## **2024** EQUESTRIANS IN PARIS—Del Mar, California

The United States Equestrian Team (USET) Foundation's "Equestrians in Paris" benefit event raised \$475,000 to support the U.S. equestrian teams competing at the upcoming 2024 summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, France.

Held in March at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in Del Mar, California, "Equestrians in Paris" was hosted by **Josh Meyers** and 2023 Miss California **Sabrina Lewis**, and benefit co-chairs **Sean Caddell, Katherine Annie Finch, Laura Maloney, Patricia Mayer** and **Francie Nilforushan**, as well as several athlete host committee and benefit committee members.

The event attracted more than 500 attendees and featured live equestrian performances such as a dressage quadrille and jumping presentation from father/daughter duo U.S. Olympic team gold medalist **Will Simpson** and **Sophie Simpson Leckie**, presented by Halter Ego.



1. Actress and equestrian Beth Behrs and her husband, Michael Gladis. Photo by Raja McMahon 2. Dressage quadrille demonstration with Kathleen Raine, Steffen Peters, Sabine Schut-Kery and Guenter Seidel. Photo by Raja McMahon 3. Eventer McKenzie Rollins and "Equestrians in Paris" emcee Josh Meyers. Photo by Raja McMahon 4. USET Foundation Secretary Akiko Yamazaki with Dr. Rodrigo Vazquez and Michelle Reilly. Photo by Raja McMahon 5. Dressage rider Anna Buffini with Miss California Sabrina Lewis, who also competes in the hunter/jumper ranks. Photo by Raja McMahon 6. Artist Larissa Ann hand painted a saddle at the gala, which was auctioned off. Photo by Kirsten Ziegler Photography 7. USET Foundation Director of Development Lisa Munro, US Equestrian Managing Director of Eventing Amber Braun and US Equestrian Managing Director of Dressage Laura Roberts. Photo by Kirsten Ziegler Photography 8. U.S. Dressage team silver medalist Sabine Schut-Kery and U.S. Dressage Team Chef d'Equipe Christine Traurig. Photo by Kirsten Ziegler Photography 9. Sean Caddell (left), Laura Maloney (second right), Katherine Annie Finch (right), along with Patty Mayer and Francie Nilforushan (not pictured) were co-chairs of "Equestrians in Paris", pictured with USET Foundation Director of Development Lisa Munro (second left). Photo by Kirsten Ziegler Photography 10. Sophie Simpson Leckie and Will Simpson gave a jumping demonstration. Photo by Kirsten Ziegler Photography 11. 2023 Defender Kentucky Three-Day Event winner Tamie Smith with Ellen Ahearn, owner of winning horse Mai Baum. Photo by Kirsten Ziegler Photography

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