



International stars Edward Gal & Hans Peter Minderhoud headline educational April event, along with Monty Roberts.

West Coast passion for high level dressage and young horse training will find fulfillment next spring when international stars Edward Gal and Hans Peter Minderhoud step into the arena at the beautiful El Campeon Farms in the Los Angeles area's Thousand Oaks on April 21-22, 2018.

In this intimate setting Gal and Minderhoud will share with the West Coast's top riders and attendees the knowledge and skills that have taken these two Dutch champions so far in the international arena. These dressage icons will be joined by author and trainer Monty Roberts, who will demonstrate his expertise with young horse training.

Gal became the darling of the West Coast and the world when he and the talented stallion Lingo captured victory in Las Vegas at the 2005 Dressage World Cup Grand Prix. He and the stallion Totilas gained rock star status upon earning triple gold medals at the 2010 FEI World Equestrian Games, and becoming the first horse-rider partnership ever to sweep the three available dressage gold medals at a single FEI World Games. Gal will teach the FEI horses and riders.

A team gold medalist in the 2015 European Championships, Minderhoud was a member of the 2008 Dutch silver medal team at the Beijing Olympics. The 2016 World Cup Champion, and holder of two World Championship and five European Championship medals, Minderhoud has had considerable success with young horses, leading him to twice win Holland's young horse championship, the prestigious Pavo Cup. Minderhoud will teach the young horse sessions at the symposium.

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Monty Roberts will demonstrate his Join-Up® method for starting horses that was made famous through his bestselling book, *The Man Who Listened to Horses*. To stop the cycle of violence typically accepted in traditional horse breaking, Monty created a set of principles using the horse's inherent methods of communication and herd behavior to lead to a more effective and gentle method. The result is a willing partnership in which the horse's performance can flourish to its full potential, rather than exist within the boundaries of obedience.

The West Coast Dressage Convention V is produced by SH Productions and follows West Coast sell-out events including the 2016 Charlotte Dujardin Educational Tour and the 2017 West Coast Dressage Convention IV headlined by Olympian Carl Hester.

“Our goal is to create a memorable experience for the attendees, presenters and participants. For this event we have a beautiful intimate setting, offering VIP seating with daily lunch served at private tables, champagne and unrivaled view of the arena,” says Scott Hayes, CEO of SH Productions.

General seating is also available on a first come, first serve basis.

In 2018 SH Productions also will offer the new Adequan® West Coast Dressage Festival, a series of four CDI and national dressage competitions in Southern California. See story in our September issue or visit www.westcoastdressagefestival.com.

SH Productions is an event management company focusing on the world of sport horses. Founder Scott Hayes is a Canadian entrepreneur and event planner with a vast business background in hospitality, marketing, retail and design. He brings to his events an immense love for sports and the entertainment industry, and invests his energy in shedding new light onto the world of event planning.

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