Pony	Farnley Melanie
Rider	Michel Vaillancourt
Hunter Horse	War Bond
Builder (Individual)	Bob Ballard
Builder (Organization)	George and Dianne Tidball Thunderbird Show Park
Jumper Horse	Canadian Club
Media	Terry Leibel

Jump Canada Hall of Fame Past Inductees

2010 Inductees

Builder (Organization) Canadian Pony Club

Hunter Likely Story

Sponsor CN

Official Tom Michiel

Jumper Cagney

Rider Jim Elder

2011 Inductees

Pony Three's A Crowd

Builder (Individual) Terrance Millar

Builder (Organization) The Anderson Family

Jumper Horse Kahlua

Team 1991 Pan American Games Silver Medal Team:
Sandra Anderson and Scirocco,
Danny Foster and Forever Diamond,
Ian Millar and Future Vision and
Beth Underhill and Monopoly

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sincere thanks to everyone who
helped make this memorable
evening possible.**

Sincerely,

Your Jump Canada Hall of Fame Committee

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