

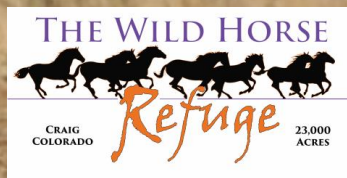
EQUUS RMHE

Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit

Mustang Symposium

March 15 - 17, 2024

Denver, Colorado



HORSES FOR MENTAL HEALTH



EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit

Denver, Colorado - March 15 – 17, 2024

EQUUS Film & Arts Fest will be galloping into Denver, Colorado with the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest, The Mustang Summit, and Mustang Symposium, March 15 - 17, 2024. Bringing the excitement to the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo. Presenting a full weekend of programming including the EQUUS Film Festival, an Art & Literary Event, Equestrian/Mustang Demos, Lectures, Panels, and other exciting events.



www.equusfilmfestival.net



Schedule of Events:

Friday, March 15– Mustangers Program – 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

Friday, March 15 – Panels & Films on The EQUUS Stage – 9 am – 5 pm

Friday, March 15 – Mustang Clinicians – RMHE Area – 9 am – 4 pm

Friday, March 15 –MHF Mustang Trail Event Cash prizes – 6 pm – 9 pm

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Sunday, March 17 – Cowboy Church with Randy Helm

Mustangers Pens – Paddock Arena – 8:30 am

Sunday, March 17– Mustangers Program – 9 am – 3 pm

Sunday, March 17 – Panels & Films on The EQUUS Stage – 9 am – 3 pm

Sunday, March 17 – Mustang Clinicians – RMHE Area – 9 am – 3 pm

Sunday, March 17 – Yearling Mustang Auction - 3 pm

About the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit

The EQUUS Film & Arts Fest takes place as both a Virtual and In-Person Event! It is the first event of its kind to offer a home to the storytellers of the horse world, with films, documentaries, videos, commercials, and shorts from around the world and cultural elements of fine equestrian art and literature.

The Mustang Summit has been added to the program as an educational platform to raise awareness and understanding about the American Mustangs in holding pens and available for adoption. A horse who has a safe and quiet start can be trainable and become a good partner. It is our mission to bring awareness to American Mustangs who need homes. Focusing on and highlighting the work taking place in the healing and equine assisted learning fields with Mustangs. Providing resources for all who want to learn about the Off-Range Mustang horse.

Founded in 2013 by Lisa Diersen, Director/Organizer, an equestrian, who has spent her life in the company of horses. Lisa's mission is to show the world how horses can bring everyone together regardless of race, age, gender, abilities or disabilities. She presently raises, trains and loves Lusitano horses in Saint Charles, Illinois with her Jack Russell, Amore. Julianne Neal joined the team in 2016.

Every horse has a story, it's our mission at the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest to share those stories, through film, art and literature.

The EQUUS Film Fest [Channel You-Tube](https://www.youtube.com/EquusFilmFestival), streaming to all your devices.
Visit our website at: <http://www.equusfilmfestival.net/> and our [FaceBook](#) page.

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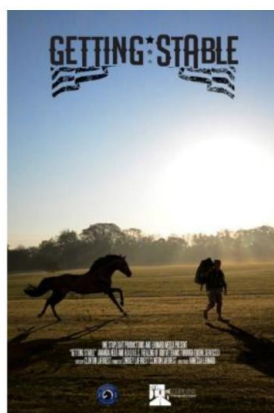
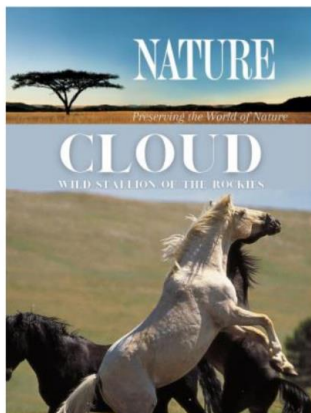


Colorado Equine Liability Act

Warning - Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for the injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes.

Friday – March 15, 2024 – 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
EQUUS Film Fest Stage – Movies & Panels


Time Block 15-Mar Friday	Film Blocks EQUUS Stage	Guest Filmmaker Q & A
9:00 am	Cloud Wild Stallion Of The Rockies 60:00 mins 	Q & A after the film with Ginger Kathrens Kerry Ferguson The Cloud Foundation
10:30 am	Horses For Mental Health Documentaries Miss Molly’s Journey – 9:10 Getting Stable – 41:23	Q & A after films with Lynn Thomas Horses For Mental Health Amanda Held H.O.O.V.E.S.
11:45 am	Drum Circle for Veterans with Kami Sue Taylor	Kami Sue Taylor
12:15 pm	A Mustang Story – 5:00 Trailer Rescued Hearts Film – 20:00 min Teaser	Q & A with Krisanna Sexton Dana Croschere & Meet Members of the film
1:30 pm	 Colorado Wild Horse Conversation Off-Range Topics  	Patrick Craig Wild Horse Refuge Brittany Ference Great Escape Lisa Mallory Halfway to Heaven Sarah Matlock CSU Equine
3:00 pm	Mustang Education & Outreach Forever Branded  	Ann Souder Forever Branded Lisanne Fear Mustang Discovery Matt Zimmerman Teri & Jeff Hall
4:00 pm	Horses For Mental Health – Breath – 2:55 Mustang Discovery Ride Trailer – 6:00 Mustang Moments – 5:51 Freedom Reigns - 83:00 mins	Filmmaker Q & A after films with Filmmaker: Matt Cohn



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Saturday – March 16, 2024 – 9:00 am – 4:30 pm







EQUUS Film Fest Stage – Movies & Panels

Time Block	Film Blocks	Guest Filmmaker
16-Mar Saturday	EQUUS Stage	Q & A
9:00 am	Mustangs BLM Programs	Lynae Rogers BLM Matt Manroe Mustang Champions
10:00 am	Mustangs for Mental Health	Lynn Thomas Horses for Mental Health Sarah & John Matis <i>Mental Health Professionals</i> Konnie Fries Project T.A.M.E. Katie Hillen Sanctuary Horses
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12:30 pm	Colorado Wild Horse Conversation Off-Range Topics 	Patrick Craig Wild Horse Refuge Brittany Ference Great Escape Mustang Ginger Kathrens – Cloud Foundation Lisa Mallory Halfway to Heaven Rescue Sarah Matlock Colorado State University
1:30 pm	Veterans Panel How Horses & Mustangs Can Help Colorado Programs	Randy Helm – Helm Horsemanship Alec Adams – 10th Mt. Equine Amanda Held - H.O.O.V.E.S. Michelle Kaye – Operation Equine Christy Schram – Veterans Rescue Andrea Pomarico – KAHUBA Dr Ellen Gehrke – Rolling Horse
3:00 pm	Youth and Mustangs and Other Successful Programs Colorado Rocky Mt. Area Focus	Andrea Linzmeyer The Urban Farm Jamie Wade Mustang Ambassadors Sarah Matlock CSU Equine Katie Hillen Sanctuary Horses Konnie Fries Project T.A.M.E.
4:00 pm	Mustang of The Carracas Mesa: A History Of The Jicarilla Mustangs and Mustangers – 80:00	Q & A after the film with Laura Harper Filmmaker

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3:30 pm	Mustang Yearling Auction The Mustangers Area – Paddock Arena Must sign up with the BLM before bidding Available at the BLM booth	

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**The
Mustangers**



The Mustang Summit RMHE

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9:30 am	Pen 2	<u>George Brauneis</u> Colorado
10:30 am	Pen 3	<u>Sky Epperson</u> & <u>Annamaria Sims</u> Indiana & Illinois
2:30 pm	Pen 4	<u>Alec Adams</u> Colorado
3:30 pm	Pen 5	<u>Randy Helm</u> Arizona
4:30 pm	Pen 6	<u>West Taylor</u> Utah

Randy Helm Helm Horsemanship - Arizona



Randy was born into a ranching family in a remote area of central Arizona and has been working with horses for most of his life. After graduating from his high school in Jerome, Arizona in 1972, Randy became a member of the US Air Force and served until 1976.

Randy Helm is a certified horse trainer with Lyons Legacy and has been training wild horses for over 30 years. He developed the current training program for the Arizona State Prison in Florence, where he serves as the supervisor of the Wild Horse Inmate Program. The prison has over 600 horses and provides training for the U.S. Border Patrol, ranchers, individuals, and law enforcement agencies.

The success of his training program for inmates and horses has been featured on local, national, international news, and documentaries including ABC, NBC, USA Today, Animal Planet, French National Television, Swiss TV, and numerous others.

In 2012, Randy was hired to develop and supervise the Wild Horse Inmate Program for Arizona State Prison. The program focused not only on training horses but training people and the parallels between the horse and the inmate. The Wild Horse Inmate Program has attained national and international attention in news stories, magazines, and documentaries.

Currently, Randy lives in Coolidge, Arizona, with his beautiful wife Libby. Randy and Libby have 5 adult children, three dogs, and three horses. He is an instrument-rated pilot, avid hunter, fisherman, and outdoorsman.

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West Taylor West Taylor's Wild Mustang Ranch Utah



Connecting humans and HORSES
Through Science-Based Horsemanship

When West Taylor is on the scene, it would be hard to say who makes the bigger changes – the horses or the humans. West has dedicated his life to not only discovering how to communicate and train the wild horses, he also discovered and learned about himself. West would say that when working with wild horses, they have also been teaching him. West practices and teaches the profoundly effective science-based horsemanship that will unlock nearly any horse and any rider.

<https://westtaylor.net/> <https://www.facebook.com/wildwestmustangranch/>



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4:30 pm	Pen 2	<u>George Brauneis</u> Colorado

Bruce Anderson South Carolina TIP Trainer – South Carolina Natural Humanship™



Bruce Anderson is a passionate and enthusiastic trainer and clinician who firmly believes not only in the power of the horse, but also in our responsibility to help horses acclimate into our modern world. Bruce grew up on the West Indian islands of Trinidad and Tobago and it was there on the family cocoa and coffee estates that he began his relationship with horses. He learned to ride on the estate and then represented his country on the National Show Jumping Team. From there he moved on to breeding farms at home, in the U.K., and in the U.S. While in England, he earned an agricultural degree at Merriestwood College in the U.S. where he worked on the Thoroughbred racing industry. He eventually moved into the hunter/jumper "AK" show circuit, working in Camden, SC where he has now established a training business.

Bruce is certified through the Mustang Heritage Foundation's Trainer Incentive Program and enjoys working with Mustangs, but also appreciates working with owners and their horses to assist them in building better relationships. Bruce's gift is centered in his unique system of Natural Humanship™ developed over a lifetime of work with all types of horses. His recent experience working with feral horses has taken the system to another level. One of Bruce's most powerful and influential work settings took place in 2015, when he was called to the Bahamas to work with Nuns, the last feral mare in the line of blood-related Nuns, now extinct. That experience was the catalyst for a documentary featuring Bruce's life and work, "The Edge: Bruce Anderson's Natural Humanship™." A selected presenter for the 2018 World Equestrian Games and 2020 EQUITANA USA, Bruce works with educational and mental health professionals, law enforcement agencies, school and church groups across the southeastern US to provide Equine Assisted Services with partner Julianne Neal through Nature's View, Inc. and the Marley Project 501(c)(3).

Julianne is an educator with 35 years of experience in Arts Administration and is currently holds a Professional Designation in Education through Annex for Change. The Marley Project is one of the 60 nonprofit organizations selected for support in the 2024 Through Horses 2024 National Campaign.

Nature's View website: <http://www.naturesview.us>
The Marley Project website: <https://www.marleypoint.org>
View The Edge: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20200224>
Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/naturalhumanship>
<https://www.facebook.com/naturesview>



Sky Epperson Indiana MUSTANG Adoption Academy – Founder/Director Mustang Heritage Foundation TIP Trainer Haubstadt, IN



www.mustangadoptionacademy.com

Sky is a father of triplets, a horseman, mustang grandfather and trainer from Southwest Indiana. Interestingly Sky grew up without horses, back he realized even "have just" till he was married and in 1992 Sky got his first horse at the encouragement of his father who owned another riding buddy. Sky took his father's advice on that first horse and started to take his own horse advice. The horse had some issues caused by previous owners that put Sky on the fast track to learning much about the horse. This learning process led to a passion and love for the horse, horse training and horse communication with both humans and horses. Sky and his 3 children's love for horses has grown and now have a herd of 12 horses and 2 dogs but also include horses, the herd, Sky, individually care for one of the family equines in a horse packing each year.

As a Breed Based Horseman, Sky has worked with Mustangs placed in 10+ feral states and 2 countries, he also has worked with horses in three continents. Sky believes that although there are many training methods that can help horses and Mustangs there is only one, that can help all horses, Breed Based Horsemanship. This is the way America sees the Mustang.

Most of Sky's horsemanship has come from studying a variety of trainers but a span of the moment a sign for a West Taylor seminar pulled together for him and he is fully entrenched with science based horsemanship of Dr. Steven Peters. Everything Sky had learned was validated in this clinic. Horse responses he has helped him to understand the horse better. West Taylor and Dr. Steven Peters really showed what was important.

Sky's horse sense grew immensely when working for Hall of Famer, Terry Palmer and the Palmer family at their Ranch in Durango Colorado. Having the chance to be in front of some many different horses from yearlings to older horses was a real blessing.

Today, Sky specializes in TIP training Mustangs, stable starting Mustangs, and training horses and their humans to connect and better, as well as, line work, promoting successful Mustang adoption through the Mustang Adoption Academy and Breed Based Horsemanship.

Sky is available to do Clinics or demonstrations to help you with your Mustang privately. Reach out to him to see your Mustang as well as others. You can Sky's progress on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/skyepperson>
<https://www.facebook.com/MustangAdoptionAcademy> or an Instagram @MustangAdoptionAcademy or MustangAdoptionAcademy.com



Annamaria Sims Partnering with Sky Epperson - Illinois Strengthen the Saddle - Founder Equine Bodywork, Massage & Awareness



Annamaria Sims, certified Equine Massage Therapist, started her journey with horses later in life. An animal lover at heart, she evolved her son who was diagnosed with autism (who also showed a fondness for animals) into a therapeutic riding program in 2005 and has never looked back.

Annamaria took an immediate interest into the compassion, natural healing power, and therapeutic aptitude that the horses demonstrated. She volunteered for over 15 years working with occupational, physical, and speech therapists as they worked with both kids and adults with physical and mental disabilities all while expanding her own horizons and watching her two children thrive in the program.

After spending 25 years in database management and retail, she decided to take the knowledge that she had gained and her love for horses and set on herself. Believing that horses are at their best when they are sound physically, Annamaria received her certification for equine massage and began building a business that now sees her working on over 125+ horses per month in two different states (Illinois and Wisconsin) and growing.

In addition to her massage work, Annamaria has recently worked with wild mustangs at multiple events nationally in an effort to have them adopted to forever homes. Her work has assisted in having multiple mustangs adopted to work in therapeutic program that work with military veterans.

Her ultimate goal is to be able to help as many horses as she can so that partnerships can be made to the benefit of both the horse and the human being.

"Horses are truly an amazing force of nature. The world would not be the same without their powerful healing presence." – Annamaria Sims



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Alecz Adams
Colorado
Alecz Adams Horse and Rider Training
Lake George, Colorado
10th Mountain Equine
Author / Mustangs Advocate / Veterans Mustang Program



Alecz Adams, President and Director of Equine Operations at 10th Mountain Equine. Trainer at Alecz Adams Horse and Rider Training, she has been working professionally with horses for over 35 years internationally. A successful competitor and pro rider in a variety of disciplines: Hunters, Jumpers, Eventing, Fencing, Trail, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, and many GypsyVane Events, she currently works as a horse trainer, private riding instructor, Depth Hypnosis Practitioner, Equine Assisted Activity Facilitator, Ranch Manager, and Mustangs with the Mustang Summit.

Ms. Adams published the book *Mindful Horseback Riding*, and trains horses and individuals alike in methods from her book, from Trotwork to Yoga on Horseback, as well as teaching traditional riding disciplines, seatwork, and mounted archery. She also spent several years designing, creating and training both horses and staff for several companies in both North and South America, including the number one equestrian tour company in Peru, Mountain Lodges of Peru.

In 2019, Alecz co-founded the Colorado 501(c)(3) nonprofit 10th Mountain Equine, with the mission to rescue horses and serve our community and country by providing proven, effective Equine Assisted Therapies and Activities to improve people's lives including children, veterans and those experiencing psychological trauma. Ms. Adams has been facilitating and providing Equine Assisted Therapies and Activities to people in need for over a decade. She has developed several new modalities, including the Equine Assisted Trauma Release and the Horse Guided Hypnotherapy methods, which are becoming increasingly successful across the country.

<https://www.facebook.com/aleczadamshorseandridertraining/>

<https://10me.org/>



George Brauneis
Grand Valley Horse Rescue
Colorado



Back in 1971, George Brauneis was one of tens of thousands of children that wrote letters to Congress and our President in support of Wild Horse America's efforts to better protect our Wild Horses and Burros. He was in the saddle before he could even walk. He grew up with Tuffy a beautiful Palomino mare and Old Ed, a scruffy and lovable Mammoth donkey. The love of horses and donkeys, Mustangs and burros runs deep.

After graduating college, he found his way to Long Beach, California where he worked in aerospace engineering. His fingerprints can be found on the International Space Station, the B2 Bomber, the Global Hawk drone, and the C-17 to name a few. But, after September 11th, 2001, he had a change of heart and returned to rural Colorado. He came back full circle to his roots of his youth with horses.

George is a master at working with Qi/energy with horses. He has a way of being that mirrors a still lake in his Qi (energy) that helps the horses feel safe and cared for and seen without stressing them out or chasing them around to get them to connect. He calls this "becoming Catchable To Your Horse".

George is a purely positive trainer who understands the deep energy flow of Qi running through him, the horses and burros, and all of the animals at the Eagles and Wild Horses Ranch. His practice of Qi/energy led him to discover that Qi is a horse's natural language and by matching his Qi state with the horses amazing results were possible that allow the horse to shift their behaviors naturally and with very low stress.

George has come to develop his own unique style of "Slow Dancing" with the Mustangs which allows them to trust him based on their choice of being able to connect with him when they are ready. George's primary concern is the restoration of each horse's essence which is often becomes shut down at the hands of humans. Even though they may have experienced great trauma they can once again learn to feel safe in their own bodies and trust humans again.

<https://www.facebook.com/georgebrauneis/>



Cowboy Church With Randy Helm

Arizona Cowboy Ministries

When: March 17, Sunday 8:30 am

Where: Mustangers Pen at the Paddock Arena





**Prayer For Veterans Drum Circle
With Kami Sue Taylor**

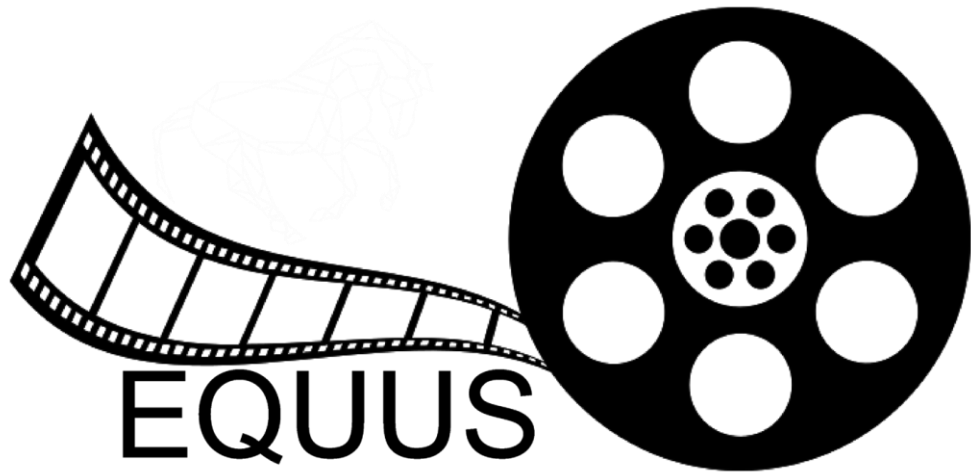
**Opening Prayer at
Friday | Saturday | Sunday**

15-minute ceremony

**EQUUS Stage Area
in Main Expo Hall**

**Open Invitation for Veterans
to join in and Drum.**





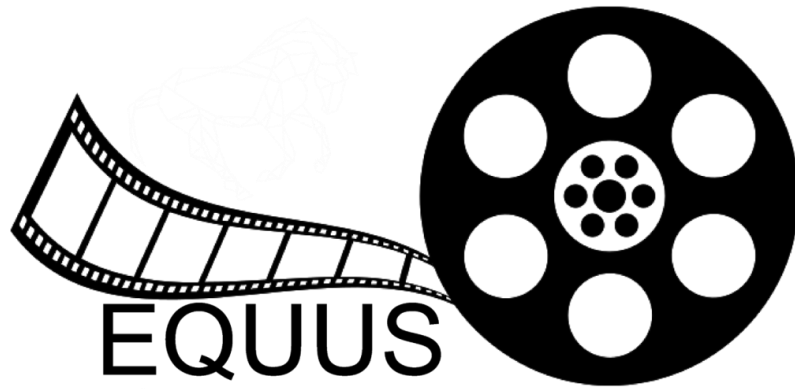
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Lisa Diersen

EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit Founder / Director

Lisa Diersen is an equestrian; riding since she could sit in a saddle, Diersen has a great appreciation for all types of equestrian disciplines. She is the Founder and Director of the EQUUS Film Festival, now in its 12th season. The EFF empowers storytellers to show horses' rich history and diverse tapestry in human culture through equestrian content, film, art, and literature. The EQUUS Film Festival is the first film festival oriented around equestrian-themed content from all over the world that also travels the world. Screening feature films, documentaries, shorts, music videos, commercials, training educational materials, art, and literature, covering all equestrian disciplines, creating a home for the storytellers of the horse world.

Created for Horse Lovers... by Horse Lovers!

Her mission is to show the world how horses can bring everyone together regardless of race, age, gender, abilities, or disabilities. Lisa is passionate about the education and enlightenment of others to the wonderful world of horses and everything they can do to enrich our lives.

Producer and writer credits on the DOWN Syndrome equine documentary "A Pony And His Boy: The Story Of Berry & Josh" for the EQUUS Film Festival in New York City and the National DOWN Syndrome Congress 2019 with SPOTLIGHT Rescue Series partner and film director Julianne Neal. Working on additional SRS documentaries to add to the series she and Neal started in 2017. The Mustang Discovery Ride Project is now in production. Lisa is the Executive Director of the Mustang Discovery Foundation. Adding "The Mustang Summit" to the programming in 2022. With a focus on educating the general public about the American Mustang Horse and its importance in the world today.

She is a published equine author with many articles to her credit. Diersen spent the early part of her career with General Motors in engineering, then moving into the subdivision development and home/barn building market, winning an Illinois Home Builder Award, before returning to her first love..... working with horses! She spends her time, when not promoting equestrian film, having fun promoting Classical Dressage, Lusitano, and Mustang horses, and spending time with her faithful Jack Russell Terrier, Amore, and her Lusitano, Urano.

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Julianne Neal

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Podcast Producer/Editor/Host Documentary Filmmaker

EQUUS Film and Arts Fest Director of Programming

CAMDEN, SC EQUUS Tour Stop Organizer

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www.amustangstory.com <https://themarleyproject.org> www.equusfilmfestivalcamden.com

Julianne is the owner of JA Media Connections, LLC and the Producer/Director of A Mustang Story, the documentary/docuseries covering The Mustang Discovery Ride and other Mustang-related stories. She works in partnership with Bruce Anderson to provide Equine Assisted Services through Nature's View, Inc. and The Marley Project, Inc, a non-profit 501(c)(3) with a mission of providing equine education and public service. The organization connects horses with individuals, educational groups, law enforcement officers and management training professionals through Anderson's Natural Humanship™ work.

Julianne retired in 2022 after a 35-year career in Arts Education and K-12 Administration. A life-long horse lover, she owns and operates Thornfield LLC, a boarding and training facility in South Carolina. She combines her love of all things equine, educational experience and arts focus to bring clients and projects together through the boutique creative production company, JA Media Connections LLC. Julianne attended the Manhattan Film Institute in 2016 and began working with film production through a partnership with The Art of Storytelling (AOS), an international agency specializing in well-crafted, engaging stories designed to transform and inspire. Their first collaborative project, "THE EDGE: Bruce Anderson - Natural Humanship," is an award-winning documentary providing insight into Anderson's work.

JA Media Connections LLC produces a catalogue of podcasts. Julianne hosts Whinny Tales, featuring Anderson's work as a horse trainer and clinician. From "Horse stories and pony legends to unicorn yarns," the podcast has featured such organizations as the EQUUS Film and Arts Fest, Equitana USA, Horses and Humans Research Foundation and Creative Spirits UnLeashed. As a member of the EQUUS Film and Arts Fest Team, Julianne serves as Director of Production and Education, creating the Spotlight Rescue Series and the documentary film, A Pony and His Boy, as well as the festival podcast and WebChats. She recently produced a bi-weekly podcast for Brooke USA, On The Road, as well as Tiny Horse Talk and the Mustang Discovery Ride Podcast.

In her spare time, Julianne loves to ride her Warmblood/Shire cross, Winston.

EQUUS Film & Arts Fest Podcast: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/equus-film-and-arts-fest/id1494713109>

America's Horse on America's Trail: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-mustang-discovery-ride-americas-horse-on-americas/id1591933653>

Whinny-Tales Podcast: <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/julianne-neal/whinny-tales>





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Rocky Mountain Horse Expo

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**Rocky Mountain
HORSE EXPO**

National Western Complex

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Denver, Colorado

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About Denver Colorado

Denver is near the mountains, not in them. The Mile High City is located on high rolling plains, 12 miles east of the "foothills," a series of gentle mountains that climb to 11,000 feet. Just beyond is the "Front Range of the Rocky Mountains," a series of formidable snowcapped peaks that rise to 14,000 feet. Denver might not be in the mountains, but the mountains still dominate the city. The picturesque mountain panorama from Denver is 140 miles long. There are 200 visible named peaks including 32 that soar to 13,000 feet and above.

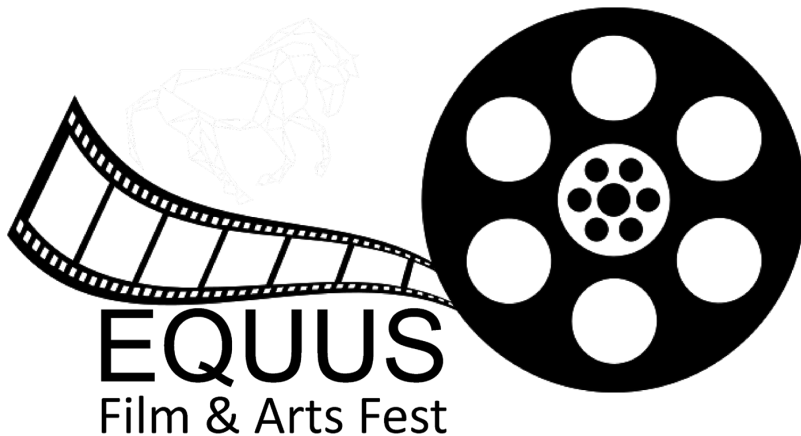
The city of Denver has a population of 727,211 (2019), while there are nearly 3 million people in the metro area. The city's population grew 21.2 percent between 2010 and 2019. According to the 2019 census, 30 percent of the city is made up of Hispanics, while African Americans make up nearly 10 percent.

The mountainous area of Colorado is six times the size of Switzerland, containing 9,600 miles (15,449 km) of fishing streams, 2,850 lakes, and more than 1,000 peaks two miles (3,218 km) high.



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The "Mustangers"



Randy Helm

Helm Horsemanship

Arizona



Randy was born into a ranching family in a remote area of central Arizona and has been working with horses for most of his life. After graduating from his high school in Jerome, Arizona in 1972, Randy became a member of the US Air Force and served until 1976.

Randy Helm is a certified horse trainer with Lyons Legacy and has been training wild horses for over 30 years. He developed the current training program for the Arizona State Prison in Florence, where he serves as the supervisor of the Wild Horse Inmate Program. The prison has over 600 horses and provides training for the U.S. Border Patrol, ranchers, individuals, and law enforcement agencies.

The success of his training program for inmates and horses has been featured on local, national, international news, and documentaries including ABC, NBC, USA Today, Animal Planet, French National Television, Swiss TV, and numerous others.

In 2012, Randy was hired to develop and supervise the Wild Horse Inmate Program for Arizona State Prison. The program focused not only on training horses but training people and the parallels between the horse and the inmate. The Wild Horse Inmate Program has attained national and international attention in news stories, magazines, and documentaries.

Currently, Randy lives in Coolidge, Arizona, with his beautiful wife Libby. Randy and Libby have 5 adult children, three dogs, and three horses. He is an instrument-rated pilot, avid hunter, fisherman, and outdoorsman.

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West Taylor

West Taylor's Wild Mustang Ranch Utah

Connecting humans and HORSES
Through Science-Based Horsemanship



When West Taylor is on the scene, it would be hard to say who makes the bigger changes – the horses or the humans. West has dedicated his life to not only discovering how to communicate and train the wild horses, he also discovered and learned about himself. West would say that when working with wild horses, they have also been teaching him. West practices and teaches the profoundly effective science-based horsemanship that will unlock nearly any horse and any rider.

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WEST TAYLOR

Sky Epperson

Indiana

MUSTANG Adoption Academy – Founder/Director

Mustang Heritage Foundation TIP Trainer

Haubstadt, IN

www.mustangadoptionacademy.com



Sky is a father of triplets, a horseman, mustang gentler and trainer from Southwest Indiana. Interestingly Sky grew up without horses, heck he did not even have a pet till he was married and in is late 20's. Around 2003 Sky got his first horse at the encouragement of his father who wanted another riding buddy. Sky took his father's advice on that first horse and learned to not take his dad's horse advice! The horse had some issues caused by previous owners/trainers that put Sky on the fast track to learning much about the horse. This learning process led to a passion and love for the horse, horse training and horse communication with both humans and herd. Sky and his 3 children's love for horses has grown and now have a herd of 11 horses and 2 onery but adorable burros. The herd, Sky, and usually one or two of the family squeeze in a horse pack trip each year.

As a Brain Based Horseman, Sky, has worked with Mustangs placed in 10 different states AND 2 countries, he also has worked with horses in three continents. Sky believes that although there are many training methods that can help horses and mustangs there is only one, that can help all horses, Brain Based Horsemanship. This will be the way America saves the Mustang.

Most of Sky's horse sense has come from studying a variety of trainers but a spur of the moment sign up for a West Taylor seminar pulled it together for him and he is fully entrenched with science-based horsemanship of Dr. Steven Peters. Everything Sky had learned was validated in this clinic. Horse neuroscience has helped him to understand the horse better. West Taylor and Dr. Steven Peters really showed what was important.

Sky's horse sense grew immensely when working for Hall of Famer, Terry Palmer and the Palmer family at their Ranch in Durango Colorado. Having the chance to be in front of some many different horses from yearlings to older horses was a real blessing.

Today, Sky specializes in TIP training Mustangs, saddle starting Mustangs, and training horses and their humans to communicate better, as well as, tirelessly, promoting successful Mustang adoption through the Mustang Adoption Academy and Brain Based Horsemanship.

Sky is available to do Clinics or demonstrations or help you with your Mustang privately. Reach out to him to save your mustang as well as others. Follow Sky's progress on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sky.epperson> , <https://www.facebook.com/Mustangadoptionacademy/> or on Instagram @Mustangadoptionacademywithsky, or Mustangadoptionacademy.com



MUSTANG



Adoption Academy

Annamaria Sims

Partnering with Sky Epperson - Illinois

Strengthen the Saddle - Founder

Equine Bodywork, Massage & Awareness



Annamaria Sims, certified Equine Massage Therapist, started her journey with horses later in life. An animal lover at heart, she enrolled her son who was diagnosed with autism (who also showed a fondness for animals) into a therapeutic riding program in 2005 and has never looked back.

Annamaria took an immediate interest into the compassion, natural healing power, and therapeutic aptitude that the horses demonstrated. She volunteered for over 15 years working with occupational, physical, and speech therapists as they worked with both kids and adults with physical and mental disabilities all while expanding her own horizons and watching her two children thrive in the program.

After spending 25 years in database management and retail, she decided to take the knowledge that she had gained and her love for horses and bet on herself. Believing that horses are at their best when they are sound physically, Annamaria received her certification for equine massage and began building a business that now sees her working on over 125+ horses per month in two different states (Illinois and Wisconsin) and growing.

In addition to her massage work, Annamaria has recently worked with wild mustangs at multiple events nationally in an effort to have them adopted to forever homes. Her work has assisted in having multiple mustangs adopted to work in therapeutic program that work with military veterans.

Her ultimate goal is to be able to help as many horses as she can so that partnerships can be made to the benefit of both the horse and the human being.

“Horses are truly an amazing force of nature. The world would not be the same without their powerful healing presence.” – Annamaria Sims



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Bruce Anderson

South Carolina

TIP Trainer –South Carolina

Natural Humanship™



Bruce Anderson is a passionate and enthusiastic trainer and clinician who firmly believes not only in the power of the horse, but also in our responsibility to help horses acclimate into our modern world. Bruce grew up on the West Indian islands of Trinidad and Tobago and it was there on the family cocoa and coffee estate that he began his relationship with horses. He learned to ride on the estate and then represented his country on the National Show Jumping Team. From there he moved on to breeding farms at home, in the U.K. and in the U.S. While in England, he earned an agricultural degree at Merristwood College and in the U.S. where he worked in the Thoroughbred racing industry. He eventually moved into the hunter/jumper “A” show circuit, working in Camden, SC where he is now established as a trainer.

Bruce is certified through the Mustang Heritage Foundation's Trainer Incentive Program and enjoys working with Mustangs, but also appreciates working with owners and their horses to assist them in building better relationships. Bruce's gift is centered in his unique system of Natural Humanship™ developed over a lifetime of work with all types of horses. His recent experience working with feral horses has taken the system to another level. One of Bruce's most powerful and influential work settings took place in 2015 when he was called to the Bahamas to work with Nunki, the last feral mare in the line of Abaco Island Wild Horses, now extinct. That experience was the catalyst for a documentary featuring Bruce's life and work, “The Edge: Bruce Anderson's Natural Humanship™.” A selected presenter for the 2018 World Equestrian Games and 2020 EQUITANA USA, Bruce works with counselors and mental health professionals, law enforcement agencies, school and church groups across the southeastern US to provide Equine Assisted Services with partner Julianne Neal through Nature's View, Inc. and The Marley Project 501(c)(3).

Julianne is an educator with 35 years of experience in Arts Administration and is currently holds a Professional Designation in Education through Arenas for Change. The Marley Project is one of the 65 nonprofit organizations selected for support in the SEEN Through Horses 2023 National Campaign.

Nature's View website: <http://www.naturesview.us>

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George Brauneis

Grand Valley Horse Rescue Colorado



Back in 1971, George Brauneis was one of tens of thousands of children that wrote letters to Congress and our President in support of Wild Horse Annie's efforts to better protect our Wild Horses and Burros. He was in the saddle before he could even walk. He grew up with Taffy a beautiful Palomino mare and Old Ed, a scruffy and loveable Mammoth donkey. The love of horses and donkeys, Mustangs and burros runs deep.

After graduating college, he found his way to Long Beach, California where he worked in aerospace engineering. His fingerprints can be found on the International Space Station, the B2 Bomber, the Global Hawk drone, and the C17 to name a few. But, after September 11th, 2001, he had a change of heart and returned to rural Colorado. He came back full circle to his roots of his youth with horses.

George is a master at working with QiGong energy with horses. He has a way of being that mirrors a still lake in his Qi (energy) that helps the horses feel safe and cared for and seen without stressing them out or chasing them around to get them to connect. He calls this "Becoming Catchable To Your Horse."

George is a purely positive trainer who understands the deep energy flow of Qi running through him, the horses and burros and all of the animals at the Eagles and Wild Horses Ranch. His practice of QiGong led him to discover that Qi is a horse's natural language and by matching his Qi state with the horses amazing results were possible that allow the horse to shift their behaviors naturally and with very low stress.

George has come to develop his own unique style of "Slow Dancing" with the Mustangs which allows them to trust him based on their choice of being able to connect with him when they are ready. George's primary concern is the restoration of each horse's essence which so often becomes shut down at the hands of humans. Even though they may have experienced great trauma they can once again learn to feel safe in their own bodies and trust humans again.

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Alec Adams

Colorado

Alec Adams Horse and Rider Training

Lake George, Colorado

10th Mountain Equine

Author / Mustangs Advocate / Veterans Mustang Program



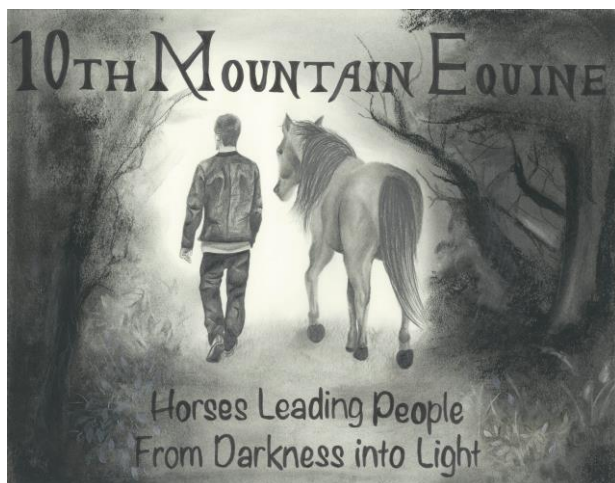
Alec Adams, President and Director of Equine Operations at 10th Mountain Equine. Trainer at Alec Adams Horse and Rider Training, she has been working professionally with horses for over 35 years internationally. A successful competition and pro rider in a variety of disciplines: Hunters, Jumpers, Eventing, Reining, Trail, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, and many Gymkhana Events, she currently works as a horse trainer, private riding instructor, Depth Hypnosis Practitioner, Equine Assisted Activity Facilitator, Ranch Manager, and Mustanger with the Mustang Summit.

Ms. Adams published the book *Mindful Horseback Riding*, and trains horses and individuals alike in methods from her book, from Trustwork to Yoga on Horseback, as well as teaching traditional riding disciplines, vaulting, and mounted archery. She also spent several years designing, creating and training both horses and staff for several companies in both North and South America, including the number one equestrian tour company in Peru, Mountain Lodges of Peru.

In 2019, Alec co-founded the Colorado 501(c)3 nonprofit 10th Mountain Equine, with the mission to rescue horses and serve our community and country by providing proven, effective Equine Assisted Therapies and Activities to improve people's lives including children, veterans and those experiencing psychological trauma. Ms. Adams has been facilitating and providing Equine Assisted Therapies and Activities to people in need for over a decade. She has developed several new modalities, including the Equine Assisted Trauma Releasement and the Horse Guided Hypnotherapy methods which are becoming increasingly successful across the country.

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Available for Adoption

in partnership with

**Wild Horse and Burro Program
Bureau of Land Management**





Mustang Available For Adoption at The Mustang Summit

BLM Yearling Available

Tag1597 – Blue Roan - Filly

Gathered from the Piceance-East Douglas HMA Colorado





Mustang Available For Adoption at The Mustang Summit

BLM Yearling Available

Tag1618 – Bay - Filly

Gathered from Cedar Mountain HMA Utah





Mustang Available For Adoption at The Mustang Summit

BLM Yearling Available
Tag 1656 – Red Roan - Filly
Gathered from Bible Spring HMA Utah





Mustang Available For Adoption at The Mustang Summit

BLM Yearling Available
Tag 1668 – Palomino - Filly
Gathered from Bible Spring HMA Utah





Mustang Available For Adoption at The Mustang Summit

BLM Yearling Available
Tag 1670 – Bay Pinto - Filly
Gathered from Bible Spring HMA Utah





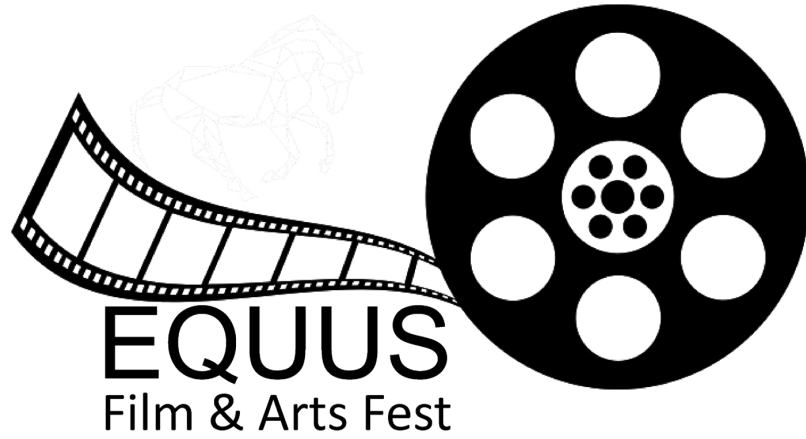
Mustang Available For Adoption at The Mustang Summit

BLM Yearling Available

Tag 1673 – Grey - Filly

Gathered from Bible Spring HMA Utah





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**THE MUSTANG
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“Pappa” Mike Cassedy

Mustang Heritage Foundation TIP Trainer - Kentucky Presentation- “The Way”

The very foundation of my horsemanship came from Uncle Albert White Horse up on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota.

“See what they see, think what they are thinking, and you will have the horse!”
Uncle Albert White Horse

Spending summer after summer, watching, learning and riding up on the Rez, gave me that solid foundation of learning the horse.

Years of the love of the horse, brought me to my first mustang in 2017.

Attending a Pow Wow in Ohio, approached by a young lady who had a “free mustang” from a rescue organization for her green rider daughter’s 4-H introduction, was the start of my passion for the mustang.

Accepted three times for the KY EMM was an opportunity of a lifetime, though my first EMM was at the age of 65.

The passion carried over to my daughter, April Michelle Cassedy, and 14-year-old AD Adren Gross that became known as Team Pappa Mike.

Over the last 5 years, Team Pappa Mike has worked with over 30 mustangs of various degrees in their training. What we found after our very first mustang, One Horse’s Journey, barn name “Journey”, was the large number of mustangs that horse people were either incapable or lack the training ability to move forward with their adopted mustangs.

We decided we would no longer adopt untouched mustangs (with exceptions of the EMM Competition) but would focus on helping others with their mustangs and/or taking on abandoned mustangs.

Journey is still with April Michelle along with 3 other mustangs and I have Wakiyan, my 2019 KY EMM Mustang and Akicita my other Pinto Mustang.

We continue to move forward and work with all levels of mustangs as it has become a “Whatever It Takes” mindset with these National Treasures through what we established as “The Way” we work with mustangs. Pappa Mike Cassedy.



Patricia Cross

Mustang Ballet - Indiana



Born into a world enchanted by the allure of Mustangs, my journey began as a young dreamer entranced by the untamed beauty of 'Wild' Horses. At the tender age of 11, my mother brought home an unhandled palomino pony. This spirited gelding, merely a yearling at the time, would soon come to be known as BuckOh!, marking the genesis of an extraordinary bond and a transformative journey.

As I matured, I navigated through the corporate corridors of the financial and mortgage industry until destiny intervened at the age 37. In October of 2022, I welcomed my first American Mustang, and by January 2023, my herd expanded to four, with two of my new companions carrying precious new life.

Yet, on March 25, 2023, the winds of change swept through my life as I found myself unemployed for the first time in my career, a casualty of the financial downturn gripping the economy. Emotionally depleted and withdrawn, I struggled to find my footing and grappled with a profound sense of purposelessness, leaving me adrift.

Amidst this storm, I discovered solace in the rhythmic dance with my horses, rekindling a sense of purpose and a fervent advocacy for Mustangs, reigniting a passion for genuine connection and a sense of family. The impact goes far beyond the positive steps taken for the horses; it has also revitalized my own life!

In addition to nurturing my growing herd of magnificent Mustangs, I take great pride in being a devoted mother to 2 wonderful young men whose curiosity fuels my own quest for knowledge and compassion. As the founder of Mustang Ballet, I am committed to fostering a worldwide understanding of life's compassion and the imperative of preserving the rich heritage of our Great American Mustang. I serve as a steadfast advocate for future generations, sharing the lessons learned from embracing a deeper connection with Mustangs and People through the timeless traditions of the equestrian arts.

www.mustangballet.org



Lisanne Fear

Wyoming

Lead Rider on the Mustang Discovery Ride Project

5000 Miles 5000 Mustangs

Founder: Mustang Discovery Foundation

<https://www.mustangdiscovery.com/>



Take a young woman with a passion for horses looking for a grand adventure, add American Mustangs and a host of guest riders and you have the ingredients for the “Mustang Discovery Ride.” This documentary project will tell the story of a journey across the United States on the American Discovery Trail (ADT) featuring Mustang TIP trainer, Lisanne Fear, along with her Mustangs, dogs and support team. The team is covering 12 states, coast to coast from Delaware to California, riding previously wild Mustangs while packing, camping and speaking about the power of these amazing animals. Lisanne rode out from Delaware’s historic Cape Henlopen State Park on September 28, 2021, with members of the team and is continuing her adventures through Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and California. The documentary will detail the struggles and triumphs that she encounters, most attributed to the kindness of strangers met along the journey. We will also feature aspects of the ADT in each state, Mustang adoptions inspired by the project, college and university equine programs utilizing Mustangs, Veterans Programs in existence and other Mustang-related stories. The goal of the ride is to cover 5,000 miles across the country while inspiring the adoption of 5,000 Mustangs into appropriate homes. Through the documentary film, related podcast/vodcast, and documentary-series, we are trying to reach as many people as possible to make it happen!

Documentary series



How to find out more about the Mustang Discovery Ride Project

- <https://www.mustangdiscovery.com/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/mustangdiscovery/>
- <https://www.gofundme.com/f/mustang-discovery-ride-project>
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Ellen Kaye Gehrke

California

The Psychophysiology of Equine Assisted Healing with Populations Experiencing Trauma and PTSD Symptoms

Dr. Ellen Kaye Gehrke is the founder of The Heart of Horsemanship (HOH) at her Rolling Horse Ranch in Ramona, California. HOH is an eight-week program designed to support combat veterans suffering from PTSD. She is a Professor of Leadership at National University in San Diego and has been researching and developing evidence-based programs with horses and humans for over twenty years. She partnered with Heartmath in 2005 to research the psychophysiology of the human-animal bond using a measure of heart-rate variability. Dr. Kaye Gehrke continued conducting and publishing research with populations of children with autism, at-risk children and adults, combat veterans, male and female victims of abuse and leading programs for corporations and leadership education. In 1999 she adopted an eight-year-old wild mustang, Tonopah, from the BLM in Ridgecrest, California. Tonopah has been a trusted partner and teacher and still active at the age of 33. She was a compliance officer for BLM, adopted four other mustangs over the years and is currently writing a book about the experiences and lessons learned gentling wild horses. Dr. Kaye Gehrke is the author of Ride It Out: Healing the Wounds of Warriors Through the Energetic Connection With Horses.

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Rolling Horse Ranch provides horse-assisted leadership and team building programs for Veterans. The Heart of Horsemanship is a program offered in cooperation with Veterans Centers. The program brings veterans to the ranch to ride and be with horses in an effort to reduce anxiety, build self confidence, reconnect with self and others and enjoy life more.

Rolling Horse Ranch, established in 1999, is located in Ramona California. Dr. Ellen Kaye Gehrke is the Founder/Director. She has been actively engaged in bringing people from all walks of life together to experience how horses can partner with humans for opportunities to learn and connect with their LifeSpirit.

Amanda Held

Ohio

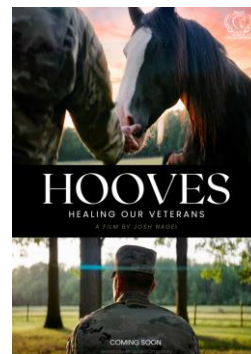
H.O.O.V.E.S. | Mustang Heritage Foundation TIP Trainer *Presentation: "Pyramid for Equine Connection"*

In this interactive session, we'll explore a series of connection-based exercises and breathing techniques designed to alleviate stress for both horse and human. By embracing these practices, we aim to foster a profound bond between you and your equine companion, ultimately building confidence and trust. Don't miss this opportunity to embark on a journey of harmony and mutual understanding with your four-legged partner.

Having grown up and trained with horses all her life, in 2003 Amanda began working with them in a different fashion - to begin her healing process from depression, anxiety and PTSD. Encouraged by personal results, Amanda enhanced her proficiency with formal training and certification in EAGALA, Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and several other stress and trauma coaching modalities. From her training and personal experience, she has developed her own method called Equine Integrated Wellness™. Today she practices and teaches this coaching method, helping over 300 veterans and family members combined to develop the current H.O.O.V.E.S. curriculum

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“Driving through the gate at H.O.O.V.E.S. feels like coming back inside the wire.”
- Cory Spychalski, Army Combat Veteran



H.O.O.V.E.S. is a private, donor-supported charity that provides fully funded, 4-day non-clinical retreats for veterans, first responders, and their family members nationwide, who are seeking recovery from service-connected stress.

Retreats are led primarily by veterans and family members who have themselves gone through trauma and achieved growth. During retreats, participants are facilitated through a process that integrates past traumas and reveals underlying strengths, as they forge connections with others and ultimately create a mission, vision, and purpose in service to both themselves and to humanity.

Taryn Hillman

Wild Hearts Horsemanship Colorado



Born and raised in Colorado, Taryn graduated from CSU with a degree in Equine Science and Agricultural Business. She pursued her passion for horses from a young age and has been actively involved in both training horses and teaching lessons for over 20 years. She became a PATH Certified Instructor in 2007, helping individuals with special needs accomplish their goals while learning how to ride. She has participated in multiple Extreme Mustang Makeover competitions and several of those mustangs became partners in her therapeutic riding and lesson program. She has also competed in the Equine Comeback Challenge and several local TIP challenges, consistently placing among the top performers. When training horses she strives to do right by the horse, using natural horsemanship training methods to gain trust and respect while working with the horse to create a partnership with the goal of developing quiet, versatile horses that most anyone can ride. Teaching and training, along with helping horses in need, are her true passions and she loves the rewarding nature of her vocation. While being actively involved in the horse training industry, the past several years she has also helped rehabilitate and train abused and neglected horses, many of which were troubled mustangs or feral horses with "baggage". She has become renowned for not only working with feral horses, but also unhandled or minimally handled horses with a rough past, many of which become riding horses.

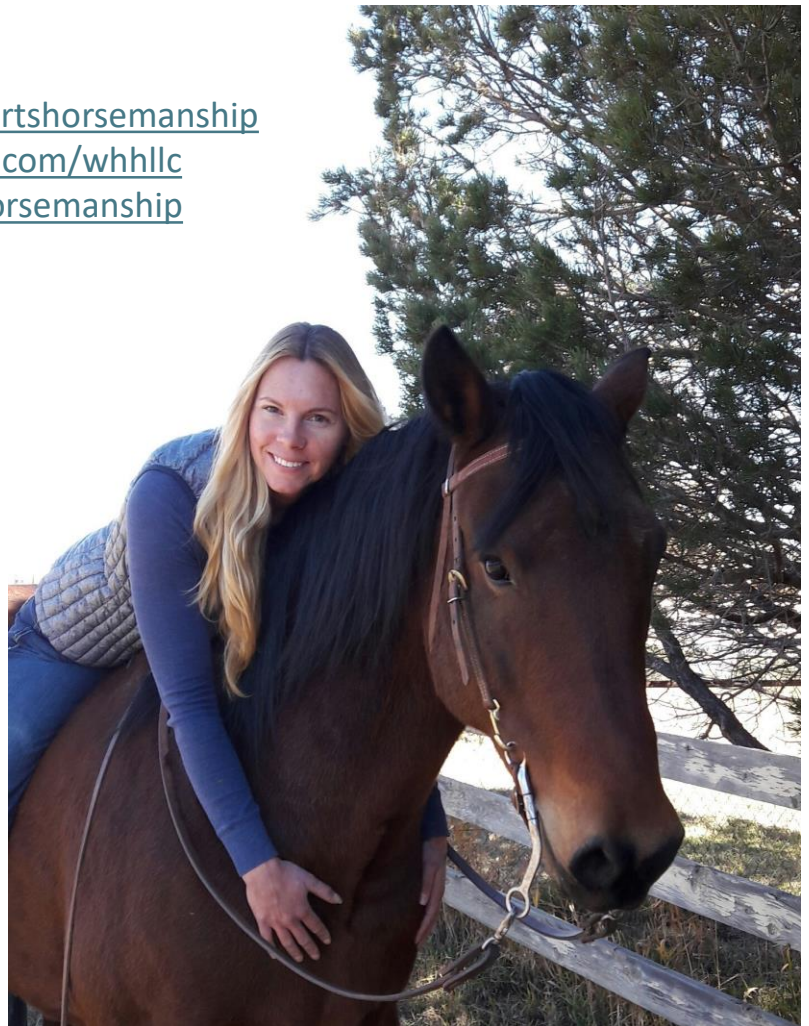
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Stefanie Skidmore

Colorado

Wild Horse Outreach & Advocacy

MHF TIP Trainer



Stefanie Skidmore, founder and president of WHOA

Our director and trainer, Stefanie Skidmore, has 28 years of experience training horses of various ages, breeds and sizes on 2 continents, and over 5 years of experience working with wild horses. She has been teaching horsemanship for well over a decade and has an academic background in biology with a focus on animal behavior and husbandry, as well as human psychology and behavior through her work as a mental health therapist.

MS Professional Counseling – Grand Canyon University 2018

BS Biology – Leipzig University 2008

Our Mission:

Helping Mustangs successfully transition from wild to willing and from holding pens to loving homes. Sustainably, with compassion and competence.

Wild Horse Outreach & Advocacy (WHOA), a Colorado 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was created in 2019 to humanely gentle Mustangs gathered from public lands and find carefully chosen homes for them. WHOA also provides guidance to current and prospective adopters/owners of once wild horses.

For more information, email info@wildhorseoutreach.org or visit our contact page.

We speak both English and German. Wir helfen Ihnen gern auch auf Deutsch.

<https://wildhorseoutreach.org/>

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Bree Thompson

Wild Hearts Haven Mustang Restart Colorado

Wild Hearts Haven is a nonprofit 501c3 restart program committed to improving the lives of equines and humans through rehabilitative care and education, grounded in compassion and expertise. We offer equines in transition a second chance by providing superior training and dedicated rehoming services. We rehab, restart, and rehome horses of all types and backgrounds, with a focus on mustangs.

We believe that investing in a solid training foundation is key to helping these horses live happy, successful lives back out in the community. 720-404-9032

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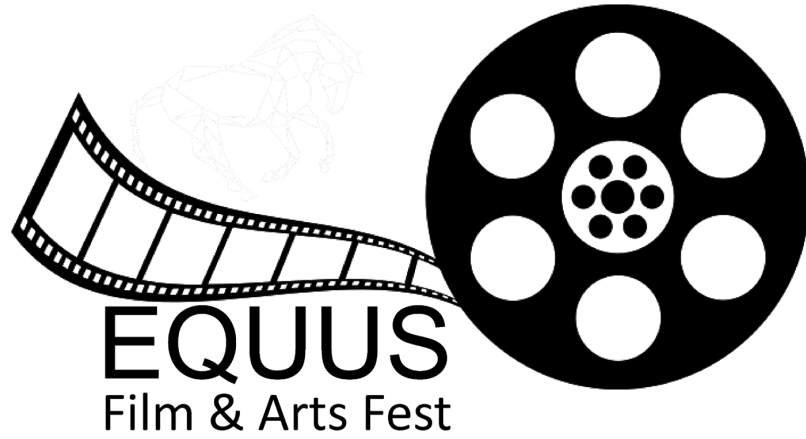
Liberty horse and dog trainer

Fueled by her desire to have horses in her life she let no one decide her fate and chased her love for horses. Drea began to get a feel for how to move the horse with just her body position, gestures and energy and as if she was speaking telepathically to her equine. Later she began to learn about leadership and playfulness. Soon, Drea found herself playing with the energy between her and the horses and creating a significant bond and speaking equine language. With her energy and body language she learned about connection, trust relationship and communication. Drea did understand the connection and the spark in her heart that would later turn into her love for liberty work, one of the specialties for which she is highly regarded. They say when the student is ready the teacher will appear, and with time that happened. After a few years Drea began studying Horsemanship/Liberty and trick training with a dear friend Terryle. She had no idea that what she was about to learn, together with her horses, which would be such a treasure, how grateful she would be for those hours spent, how they would forever impact her life and her equine friendships. On the outside, it was horsemanship, on the inside...It was about finding herself and personal development with horses. Making shifts in herself caused growth in exponential ways! She soaked up knowledge and wisdom from these incredible creatures. She evolved as a horse woman. Her dreams and goals for her horses evolved. As she continued to experience her personal development and love for groundwork and communication with her horses it began to become her way of life. Drea feels indebted to the horses in her life. She feels the need to help people shift their beliefs that humans must dominate the horse, their closed hearts, and their unconscious behaviors. She feels the need to help horsemen open the space for connection between the horse and owner. The partnership of human and horse...ultimately is to help guide people to a transformational place that affects every aspect of their life through developing their horsemanship and Liberty/trick training skills.

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The Guest Speakers



Patrick Craig

Wild Horse Refuge

Colorado



Founder and Executive Director – Pat Craig – Pat began saving captive wildlife after learning that thousands of “surplus” animals were being kept in tiny cages in the back of zoos all across the country – with many being euthanized on a daily basis. Pat set out on a mission to help save these animals by building a small rescue facility on his family farm outside Boulder, CO. At age 19, Pat became the youngest state and federally licensed person in the country, as well as the first person to build a sanctuary dedicated to saving large carnivores and other animals.

Pat’s vision has led 44 years later to the oldest and largest nonprofit sanctuary in the world dedicated to rescuing captive exotic and endangered large carnivores that have been abused, abandoned, exploited or illegally kept. Beginning in 2022, Pat saw the need for a wild horse refuge to be created in order to help wild Mustangs in Colorado. He subsequently created the largest wild horse sanctuary in the United States by opening a 22,500-acre facility in northwest Colorado for Mustangs that were being removed from their native ranges by the BLM.

Pat’s 44 years of experience in captive large carnivore rescue, transportation, animal behavior and sanctuary development have led to his becoming a leading expert in the field. He spent more than a decade rescuing PMU horses back in the late 80’s and early 90’s and has rescued hundreds of horses in need while also operating three separate large carnivore sanctuaries.

Pat lectures regionally and nationally on captive wildlife rescue and transportation, great cat behaviors and diets, and has worked tirelessly toward better protection for these animals. He works hand-in-hand with the USDA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, and many other state and national organizations in the never-ending fight to rescue animals in need. Pat has also worked with Canadian, Mexican, Spanish, Bolivian, Uruguayan, Panamanian and Peruvian, Lebanese and Korean government agencies on large and extremely complicated rescues from within their countries.

Pat oversees and participates in all TWAS’ operations, including rescues, both within the United States and abroad. Pat has over 44 years of experience in designing, building and operating specialized rescue equipment for use in transporting large carnivores and wild horses and manages the largest fleet of rescue equipment in the country. His expertise in handling large rescues in demanding situations, as well as successfully covering great distances is well known among law enforcement agencies across the U.S.

Pat has a BS in Education from the University of Northern Colorado and has received recognition and awards from many sources including the United States Secretary of Agriculture Honor Award for service above and beyond to the USDA, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Humane Association and E-Chievement Award from E-Town Environmental Radio Show. Besides being featured as a modern-day Noah by 60 minutes news, Pat was also a finalist in Animal Planet’s “Hero of the Year” selections and currently has two Emmy Awards for educational videos he helped produce.

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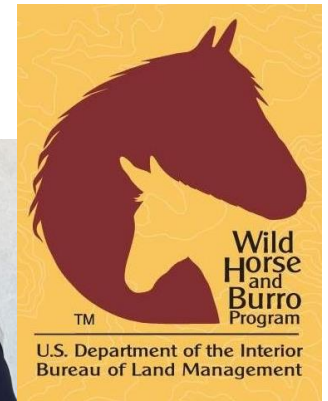
THE WILD ANIMAL
Sanctuary

Saving one animal may not change the world...But surely, for that one animal... The world will change forever!



Colorado Team BLM

Colorado



Meet the BLM Team joining us in Denver From left to right:

Vicky Franz, started her career in the WHB program in 2019 retired in 2021, absolutely could not stay away and is now working as an experienced contract worker assisting with transfers, applications, reassignments, and adopter questions.

Sam Tachera, is the newest member of the team, joining in September 2023. Sam is a program analyst and will be overseeing daily office operations, data calls, and supporting off and on range wild horse operations.

Wayne Tachera, is the Wrangler for the CCI Short-Term Holding Facility, he started his WHB career in Ridgecrest CA, moving to Colorado in 2014. Wayne's duties include daily operation at the holding facility, along with overseeing horse care and wellness.

Amanda Opdyke, is the WHB Administrative Assistant, she started her WHB career in April 2021. Amanda's duties include transfers, applications, reassignments, and anything dealing with adopter paperwork and questions.

Lynae Rogers (not in picture), is the On Range Lead, WHB Specialist, BLM Colorado, she started her career in 1997 as a Rangeland Management Specialist, with WHB collateral duties. She has been with the program consistently since Jan. 2023. Her duties include coordinating on range projects, such as fertility control, gathers, on range partnerships, compliance, NEPA, etc.

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Nahshon Cook

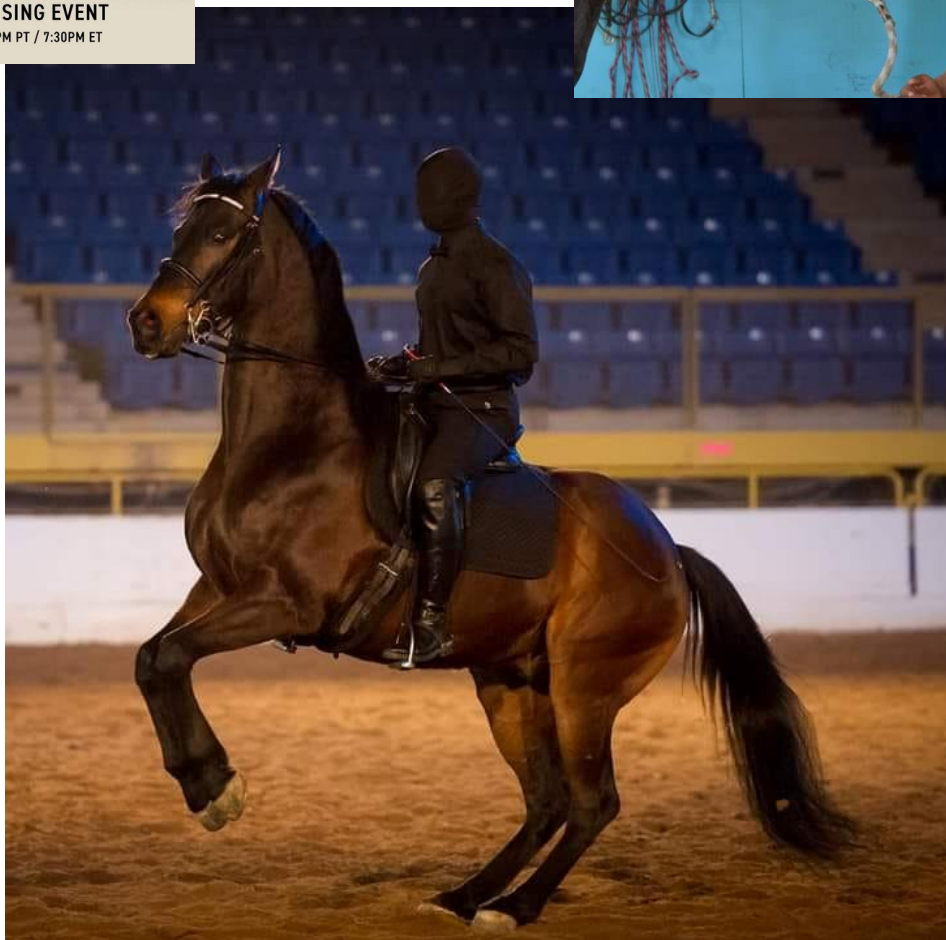
Nahshon Cook Horsemanship Colorado

Nahshon Cook holds the adage “Follow the horse and find heaven in every step.” as the golden rule.

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Brittany Leigh Ference

The Great Escape Mustang Collaborative Colorado



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Brittany is the Executive Director for the Great Escape Mustang Collaborative. She has dedicated her life's work to addressing the unique challenges faced by wild horses. She holds a strong sense of responsibility to advocate for the once wild ones as they find their way through domestic life. Her personal experiences in the wild serve as a constant reminder of the beauty and resilience of these remarkable wild animals and reinforce her commitment to serve the Mustangs and the people who take them into their homes. Through her unwavering dedication, expertise, and passion, Brittany continues to make a significant difference in the lives of Mustangs.

Brittany lives off grid in the southern Rocky Mountains of northern New Mexico with her family where her lifestyle re-employs slow living, simplicity and connection to nature. You can catch her spending time with her family homesteading and in the backcountry horseback riding, fishing, hunting and foraging.



Kerry Ferguson

**The Cloud Foundation
Executive Director
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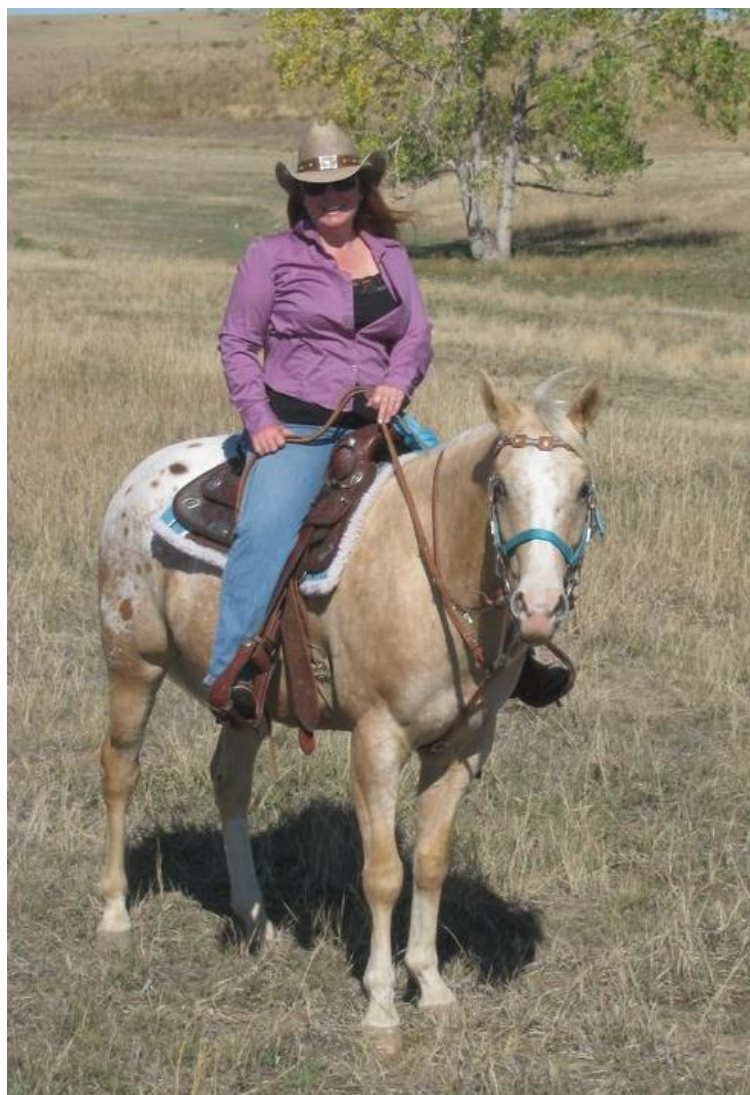
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Kerry Ferguson joined The Cloud Foundation team in 2022. Originally from San Diego, she has enjoyed exploring Colorado from the back of her friend, Toby (The Wonder Horse), since moving to Colorado in 2012. A former educator, she came to The Cloud Foundation from a Regional Manager position working in the nonprofit sector. A lifelong lover of animals, and a horse geek, she is thrilled to be able to channel her experience and passions into this meaningful work.

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Konnie Fries

Project T.A.M.E.

Colorado

Founder of Tame and Co-Executive Director of Horse and Human Rescue



I got bit by the horse bug around 6 years old, when I started riding at a hunter-jumper barn in NY. Around the time of my 13th birthday, my family had some hardships which prevented me from continuing horses. Over the next 10 years I endured a series of traumatic events, landing with a diagnosis of PTSD and severe generalized anxiety. In my mid 20's I had just about run out of hope and felt helpless when I walked into Beautiful Day Farms, looking to feel the warm energy and comfort that horses once provided for me. It was that same day that I realized horses were the missing link, and although I was unsure how, I somehow knew they were the key to helping me heal.

It was in CO that I met my first mustang at Alice Billings ranch, and when I did, something ignited in my soul that changed my view of the horse world forever.

I currently live in Montrose, CO where I coach mustangs and youth through a mindful Mustangship transformation. TAME was founded in the winter of 2019, and joined forces with Horse and Human Rescue in 2022 to expand their mission.

My mission is to connect, educate, and transform the lives of mustangs and their adopters. The goal of TAME is to match at-risk youth, veterans, recovering addicts, and survivors of domestic violence with their very own mustang to gentle, so they can build new skills together. It is my hope to share my experience in order to help horses and humans find their happy place, just as I did. I believe horses can help transform us, just as much as we can help transform them. I invite you to explore the path of inner transformation towards finding confidence, inner peace, a voice, and balance of love between you and your horse.

<https://project-tame.org/>



Teri & Jeff Hall

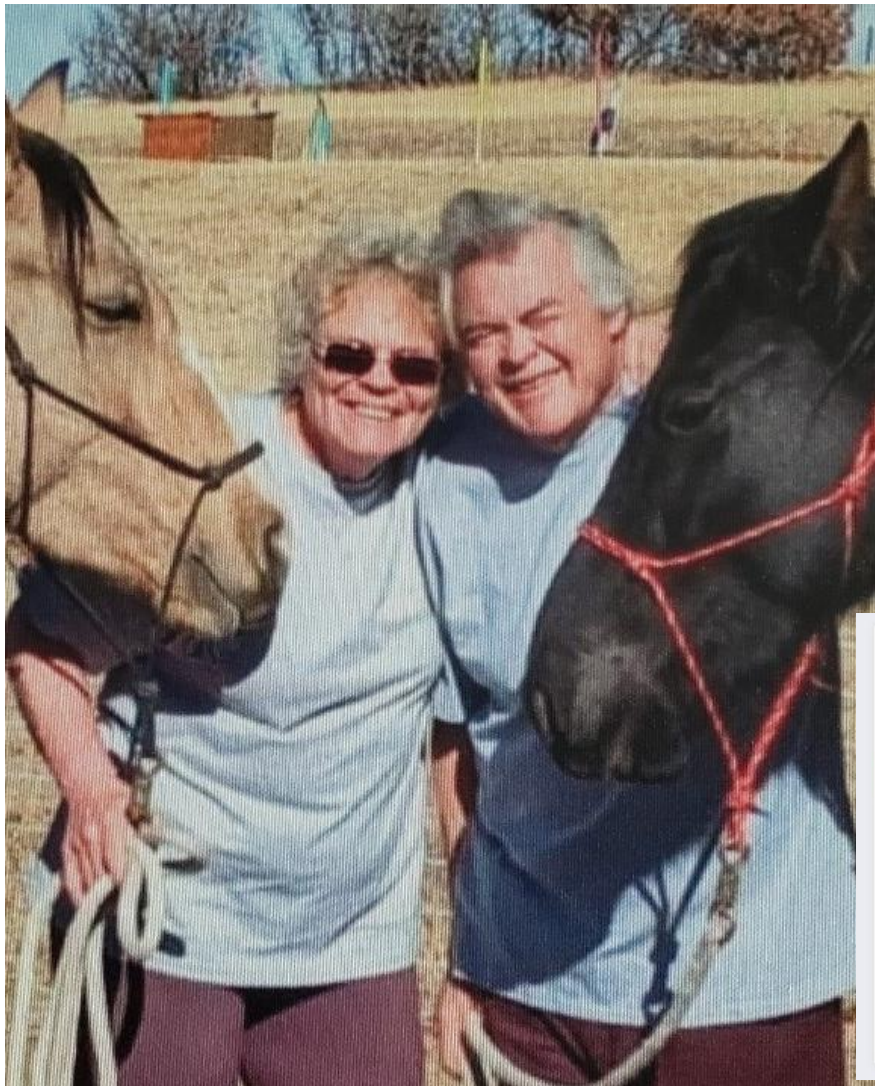
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TIP Mustang Trainers

The Mustang Discovery Ride visited Castle Rock, Colorado for a “Meet the Mustang” Event hosted by Jeff and Teri Hall on their beautiful Mustang Ranch, Friday, August 5, 2022.

The ranch is located in Castle Rock, Colorado. Teri West-Hall is a horse advocate, working to give wild horses in Colorado a second chance at life after they are rounded up.

They support the work of Bree Thompson and Wild Hearts Haven Mustang ReStart in Colorado.



Katie Hillen

Sanctuary Horses

Wyoming

BOARD PRESIDENT

Kate Hillen is an accomplished and goal-oriented businesswoman with a strong background in agriculture. As the President of Sanctuary Horses, she brings the horseman's passion to the world and advocates for the exceptional rehabilitation of horses. Exuding a dynamic leadership style that motivates, Kate is excited to educate the public on the general welfare for horses of all breeds and disciplines. In the last seven years, she has served as a sales representative for a few global companies within agriculture. Within the last three years, she has built a consulting practice for leafy-green and berry growers nationwide that targets vital guidance to governing management. Through this, Kate has gained experience working with and across sales teams as well as external growers and food processors on creative, editorial, strategic, and tactical levels. Ever since she can remember, she has been fortunate enough to have horses around. Kate now raises and trains her own barrel and rope horses, with a passion to eventually get into reined cow horses.

<https://www.sanctuaryhorses.org/>



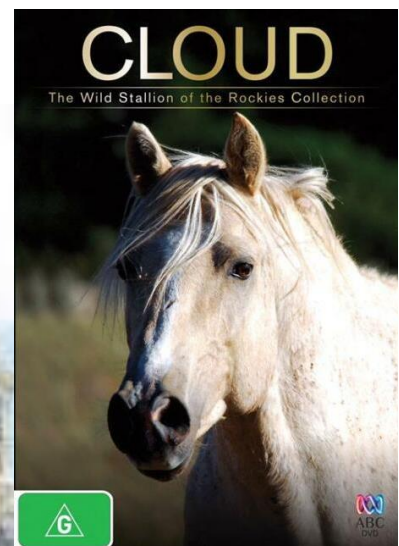
Ginger Kathrens

The Cloud Foundation Founder and Board President Colorado



Ginger Kathrens is an Emmy Award-winning producer, cinematographer, writer and editor as well as an award-winning author. She introduced Cloud, Wild Stallion of the Rockies to the world in her famous documentaries, giving us the first in-depth look at the rich and complex society of wild horses. Ginger is the founder of The Cloud Foundation.

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Michelle Kaye

Operation Equine

**"Serving the Active Military, Veteran, and First Responder communities in Colorado."
Colorado**



MICHELLE KAYE, MA, LPC

Operation Equine Founder, Executive Director, and Lead Therapist; Co-founder of the Academy of Military Culture; Eagala-Approved Military Designated Provider; EGE Certified Facilitator; Member of the HERD Institute.

Michelle possesses over 30 combined years of teaching and counseling experience and has had the honor of serving those who serve us - in the Military Service Member, Veteran, and Emergency Responder communities - for the past 12 years.

Horses became Michelle's own personal sanctuary at the age of 6 years old; she learned to express her sense of confidence and freedom through relationships and by spending hours and hours watching them, spending time with them at liberty, and learning how to ride. Later, she began sharing those unique equine experiences and knowledge with others, before equine-assisted therapies were an official "thing." She continues to expand her own personal growth through the power of working with horses, and she is passionate about creating creative and meaningful opportunities to empower our Warrior, Protector, and Healer communities to join up.

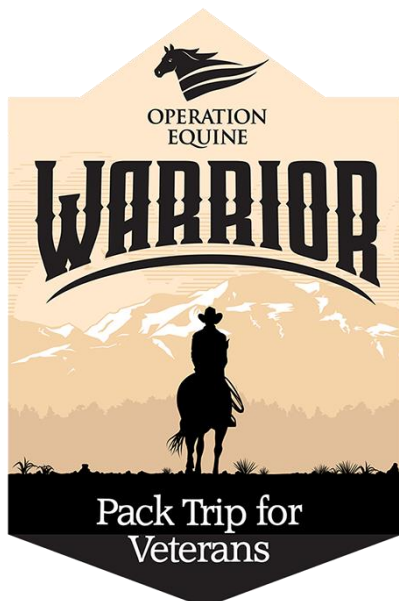
She has been an Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning (EAP/L) Eagala Model Certified Mental Health professional since 2010, is somatically trained through EGE (Equine Guided Education), has studied with EponaQuest and Equusoma, and encourages work that holistically and authentically honors the human-horse connection.

Michelle is a Licensed Professional Counselor, educator, and leadership facilitator committed to an inclusive Warrior Spirit: in her life and in her organization. The values of integrity, courage, honor, service before self, and loyalty run through her veins, and those values are also the proud cornerstones of Operation Equine.

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Equine lessons, camps and events, all things equine related

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at TUF

The Urban Farm is committed to welcoming, embracing and celebrating people of all races, ethnicities, abilities, gender identities and sexual orientation. We also acknowledge that there remains a long road ahead to achieve true equity for all historically oppressed communities. TUF believes that equity is when race and other social identities can no longer be used to predict life outcomes. Research tells us that when equity is the primary focus, with diversity and inclusion as supportive facets, all segments of communities are improved. This allows individuals who have often been institutionally marginalized and historically disadvantaged to be fully engaged and supported to achieve successful outcomes. Because of this, TUF emphasizes Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, EDI, as the order of our efforts, not DEI.

Year-Round Equine Classes, Shows & Camps

Our Equestrian program provides youth ages 8-18 the opportunity to learn horsemanship and riding skills without the expense of leasing or owning a horse. Our equine educators hold accreditations from the Certified Horsemanship Association.

<https://www.theurbanfarm.org/riding-lessons>



Lisa Mallory

Halfway to Heaven Rescue

South Carolina



Lisa grew up with horses in her life. She jokes that she loved horses before she was born. When she was young, she worked with Thoroughbred racehorses and showed Palomino Quarter horses. Lisa's first introduction to science-based horse training began in the 1990's when she attended an equine clicker training clinic with Alexandra Kurland. Lisa began studying the science of animal behavior and attending conferences and seminars with legendary animal trainers such as Bob Bailey and Karen Pryor. For many years Lisa worked as a professionally licensed dog trainer who helped owners train their dogs to be wonderful, well-behaved household companions. She also trained Scent Detection dogs and their handlers for competition and was a licensed AKC Scent Work Judge. Bill has always been devoted to the welfare of animals and has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Ecology, with a Master's in Natural Resource Policy. As an attorney Bill has a law firm, Finger, Nelson & Maguire, PLLC, who specialize in Environmental Law. When their first horse came to live with them, Bill was a natural, quickly earning the nickname "Cowboy Bill" – for his use of "Cowboy Patter" (softly, continuously talking to horses) in his training and handling. Lisa and Bill share a love and devotion for the care and welfare of all horses, with a deep passion for our National Heritage Horses – The American Mustangs.

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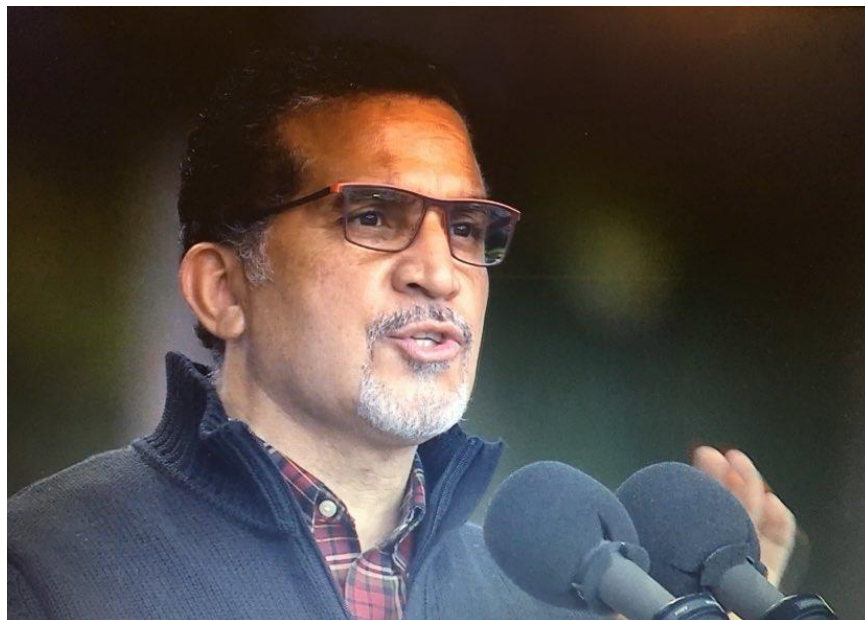
John Matias

Mental Health Professional | Mustang Owner Michigan

Rev. John Matias, LLPC, MA, MMin, is a graduate of Calvin College, Calvin Theological Seminary and Western Michigan University. He became an ordained minister at age 25 and currently serves as a bilingual clinical mental health therapist at Bethany Christian Services with refugee youth specializing in EMDR, DBT, and CBT. John served on the Grand Rapids Public School Board for 9 years and is the Vice President of the Board of Network 180, the community mental health entity in Kent County, Michigan's second most populous county.

John founded and pastored churches in Chicago, El Paso, Texas, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, and served in education K-12 and college, traveling and advocating nationally. Through his career he has worked at the grassroots level addressing pertinent issues affecting urban at-risk communities in the U.S. including the AIDS epidemic at its outset, gang violence, economic, housing and educational inequities, immigration and racial disparities, minority pastoral leadership development, removing barriers to mental health and higher education, and advocating politically in Lansing and Washington D.C. regarding the needs of the most vulnerable.

John grew up second generation Puerto Rican, number 15 of 16 children in the inner city of Chicago, exposed to the impact of community violence and poverty. His experiences have influenced his passion for addressing the impact of complex trauma in youth and adults. Along with his wife Sarah, also an EMDR therapist, he became involved in an equine therapy program volunteering as the development director for the past two years through which he developed an understanding of the powerful impact of horses in the treatment of trauma and mental health. Sarah and John have 4 grown children and one grandchild and also both come from family cultures of military service. They are Army parents of a Blackhawk pilot and Sarah is an adult child of a combat veteran. Throughout their marriage they have rescued and rehabbed a variety of animals and recently adopted two Wild Mustang yearlings and are in the process of starting a non-profit horse sanctuary and trauma-focused equine assisted therapy program for the treatment of both military and civilian populations experiencing the effects of trauma.



Sarah Matias

Mental Health Professional | Mustang Owner LMSW, CAADC, ADS is a Licensed Master Social Worker Michigan

Sarah Matias, LMSW, CAADC, ADS is a Licensed Master Social Worker, Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor, advanced trained EMDR therapist, NADA Acudetox Specialist and EAGALA certified mental health professional. Sarah trained in EMDR with Dr. Wendy Freitag, President of the International EMDRIA Research Foundation and colleague of Dr. Francine Shapiro and is trained in several advanced protocols including equine-assisted EMDR. Sarah is a graduate of Wheaton College, Grand Valley State University.

Sarah has over 30 years of experience in community-based counseling, advocacy, and ministry. She currently serves as a clinical mental health therapist specializing in complex trauma and substance use disorders at Arbor Circle Corporation in Grand Rapids, MI and served on the board of an equine assisted growth and learning facility from 2017 to 2023. She has a passion for cross cultural work, studying in Latin America, Asia and Europe and serving in community-based work in Chicago; El Paso, Texas; Ciudad Juarez, Mexico; and Grand Rapids, Michigan addressing a broad range of populations who have experienced complex trauma including gang members, incarcerated populations, and war refugees. She has partnered with her husband in urban church planting, missions, and has been actively involved in advocacy through a variety of community coalitions, program development, grant writing, and networking between the faith community and social service system.

Sarah specializes in the treatment of complex trauma, addiction, attachment and other mental health diagnoses, utilizing EMDR, equine assisted EMDR and psychotherapy and other modalities as part of an integrative trauma-informed, approach. She has integrated animal assisted therapies throughout her community-based work and has also developed treatment to address the mental wellbeing of the horses and other animals assisting in therapy. Sarah and her husband John, also an EMDR therapist and ordained minister, have 4 grown children and one grandchild. Sarah and John come from family cultures of military service, are Army parents of a Blackhawk pilot and Sarah is an adult child of a combat veteran. They recently adopted two Wild Mustang yearlings and are in the process of starting a non-profit horse sanctuary and trauma-focused equine assisted therapy program for the treatment of both military and civilian populations experiencing the effects of trauma.



Sarah Matlock

Colorado State University
Colorado



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Sarah is passionate about improving the relationship between humans and horses through the promotion of evidence-based practices that best support the horse's learning style and innate needs. Her previous studies include a Mustang gentling project using positive reinforcement to train feral mustangs and identifying behavioral indicators of stress in horses integrated into human services. Currently, she is working with the Right Horse population at CSU to improve handleability during routine husbandry procedures through the integration of Cooperative Care training. Ultimately, Sarah's mission is to improve human-animal interactions by helping horse enthusiasts better understand the importance of the science behind equine behavior.

Livestock Behavior and Welfare

Animal health and welfare are critical components of all animal production systems and integral components of all disciplines in the Department of Animal Sciences. There is an ever-growing public interest in how we care for livestock and thus optimizing animal welfare is a priority for our industry stakeholders. Our department has expertise in health, behavior, and welfare for beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, and horses in order to address many of the industry's welfare challenges and promote good animal welfare within production systems.

<https://agsci.colostate.edu/ansci/research/livestock-behavior-welfare/>



Matt Manroe

**Mustang Champions | Mustang Owner
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As Executive Director of Mustang Champions, Matt is responsible for all aspects of program and event development and production as well as overseeing all marketing and advertising efforts. He was formerly the Director of Marketing for the Mustang Heritage Foundation and was responsible for the creation and successful execution of the Mustang Heritage brand, events, and programs.

Prior to that, Matt was an award-winning advertising agency art director in Dallas and Chicago. He worked at national advertising agencies on clients such as American Airlines, Frito-Lay, Pepsi, Coors Beer, Verizon, JCPenney, and Long John Silver's. He has been a Clio award winner, listed in "Who's Who in American Advertising", nominated to Adweek Magazine's Creative All-Star Team as National Television Art Director of the Year and is the recipient of numerous national ADDYs and best of show awards.

Matt lives in Austin, Texas and is the proud owner of two American Mustangs.



Ashley Middleton

Mustang Heritage Foundation Texas



Ashley has a lifelong love of animals and has dedicated her career to animal welfare. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Marketing and a desire to use her studies to help animals. She joined Mustang Heritage Foundation with over 9 years of non-profit animal program management experience, with a focus on foster programs, in an organization adopting out over 11,000 animals a year. She also has over 6 years of office management, client relationship building, and contractor management experience in animal-centric businesses. In addition, Ashley has earned a Project Management Professional Certification and a Google Career Certification in Project Management. A native of central Texas, she lives in Cedar Park with her husband, three children, three dogs, two cats, and a bearded dragon.

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Thomas Millegan

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Thomas is a Texas native who has spent over 30 years showing and training APHA and AQHA horses. While achieving many championships over the years, Thomas is the first to share that his biggest accomplishment was working with kids and teaching solid horsemanship.

After college, Thomas continued his horse showing career while working in the criminal justice system for 22 years as a deputy sheriff, supervisor in prosecutor and corrections offices and various other positions. Working with horses everyday was very therapeutic after working daily in that type of environment. Thomas feels strongly that horses have a way of bringing peace in your life.

Thomas spends his free time learning to draw, bowling, hunting, fishing and spending time with friends and family, which includes 6 grandkids..

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Cat Caldwell Myers

**Adventure Paradox
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A life long horsewoman, downhill skier, and spiritual seeker, Cat is a certified life coach who specializes in weight loss transformations and body positivity. Getting into the right mindset, and finding goals that resonate in your heart is what makes one successful in actually transforming their bodies, or their lives on the outside. Cat uses horses, mountains, and the facts of life sharing her epic adventures and failures to motivate her clients to find and follow their own dreams!

ADVENTURE | FAMILY | FULFILLMENT

Tap into the spirit of adventure and tricks of the trade to get you fit mentally, emotionally, & physically with animals in nature. Family and friends optional, but suggested for maximum joy factor! This podcast features guest speakers on weekends, and Monday minisodes by Cat in real time as we travel through life.

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KAHUBA

Colorado

KAHUBA Programs optimize mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health for humans and animals while honoring sustainable practices for the earth we all share.

KAHUBA's innovative, exciting, experiential programs improve mental health & whole-body wellness!

KAHUBA welcomes you to an exciting space of conscious living and experiential enlightenment to help awaken souls to their highest potential, passions, purpose & pleasures. We believe that assisting individuals in feeling healthier, more heart-connected and whole while immersed in nature, creates a natural rippling effect for fostering a more harmonious and eco-sensitive larger global community, where eventually all life may coexist with the same sense of peace and well being.

For the ANIMALS both great and small that come to KAHUBA Holistic Animal Sanctuaries seeking refuge, rehabilitation and eventual hospice, we treasure their presence as sage teachers who help forward human consciousness by deeply connect with our hearts. Lovingly we provide each animal a forever home with heartfelt connection, balanced nutrition, preventative health care, and a purpose-filled existence in a sustainable lush natural setting until they cross the rainbow bridge.

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Christy Schram

**CEO & Co-Founder of Veterans Rescue Ranch
Colorado**

Christy Schram is an Army Veteran who believes in the power of animal therapy, mindfulness, and community. Veterans Rescue Ranch is an Animal Rescue & Veterans Retreat in Westcliffe, CO. Our mission is to provide a retreat where Veterans living with PTSD, TBI, and/or MST can find peace through relaxation, animal therapy, and enjoyment of the environment.

Veteran Resource & Community Development Coordinator - Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center

Christy is also the Mt. Carmel representative in Westcliffe. She is responsible for bringing integrated services that Mt. Carmel offers to the Veterans of Custer County. These services include Transition & Employment, Health & Wellness, Military, Veteran, & Family Services, and Greet & Connect. Our mission is to provide best practices for our military, veterans, and their families through accessible programs, integrated resources, and collaborative partnerships that empower lives and strengthen our community.

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Geoff Schram

**COO Veterans Rescue Ranch
Colorado**

Geoff Schram is a Senior Systems & Integration Engineer known for his exceptional skills in solving complex technical challenges. Born in 1983, he established a distinguished career in engineering, demonstrating a deep commitment to excellence and innovation. In addition to his professional achievements, Geoff is a decorated veteran, serving nine years in the United States Army Reserves. His dedication to duty and unwavering courage in adversity testify to his character.

After attending K9's for Warriors, where he received his Service Dog Ace to assist Geoff with his struggles with PTSD, Geoff and his wife Christy Founded and Co-Own a nonprofit organization called "Veterans Rescue Ranch." Through this initiative, he combines his passion for veterans and animals to create a safe and nurturing environment where veterans can find solace and healing while working with animals or on an alternate healing journey, like equine-assisted therapy. Geoff has trained under several Mustang Tip trainers and is excited to include Mustangs in the "Ranches" programs. This endeavor reflects Geoff's deep compassion and his desire to make a positive impact on the lives of both veterans and animals.

Geoff Schram

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Ann Souders

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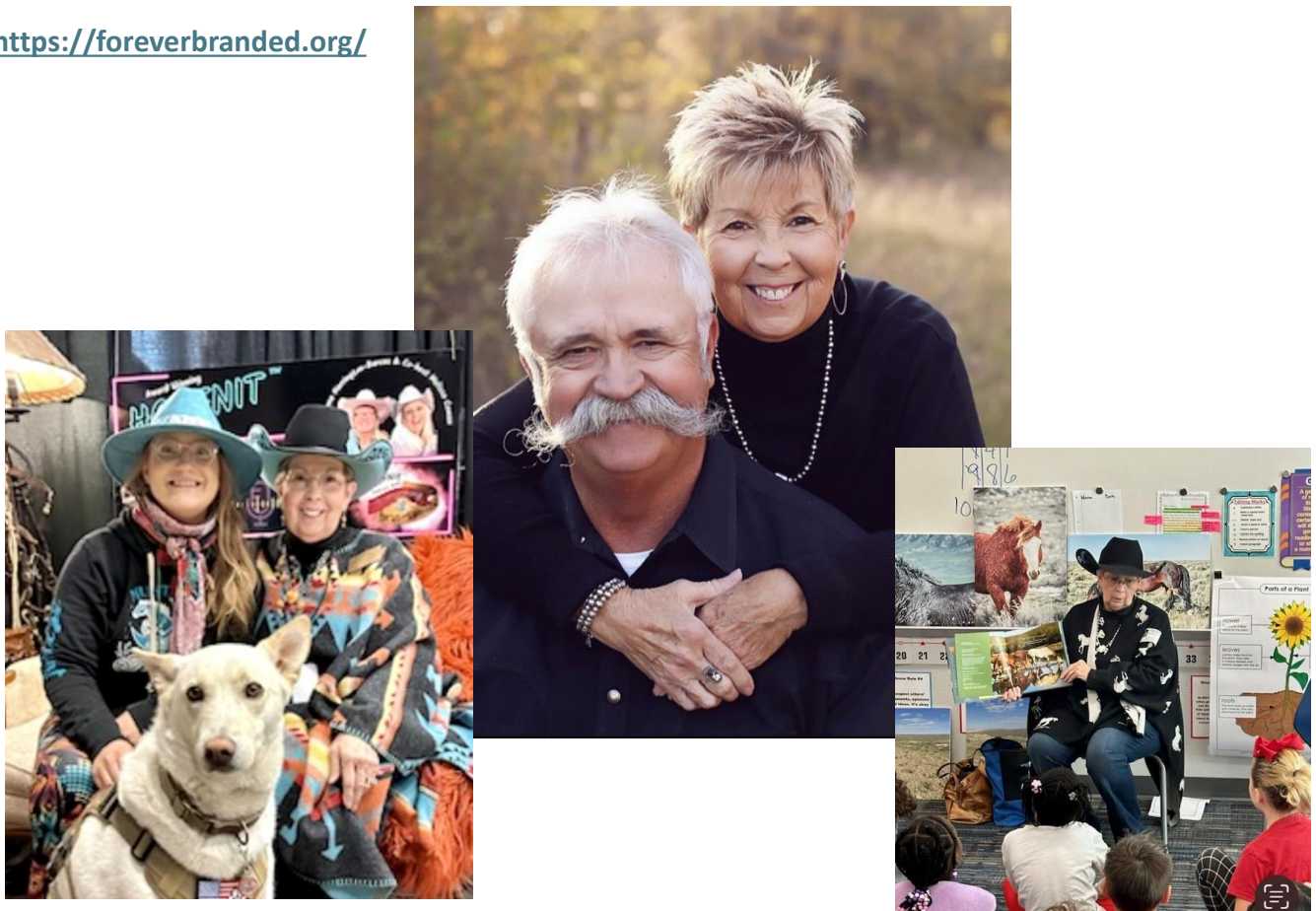
Forever Branded



After many years in corporate America, Ann attended her first Extreme Mustang Makeover in 2007 which inspired both she and her husband to compete the following year. A member of several prominent activist groups, Ann began talking to the BLM and Mustang Heritage Foundation personnel at the EMM events and spending time with many knowledgeable horsemen and women throughout her time training for the EMM. These conversations opened her eyes to another view of the plight of America's wild horses and burros and led her to cut ties with the activist organizations and look for ways to educate others. The art of conversation comes easily to Ann so, in 2009, when Mustang Heritage Foundation invited her to join them, she jumped at the chance.

She began traveling the US with America's Mustang, MHF's educational initiative visiting schools, equestrian events and spreading the truth surrounding wild horse and burro management practices. Ann has attended BLM gathers, holding facilities and met with hundreds of trainers to gain firsthand knowledge to share with the public. Her name has become synonymous with America's Mustang, Mustang Heritage Foundation and now the Director of Outreach and Education for Forever Branded. She is frequently sought after as an expert on wild horses and has appeared as the subject of numerous podcasts, articles, and videos. Because of her unwavering desire to discuss mustangs and share her passion, 'Forever Branded' has a bright future concerning the education and outreach for the American mustang.

<https://foreverbranded.org/>



Lynn Thomas

Horses For Mental Health Co-Founder/President Utah



Lynn Thomas is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, receiving her Master's of Social Work from the University of Utah in 1995. She first developed a program integrating horses as a primary treatment component while serving as Executive Director of Aspen Ranch, a residential boarding school for troubled adolescents.

In 1999, Lynn co-founded Eagala, the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association, providing training and certification in the Eagala Model of incorporating horses in psychotherapy. In the 21 years she served as its CEO, Lynn built Eagala into a leading organization in the area of horses for mental health.

Lynn co-founded and presently serves as CEO of Arenas for Change (ARCH), an organization focused on a values-based community learning and supporting one another in facilitation concepts that increase emotional safety and deepen client stories bringing healing and change in mental health and overall well-being. Thanks to the work over the years of Lynn and her team, involving horses in psychotherapy sessions has gone from a little-known approach to a widely accepted and credible mental health option, backed by research.

With Lynn's experience, vision, and passion for the impact horses have on well-being, she co-founded Horses for Mental Health (HMH) in 2021 to build momentum, expand the movement, and uplift programs worldwide to impact and strengthen global mental health through horses.

<https://horsesformentalhealth.org/>



Jamie Wade

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<https://www.map1.org/>



MUSTANG AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Mustang Ambassador Program came out of our desire to impact the lives of people through mustangs and in turn create Mustang advocates that will forever protect and preserve wild horses on our lands. Since the 1500's when wild horses were reintroduced into North America by the Spanish, they have roamed our great country. Coming from the Spanish term "Mesteno" meaning "ownerless beast", the mustang is America's horse. We are a vast enough nation to have a horse of our very own, and it rests within our hands and those of our children to protect this American legacy. I met Susan Sutherland in 2009 after a round-up of the Pryor Mountain Horse Management Area in Montana, just north of Lovell, WY. She had already adopted two mustangs and was at the adoption to adopt a third. Jeremy and I were also going to adopt a Mustang, so we were also at the adoption. We corresponded in the months following the adoption, and Susan sent Bravo from Illinois out to be us to be started under saddle. While visiting Colorado many years later, Susan made the comment that her goal was that her mustangs could be ambassadors for wild horses everywhere. She really wanted her horses who were unfortunate enough to lose their freedom to be representatives for others who remained in the wild. And, so, MAP was formed...the simple idea of The "Mustang Ambassador Program", but it symbolizes so much more within its acronym. MAP...a navigational tool. And that is what we do! Through their use in youth and adult programs, our mustangs not only provide people with a way to navigate through life and leadership, they also represent those horses that remain free. They teach people every day of the importance of freedom for their kind and ours!

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Wayne Williams

Speaking Of Horses TV

Wisconsin

The Speaking of Horses Show, brings you the world of horses, from the professionals of the industry. This radio and video show brings you interviews with professionals, celebrities, and people just like you, who have a love of horses.

You will find that Speaking of Horses will bring you into the world of horse expos, horse fairs, and celebrations.

Check out the Speaking of Horses website to sit back and enjoy all the interviews and exciting things that Speaking of Horses will bring to you.

Speaking of Horses was a concept of bringing you the very best in horse entertainment whether being audio or video via the world wide web. Wayne Williams is your host of "Speaking of Horses", he has over 40 years of horse experience and over 35 years in radio background to add to the program. Wayne is the "Voice" of many horse expos and fairs across the United States and has all the tools to create the ultimate audio/video show based on horses. The Speaking of Horses Show!

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Matt Zimmerman

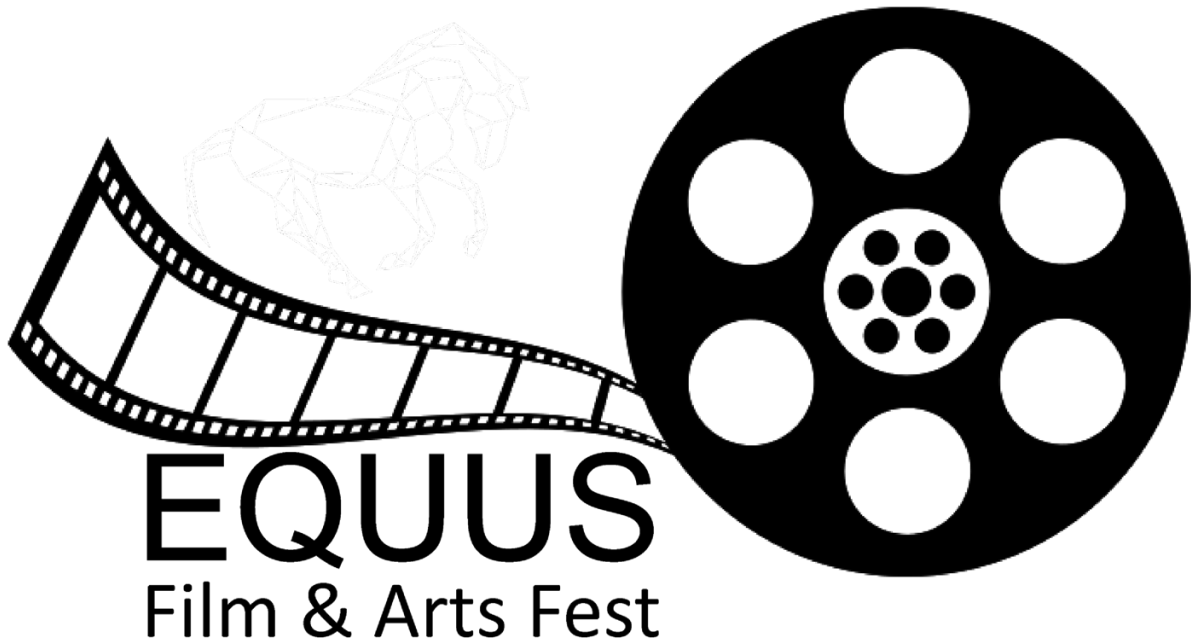
Mustang Trainer
Forever Branded
Idaho



Matt Zimmerman. I am a horse trainer in the Boise Valley. My wife. Stacie and I live our days training together.

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The Partners



**THE MUSTANG
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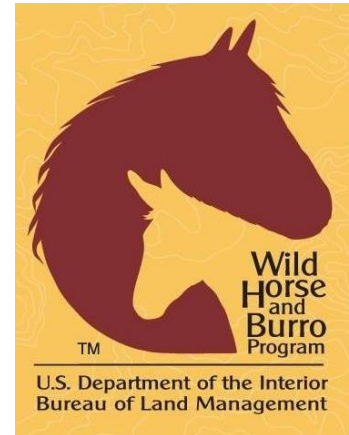
Bureau of Land Management

The BLM works to place excess animals into private care through its Adoption and Sales Programs as well as [successful partnerships](#) with organizations across the nation. Many have found it personally challenging and rewarding to adopt or purchase a wild horse or burro. It is a chance to care for, and then own, a part of America's heritage.

The BLM has placed more than 240,000 wild horses and burros into private care since 1971. Many of those animals have become excellent pleasure, show, or work horses.

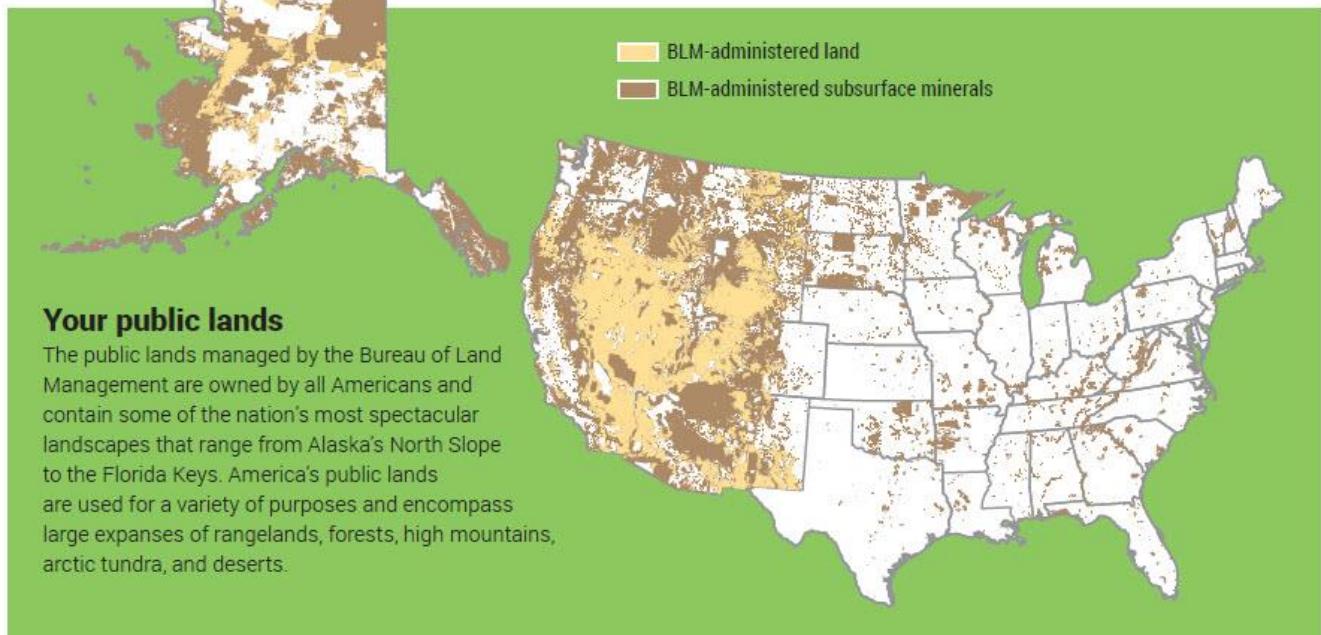
Learn more about:

- [How to adopt or purchase a wild horse or burro](#)
- [Adoption Incentive Program](#)
- [Off-range corral adoption and purchase locations](#)
- [Wild horse and burro adoption and sale events](#)
- [Visiting and adopting or purchasing from a public off-range pasture](#)
- [Sale Program](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)



The Bureau of Land Management

Manages more than 1/10 of the nation's surface area and 30% of the nation's minerals and soils.



<https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management>

<https://www.facebook.com/BLMNational>

Colorado Horse Source



is an independently owned and operated print and online magazine for horse owners and enthusiasts of all breeds and disciplines in Colorado and surrounding areas. Our contemporary editorial columns are predominantly written by experts in the region, covering the care, training, keeping and enjoyment of horses, with an eye to the specific concerns in our region.

Why Colorado? Several years ago Karen visited Colorado Springs for an American Horse Publications Seminar. While riding through Garden of the Gods, she fell in love with the beautiful red rock formations and the desert landscape. The climate and riding opportunities were conducive to health conditions for both her family and her horse, April. When a best friend moved here five years ago, she kept urging Karen to move. The sunshine and year round riding was all it took to convince Karen it was time for a change. In April of 2021, Karen and her husband Mark moved the farm, business and home of over 32 years for a new adventure in Colorado. And so the Horse Source continues to expand.

The Colorado Horse Source Magazine

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Karen Pickering

Owner/Publisher Karen's lifelong love of horses began at a very early age when she wore out a couple of rocking horses before convincing her parents to get her the real thing. That ill-tempered bay gelding, Brandy, was a challenge for the young horsewoman, but it drove her ambition to become a horse trainer. After attending Canyonview Equestrian College's Horsemanship Program, Karen realized she needed work that was a little more lucrative than training, so she took a job with Customs Brokerage to pay the bills. There, she discovered an affinity for computers and a talent for creating informative, entertaining newsletters. The Northwest Horse Source began as such a letter in December 1995, with a distribution of 1000 copies for its 12 black and white pages. Now, over 27 years later, it's grown into two print and online magazines and websites with a reach of over 20,000 per month and growing! Then the Colorado Horse Source Magazine and website launched in March of 2022. Not bad for the results of one woman's dream to work with horses! Learn about the new venture here.

Today, Karen remains involved with every aspect of the magazine and treasures the community of thousands who share a common passion.



Welcome to Equine Network.

We provide the equine community with best-in-class competitions, content, products, and services that deepens their love for horses and horse sports.

Our award-winning brands present innovative content, engaging digital experiences, and live equestrian events designed to inform and entertain our target audiences. We attract and retain subscribers and users who are serious equine enthusiasts and industry professionals, and who have both the resources and commitment to provide the best for their horse-related pursuits and upscale lifestyles.

Our Team We're a team of problem solvers, innovators and creators. We're data analysts, marketing strategists and video producers. We're also team ropers, barrel racers, dressage competitors, eventers and trail riders. You'll frequently find us working with hay on our clothes and some mud on our boots. We don't just talk the talk; we ride...



Pat Towbridge
Equine Network | Horse Week



Freedom Reigns Sanctuary

California

Freedom Reign Foundation is a non-profit 501C (3) that is dedicating to improving the lives of horses by rescuing those that are destined for slaughter and providing them a safe haven; backing legislature that improves the quality of life for horses in many industries; and educating the public on the plight of so many horses in need.

Freedom Reigns Sanctuary is a place to observe these beautiful creatures in their natural social circles and as close to natural habitat as we can create. We provide them with the basic care of semi-annual vaccines and hoof trimmings as well as any emergency care deemed necessary as long as their future quality of life will remain adequate for this setting. The equines are given ample freedom to select the friends and companions they connect and build bonds with which usually creates mini herds with like groups. Most of the horses are naturally grazing and moving about on over 3000 acres. Several smaller groups are temporarily homed in smaller pastures either as families, mares with new babies or horses needing temporary rehabilitation. Incoming horses are always quarantined for 4-6 weeks depending on where they are coming from. Any horses not grazing in our large pastures are fed daily our farmed at the ranch, high quality oak/wheat/barley hay.

Freedom Reigns is not open to the public but visitors are welcome to contact us for a private tour if in the San Juan Bautista area. We are a working ranch in which the horses welfare is our main focus

<https://www.freedomreignsequinesanctuary.org/>

<https://freedomreignsdocumentary.com/>





**HORSES FOR
MENTAL HEALTH**

Who We Are

Horses for Mental Health is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to increase awareness, public engagement, funds, and access to programs incorporating horses for mental health and personal growth.

We partner with nonprofit organizations, philanthropists, celebrities, influencers, and companies to realize our collective vision of a world where all mental health needs are met – together.

We seek to strengthen engagement to create a community of inclusivity and diversity while increasing access to quality mental health programs incorporating horses that serve all groups of people..

Our Team

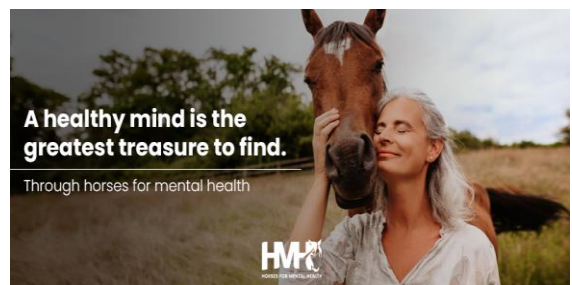
Our team consists of world-class thought leaders with expertise in varying disciplines ranging from: mental health, horsemanship, brand development and strategy, fundraising and awareness modeling, talent acquisition, sponsorship consulting, creative scripting and design, program management, impact reporting and analysis, among other engagements in the social impact realm.

Our team involves and engages with experts and leaders in the equine-assisted services industry, and specifically with psychotherapy and counseling incorporating horses, who help advise our work.

Horses for Mental Health (HMH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working to expand the role horses play in mental health and well-being to realize our vision of a world where all mental health needs are met.

At our foundation is our heart for the welfare of both horses and humans, and how they can impact each other to heal and thrive in incredible ways.

<https://horsesformentalhealth.org/>



Lynn Thomas, Co-Founder/President

Espana Silk Products

Trudy Midas, Co-Founder/President

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The story of Espana natural grooming products goes back to 1999 and an accident in an indoor arena. Trudy Midas, co-owner of the company with husband, Bob Hansen, was thrown from her horse and broke her back making it impossible to ride again for four years. After three surgeries and years of extensive rehabilitation she was still only able to provide daily grooming and maintain the all-important animal/human bond.

During this time Trudy used virtually every grooming product on the market. The harsh chemicals in some made Bob wonder if these ingredients could be harmful to Trudy and/or her horse. The owners of seven racehorses and two pleasure horses at the time, Trudy and Bob began investigating better options. Their research indicated that a new all-natural equine grooming line would be a welcome addition in the stables.

They then set out to develop the line of all natural products that would be effective and safe for humans and animals. This process included consultations with chemists, and additional research and development which led to the inclusion of silk proteins as a key ingredient and to the pleasant signature cucumber-spa fragrance of all Espana SILK products. Finally, in 2006, the husband-and-wife team found an experienced, quality manufacturer to produce their all-natural line of grooming products.

<https://www.espanaproducts.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/espanasilkgroomingproducts>



Maryland Mustang Mission

Maryland



MARYLAND MUSTANG MISSION

Maryland Mustang Mission is a newly formed nonprofit 501(c)(3) that is devoted to spreading mustang awareness and education on the east coast by showcasing the American Mustang's versatility and ability to go from wild to mild.

Picture

Did you know that there are over 58,000 wild mustangs in holding facilities across the United States?! We need your help to successfully accomplish our mission and help get these amazing horses out of holding facilities and into forever homes! With change comes new beginnings and we are taking a leap of faith with establishing this 501(c)(3) to keep these events going. Let's make the Maryland Mustang Extravaganza and Open Show a huge success in 2024! We cannot do either of these events without you. You can help make them possible by becoming a donor, prize sponsor, competitor, and spectator. Please click the tabs to learn more about the events that will be offered. You can also find lots of great information on our Facebook page, Maryland Mustang Mission, so be sure to pop over there when you get a chance.

<https://mdmustangmission.weebly.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/775340236733053/>

Mustang Leadership Partners

Tennessee Youth & Mustangs



Mustang Leadership Partners (MLP) was established in February 2009 to provide girls and young women with an opportunity to develop, practice, and improve relationship skills, responsibility, social accountability, self-awareness and self-confidence—all of which are mirrored in the mustang's behavior. Providing hands-on science experiences and equestrian training, the MLP program is grounded in the belief that horses are mirrors to our energy systems and teach us important life lessons. The MLP program requires a year-long commitment and dedication to several academic and citizenship standards.

To participate in the MLP program, CGLA students must complete an application and are selected based upon their commitment to the MLP standards and their current academic standing. The program serves up to sixteen students (eight middle school and eight high school).

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<https://www.cglaonline.com/student-center/mustang-leadership-partners>



Mustang Champions

Texas

Mustang Champions is a nonprofit dedicated to the adoption and sale of American mustangs in BLM holding.

We share a deep belief that we can make a difference in the lives of American mustangs. Mustang Champions is a nonprofit dedicated to the adoption and sale of mustangs that have been gathered and are currently in BLM holding.

As a 501(c)(3) working in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro Program we can help to transition mustangs in holding into private care to lessen the burden of an abundance of animals, reduce the cost of care to the American taxpayer and help protect rangeland. Mustang Champions will create and manage programs and events that showcase the ability and diversity of mustangs with the sole purpose of getting mustangs adopted.

We are dedicated to the proper gentling, training, and treatment of mustangs. By enlisting qualified trainers, potential adopters, owners, and all Americans who want to support our efforts, we will prepare mustangs for homes outside of government holding. We provide educational and training resources to help those interested in and working with mustangs improve their skills and knowledge to ensure better handling and care of mustangs.

Mustang Champions will help educate the American public about wild mustangs, raising positive awareness for the BLM and the WH&B Program staff.

Our hope is that with our combined efforts and talents we can give American mustangs in holding an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities as a companion or a champion.

We want to hero the American Mustang.

We are Mustang Champions.

Mustang Champions is proud to be a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit.

www.mustangchampions.org



Mustang Heritage Foundation

Texas

www.mustangheritagefoundation.org

The Mustang Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to facilitating successful placements of America's excess wild horses and burros through innovative programs, events, and education.

**25,000 BURROS & HORSES PLACED IN HOMES AND PRIVATE CARE
SINCE 2007 THROUGH MUSTANG HERITAGE FOUNDATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.**

TRAINER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)

- MORE THAN 16,000 ANIMALS PLACED THROUGH TIP
- TRAINERS IN 40 STATES

The Trainer Incentive Program (TIP) is a training and adoption program that engages talented horse trainers nationwide. Approved TIP trainers gentle and halter train a Bureau of Land Management-branded wild horse or burro, then market and find a new home for the animal. Once a home is approved by BLM the TIP trainer is reimbursed for their training and marketing services.



WHAT WE DO

Nearly 50,000 wild horses and burros have been removed from public lands and are currently in holding pastures and corrals managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). They need our help!

Mustang Heritage Foundation helps find forever homes for thousands of these horses and burros each year. We're dedicated to removing these animals from BLM holding pens and placing them into homes and private care through innovative programs, events, and education.



We have saved taxpayers an average of \$162 million each year. A wild horse or burro costs the federal government \$25,000 during the lifetime of the animal. Mustang Heritage Foundation not only saves the taxpayer money but most importantly helps provide loving homes for our national treasure – the American Mustang!

Mustang Adoption Academy

Our Mission:

Successful Mustang Adoption and helping humans and mustangs have better relationships.

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Omega Fields provides the world's best flax-based omega-3 essential fatty acid supplements for horses, dogs, and chickens. Our unique animal supplements, like the award-winning Omega Horseshine, are designed to improve health and performance naturally, through advanced formulations developed by industry leading animal health professionals.

At Omega Fields, we take pride in providing a quality product at a fair price to thousands of animal owners all across the country. Our products are made from flax seed and include omega-3 fatty acids, which have been known for thousands of years as a true super-food.

Our mission is to help create healthy, happy animals. Our natural omega-3 supplements help to improve hoof health for horses and skin, coat, and joint health in both horses and dogs. If you're looking for supplements for skin, hooves, coats, joints and more to improve the health, appearance, and quality of life for your horses, dogs, and chickens, Omega Fields has a selection of products you'll love. Our natural animal supplements are trusted by thousands of animals lovers just like you.





The Wild Horse Refuge is a private sanctuary that was created entirely for rescued Wild Mustangs that were taken from BLM Herd Management Areas (HMA) located within Colorado. The Wild Horses living on this special property are now protected and have regained the freedom and independence they had prior to government interference.

With more than 29 square miles of contiguous land to run free, their wild and free spirit has been restored. With the Refuge being located just 30 miles from the Sand Wash Basin, the horses feel right at home as they roam freely across the vast open spaces of the Refuge!

There are no paddocks, stock pens, fenced pastures, or other smaller and more restrictive spaces in use here. Instead of being relegated to pens or smaller pastures where they might have an occasional opportunity to run one or two hundred yards - or possibly even a few thousand feet... the wild horses living at the Refuge continue to run until they choose to stop.

It is truly a beautiful sight to see when these wild horses are able to regain control of where they go and what they do completely on their own!

The Wild Horse Refuge is a completely new facility that was acquired in order to create a special home for Colorado's native Wild Horses.

Wild horses (Mustangs) are allowed to roam freely within the Refuge - which has more than 22,500 acres of land for the horses to roam freely.

<https://www.wildhorserefuge.org/>





WILDERWOOD

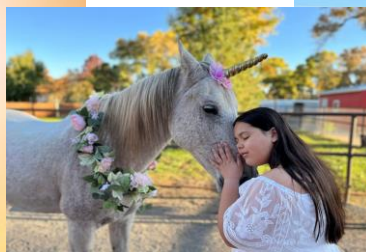
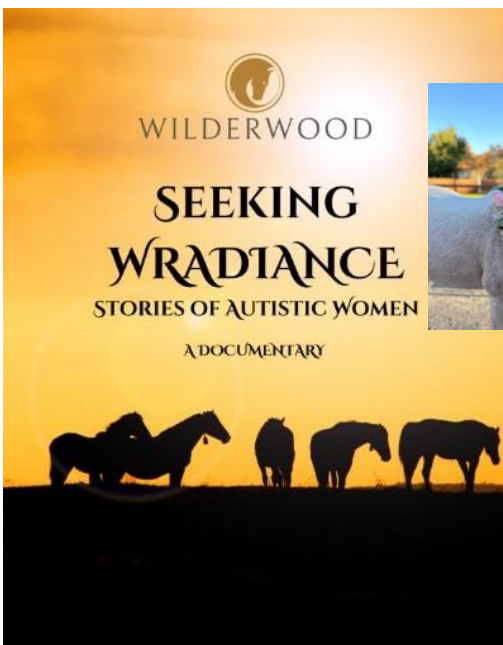
Wildewood was started in 2018 by Dr. Rebecca Evanko, an autistic Ph.D, equestrian, and educator and Dr. Mark Evanko, an osteopathic physician and equestrian. Committed to making a difference in the live of autistic people, Rebecca and Mark started looking for programs they could adapt as their life's work. Finding none that fit their ideals and aspirations, they worked with other specialists and professionals to create their own. The result is Wildewood.

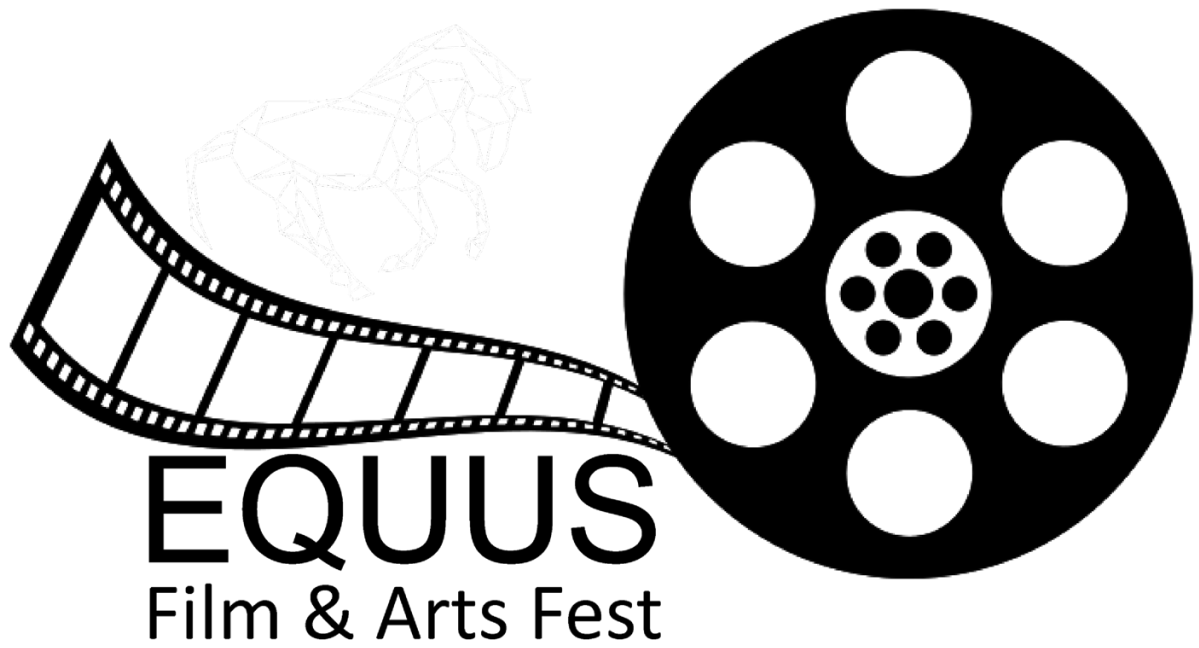
The program continues to evolve, responding to the experience of teaching, learning, and listening to the participants and autistic mentors who are part of it. In all that we do, Wildewood continues to embrace its mission to provide equine-based and facilitated programs for autistic adults and youth, the broader community, and to educate about horses and autism.

Wildewood's programs are designed, led, and delivered by appropriately qualified faculty. This includes personnel trained in osteopathy, cognitive linguistics, Parelli training, basic principles of Légèreté dressage, PATH-certified instructors, physical therapy, and social work. Dr. Rebecca Evanko is currently completing a second Master's degree in clinical mental health counseling.

There's more on our story in the award-winning documentary, Hautism and Wildewood, which can be viewed below. The documentary outlined Wildewood's original program, which was a nine-month curriculum. Though Wildewood's programs have now expanded and adapted to the needs of our participants and community, the philosophy of Hautism remains at the heart of our program and all that we endeavor to achieve.

<https://wilderwoodequinetherapy.org/>





Presents

The Filmmakers

Matt Cohn

Washington, DC

Freedom Reigns

Matt Cohn is an award-winning producer and director. His most recent film as a director is "Freedom Reigns" which has won "The Impactful Doc Award" in 2023. As a producer, he's known for never taking no as an answer and confronting any obstacles head on.

<https://www.hitfiremedia.com/>

<https://freedomreignsdocumentary.com/>



Matt Cohn

Founder/Director/Producer



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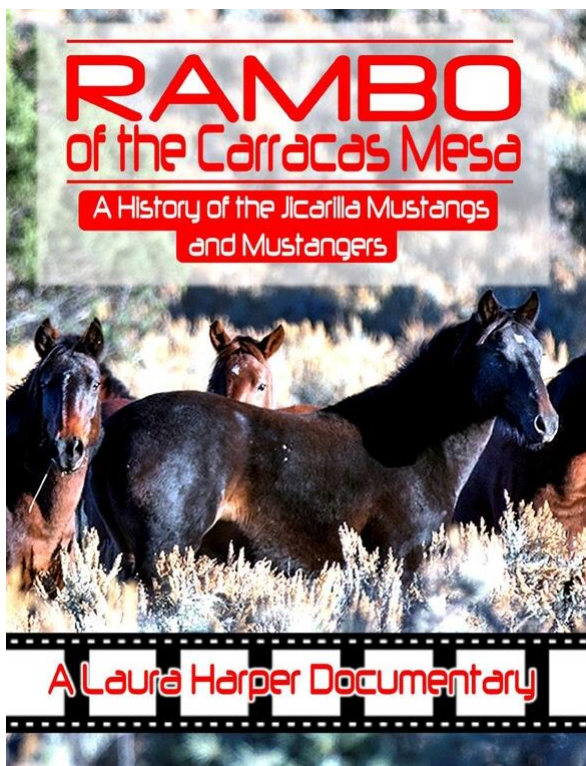
The logo for Freedom Reigns Equine Sanctuary. It features the word "FREEDOM" in a large, serif font, with a sunburst graphic behind the letter "O". Below "FREEDOM" is the word "REIGNS" in a smaller, serif font, and below that is "EQUINE SANCTUARY" in a small, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a silhouette of a horse rearing up, with a horizontal line underneath it.

Laura Harper

Colorado

Mustang of THE CARRACAS MESA: A HISTORY OF THE JICARILLA MUSTANGS AND MUSTANGERS

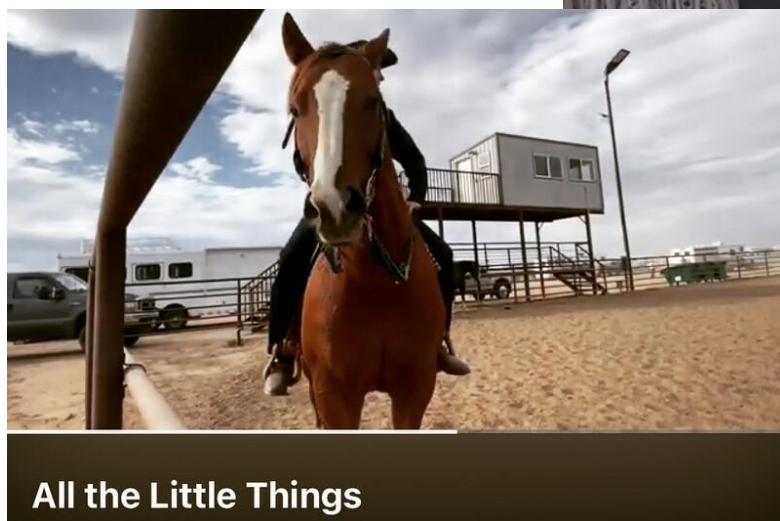
Laura lives in Dolores Colorado with her husband Greg and her horses, Dusty Dandy, RAMBO and Wendy. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Jicarilla Mustang Heritage Alliance, Editor of the Four Corners Equine Rescue newsletter publication and President of the San Juan County Historical Society, NM. She holds a MA in Organizational Management.



Shayla Ashley

Colorado

All the Little Things | Future Dreams, A Short Film



Krisanna Sexton

Rescued Hearts Film

Produced by: Dana Croschere

-Dana Croschere, Producer

Here's a short clip about why we're making this film:

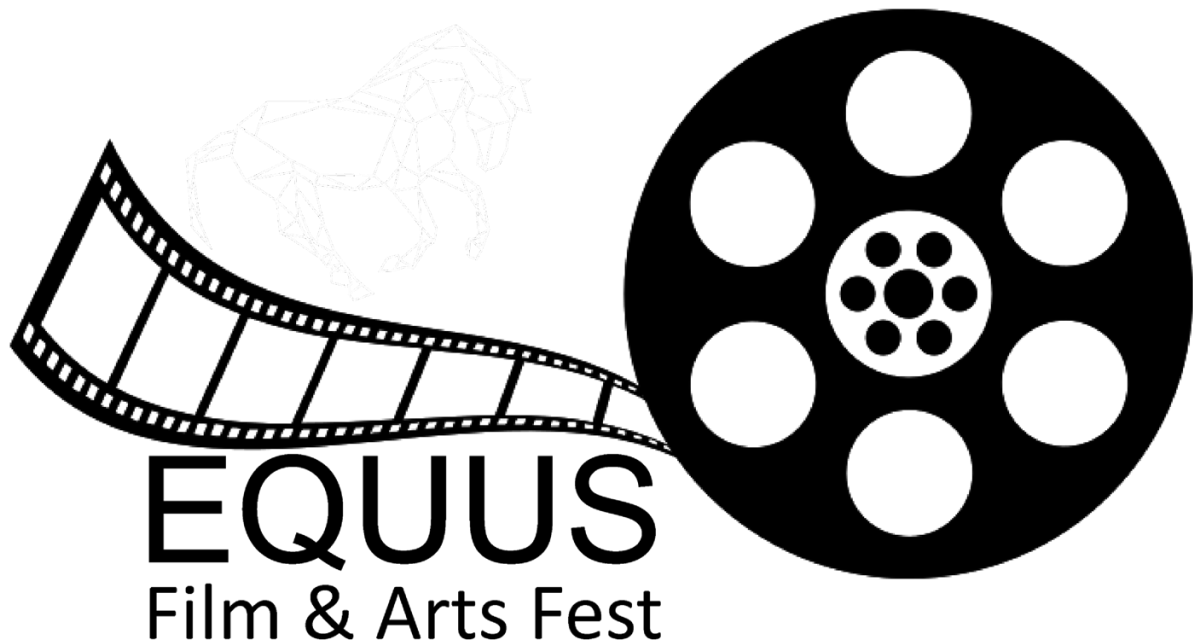
<https://youtu.be/U99LnW30cfA>

<https://www.rescuedheartsfilm.com/>

Krisanna Sexton is an award-winning Director with Live Wild Films who is passionate about spreading hope and healing throughout the planet. Although she doesn't have a ton of experience with horses, she believes in sharing alternative modalities for healing and is excited to be on a journey of discovery in the filmmaking process.

Her most recent documentary, Love Heals, is receiving worldwide acclaim and will be nationally broadcasted on PBS in July 2023.





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The Films

5000 Miles 5000 Mustang “Project”

Directed by: Julianne Neal

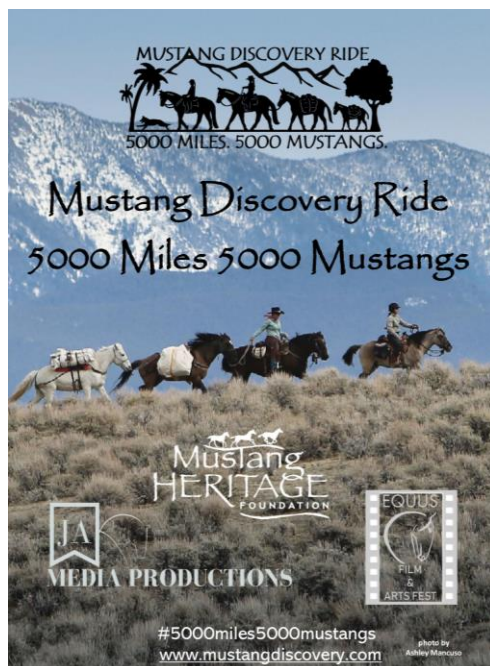
08:00 mins Trailer

Take a young woman with a passion for horses looking for a grand adventure, add American Mustangs and a host of guest riders and you have the ingredients for the “Mustang Discovery Ride.” This documentary project will tell the story of a journey across the United States on the American Discovery Trail (ADT) featuring Mustang TIP trainer, Lisanne Fear, along with her Mustangs, dogs and support team. The team is covering 12 states, coast to coast from Delaware to California, riding previously wild Mustangs while packing, camping and speaking about the power of these amazing animals. Lisanne rode out from Delaware’s historic Cape Henlopen State Park on September 28, 2021, with members of the team and is continuing her adventures through Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and California. The documentary will detail the struggles and triumphs that she encounters, most attributed to the kindness of strangers met along the journey. We will also feature aspects of the ADT in each state, Mustang adoptions inspired by the project, college and university equine programs utilizing Mustangs, Veterans Programs in existence and other Mustang-related stories. The goal of the ride is to cover 5,000 miles across the country while inspiring the adoption of 5,000 Mustangs into appropriate homes. Through the documentary film, related podcast/vodcast and documentary-series, we are trying to reach as many people as possible to make it happen!

There are currently 53,000+ wild horses in holding pens across America. Each and every one deserves a loving home. Have we inspired you to want to adopt one of these living legends? Join us if you’re inspired to adopt and want to find out more!

Julianne Neal, JA Media Productions, will direct a Documentary and Docuseries as the journey progresses. A team of EQUUS photojournalists and videographers will contribute to the film, each adding individual creative perspective of the ride. Sponsors Mustang Heritage Foundation, Espana Silk, Crypto Aero Feeds and Omega Fields are joining the Mustang Discovery Foundation in supporting the team along the way. Follow the team's progress on social media or visit www.mustangdiscovery.com to learn more about the ride. To keep up with progress on the film project, visit www.jamediaconnections.com www.equusfilmfestival.net/mustang-discovery-ride.html

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/n38CtylRlcw>

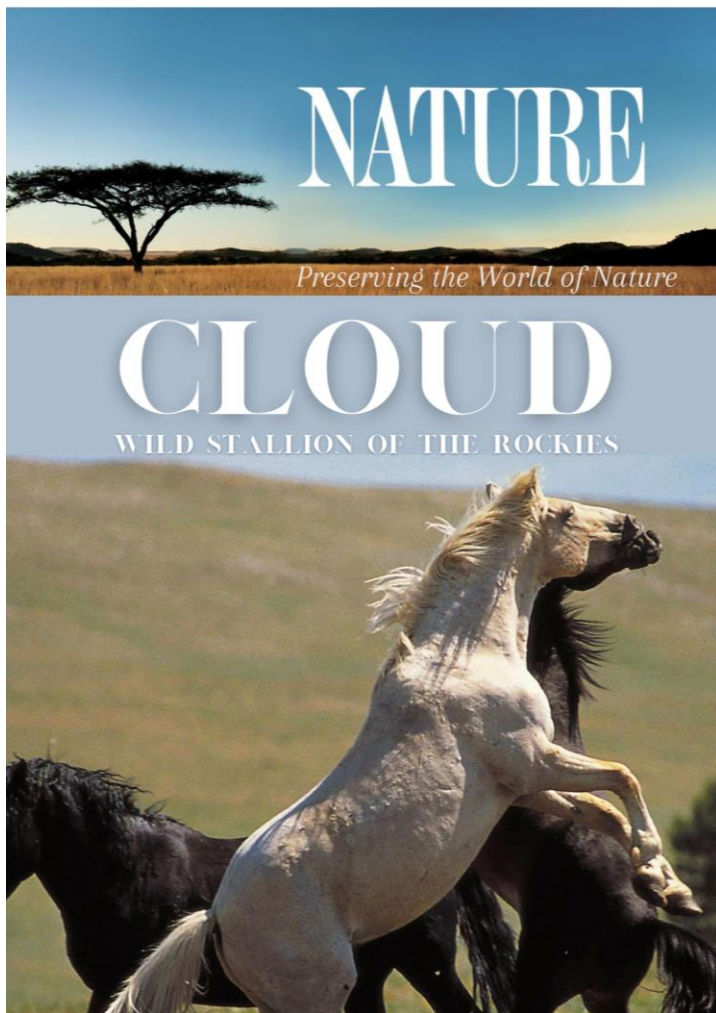


Cloud Wild Stallion of the Rockies

Directed by: Ginger Kathrens
Founder and Board President

The Cloud Foundation is dedicated to preventing the extinction of Cloud's herd through education, media events and programming, and public involvement. We are also determined to protect other wild horse herds on public lands, especially isolated herds with unique characteristics and historical significance. As an organization, we care about the preservation of all wildlife, and about the preservation of public lands as well. Without public lands, Cloud's story of wild freedom couldn't be a reality. All of this work would be impossible without the help of you, our supporters.

<https://www.thecloudfoundation.org/>



Ginger Kathrens

Founder and Board President

Ginger Kathrens is an Emmy Award-winning producer, cinematographer, writer and editor as well as an award-winning author. She introduced Cloud, Wild Stallion of the Rockies to the world in her famous documentaries, giving us the first in-depth look at the rich and complex society of wild horses. Ginger is the founder of The Cloud Foundation and acts as the foundation's Board President.





E.E.T.

Equine Retreat for Veteran Couples

Directed by: Kristen Ferrell, Robin Voss, Michael Dunne

04:00 mins

Mustangs Helping Veterans!

If one family member has PTSD or is struggling, it takes a family effort to work through it. That's why EET has developed its Horse Sense program and retreats for veteran couples. Horse Sense is the frequency and rhythm of couple's communication. Genuine "horsepower" for veteran couples embraces the nature of the horse to support and accelerate growth, inspiration and partnership. EET protocol is a non-confrontational approach with no questions asked that relate to combat or service-related trauma. A couple experiences intimate horse communications and interactions on the ground (no mounting or riding required).

There are myriad ways to address marriage and couples counseling these days... and then there is Horse Sense- simple, natural and effective. When each partner embraces horse communication, it opens new levels of human communication that include trust, awareness and presence.

<https://www.equineempoweredtherapy.com/>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/M54nhmKsDF4>

E.E.T. partners with horse ranches, horse rescues and equine professionals around the Southern California area to provide a variety of veteran programs for life enrichment, as well as occupational training programs for veterans who want to work in the equine industry.

These programs allow the veterans to experience the healing nature of horses, learn the therapeutic lessons a horse can teach in order to apply it to the stresses of their daily lives, and improves the lives of the horses we work with.

EET's programs are 1-day experiences or weekend retreats that allow veterans to spend time with the horses and live in the moment the way a horse does. EET protocol is a non-confrontational approach with no questions asked that relate to combat or service-related trauma. Veterans experience intimate horse communications and interactions on the ground (no mounting or riding).



Fate Of The Mustang

Directed by: Hyatt Mamoun

40:00 mins

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<https://www.facebook.com/Hyatt.Mamoun>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/DgobkrG6TBU>



Director – Hyatt Mamoun

Hyatt Mamoun is an award-winning wildlife documentary filmmaker from Atlanta, Georgia. Her motto is “conservation through education”, in which she follows every day of her life. She hopes that her films will draw that same passion in everyone who views them, and inspire them to make conservation efforts themselves. She graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design in June 2018, with a degree in Film and Television (concentration in environmental filmmaking). In the American West, wild mustangs roam free. But their freedom, even existence, is threatened. It is now said that these horses are overpopulated; and compete with cattle and wildlife for food. If we do not find a solution to this problem, these horses could be needlessly slaughtered: taken off the range by helicopter and shipped off to slaughterhouses for profit. However, this is not the only possible outcome. There are many other solutions to this problem, such as contraceptives and adoption. Slaughter is not the answer; it is a quick fix that makes money. This documentary uncovers the truth about these beautiful horses, and the atrocities slated to be done to them. The film also highlights the efforts done to protect these horses and the amazing people who dedicate their lives to finding solutions to the problem. Through this film, I hope to initiate conservation of these horses through education.

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Matt Cohn
Founder/Director/Producer

Matt Cohn **Washington, DC** **Freedom Reigns**

Matt Cohn is an award-winning producer and director. His most recent film as a director is "Freedom Reigns" which has won "The Impactful Doc Award" in 2023. As a producer, he's known for never taking no as an answer and confronting any obstacles head on.

<https://www.hitfiremedia.com/>

<https://freedomreignsdocumentary.com/>

Ghost Horses Of The Ozarks

Directed by: Kisa Kavass

14:00 mins

The horses are descended from farm horses that were abandoned during the Great Depression in the 1930s. Many families couldn't make a living in the rugged Ozark hills, so they moved away to look for jobs. When the families moved away, many of them abandoned their livestock, including the horses. Left on their own for survival, the horses turned "feral" — a term for domestic animals that become wild. They stayed away from people and banded together in herds. Their numbers grew.

<https://www.wildhorsefineartphotography.com/> Trailer: <https://youtu.be/EWFsQ77eLy4>



Director – Kisa Kavass

Kisa Kavass was born in Adelaide, South Australia. At the age of five her family relocated to the United States and spent years living in and exploring various states before finally settling down in Nashville, Tennessee. Their travels imparted in her a strong curiosity about the world, nature and art, and the understanding that they all are intertwined. Her passion for creating and art led her to photography and she has worked as a professional portrait and fine art photographer for over twenty years. She has taught workshops on bookmaking, oil hand-tinting and alternative Polaroid film processes. Her fine art work has been featured in magazines and she has had photographs selected for many group and solo shows across the United States.

As the years have progressed her work has evolved and her themes have changed except for the deep connection with the natural world and the subjects within it. She added filmmaking to her resume and has had her videos shown on Equus Television.

For years Kisa has volunteered with animal rescue groups as both a foster for dogs needing adoption and as a photographer. This love of animals led to her travels to the western United States in search of America's wild horses. The experience was even more impactful than she expected and she was impressed with the raw beauty of the lands and the magical wild mustangs. Since the first trip out to see the wild mustangs she has returned many times and has become well acquainted with the members of the herds and their stories. The wild horses are forever being threatened by round ups from the Bureau of Land Management despite protections that were in place since 1971. Kisa hopes that her images will inspire everyone to become more engaged in the plight of the herds and their family bands and appreciate the importance of protecting our wild lands.

Ghost Story

Directed by: Patricia Griffin-Soffel

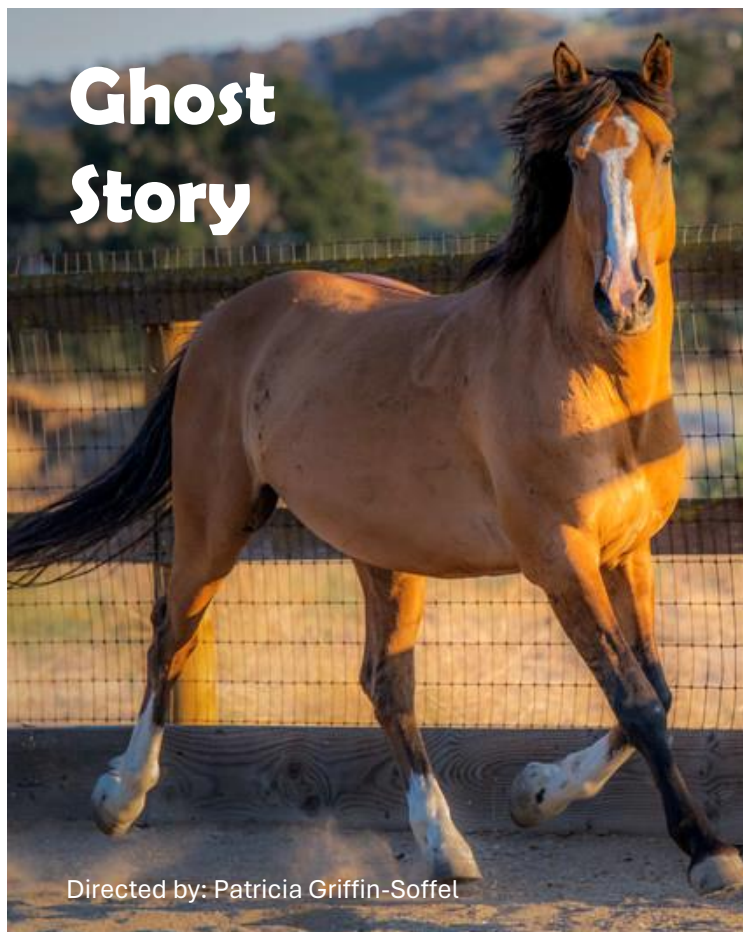
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Every year the BLM rounds up thousands of wild horses and removes them from the ranges where they were living. Horses are separated from their herds / bands, mothers, families etc.. They are traumatized by the helicopters and forced to run for miles and then loaded up on a transport and taken to a holding facility. In the Onaqui mountains of Utah, there was an well-known and one of the most photographed wild Mustangs by the name of Ghost. He just happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time and was rounded up. We wanted to tell Ghosts story, so people would understand the plight of the American Mustang. In addition, people may feel better about these horses and their potential future as they move and transition into the domestic world. Here's his story and I hope it gives you some relief as to what the future for these horses may be. In our program, there's nothing we won't do to help these horses find their joy again.

<https://sweetbeauhorses.org/the-ranch/>

<https://youtu.be/R4rSGKWvz6U>



Herstory- Side Saddle

Directed by: Victoria McFadyen

22:00 mins

A short film on the side saddle, the history and the modern women bringing the sport back

<https://www.atomic10.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/realcowboyfilms>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/kUpkZ3csck0>



Director – **Victoria McFadyen**

I have been directing and working behind the camera for over 2 decades. I specialized in filming high goal horse polo around the world. I moved back to Canada to raise my daughter. I am focusing on directing and producing compelling, educational, entertaining and fresh content for audiences in broadcast and documentary film.

I feel as a film maker and content creator I have a responsibility to audiences to speak honest, compelling stories that entertain, educate, surprise and are cinematically beautiful

HOOVES: Healing America's Veterans

Directed by: Josh Nagel

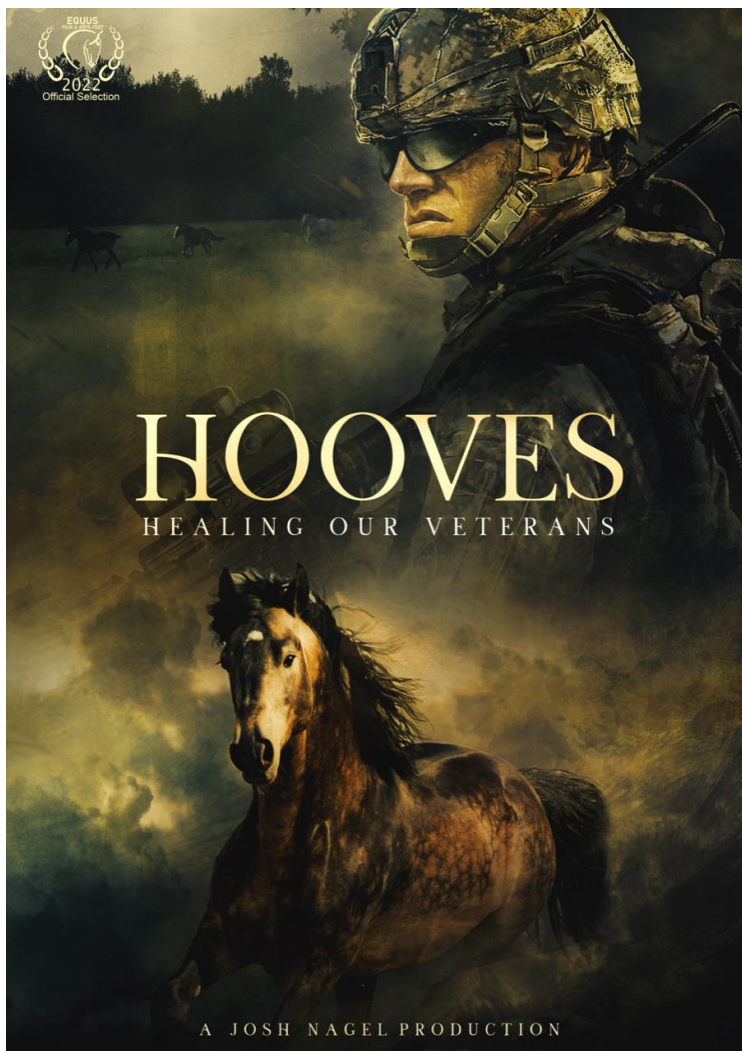
4:00 mins (Trailer Submission)

This film speaks to the need of mental health as it brings to life the journey of 9 veterans completing a transformational process that liberates them from the demons in their head, allows them to intrinsically connect to a new purpose, and ultimately find peace of the heart and mind.

This mission of this documentary is to bring hope to those struggling with the effects of trauma and to help those who support our veterans understand what they experience at a deeper level.

<https://www.joshnagelproductions.com/>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/O7QADH9Y1cE>



Directed by: **Josh Nagel**

Josh Nagel Productions is an award-winning video production company located in Toledo, OH. Josh Nagel is the Founder and Lead Cinematographer of this company, and he has over 11 years of experience in the video production industry. Since then, Josh has developed his dynamic, compassionate video story-telling style through experience, unique vision, and personal connections Josh forges with people. He has a highly skilled team of creators who are passionate about the video production process. Josh offers various videography styles, combined with abundant creativity, ensuring clients a professional and reliable service with the best end product.

Keepers of the Horse

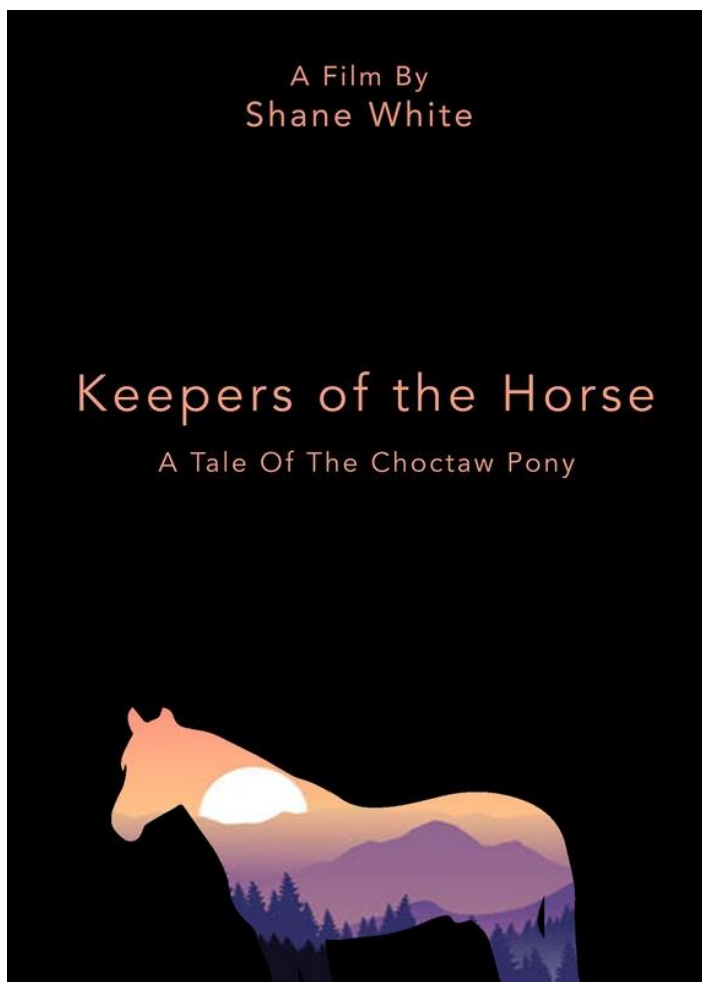
Directed by: Shane White

70:00 mins

The story of a beautiful and forgotten herd of horses. Horses directly descending from the line of Choctaw horses who arrived with Hernando DeSoto in the 1500s and are forever embedded in the heritage of the Choctaw Indian Nation.

For 30 years, Bryant Rickman of Hugo, Oklahoma has devoted his life to saving the Choctaw horse bloodline. These horses are the direct descendants of the horses that Hernando De Soto brought from Spain in 1539 and later carried the Choctaw Tribe across the trail of tears. Until the late 20th century these Horses ran free in the mountains of Southeast Oklahoma but now, they face their demise without the help of Rickman. He has given everything he has to create sanctuaries for these bands of horses and get them off land owned by timber companies, who have granted hunters permission to kill any horse that still roams the mountains. To this day, this 72-year-old man still rescues these wild horses and gives them homes on open land where these ponies can still be free but with the comfort of safety and his daily offerings of native food and mineral blocks.

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/H-9yY3uqTsw>



Director – **Shane White**

PhD Student in Agricultural Communications at the University of Arkansas focusing on how to use fine art as a medium to create better land stewardship around the world.

Lead Change

07:35 mins

Featuring Dale Johnson

Directed, Filmed, and Edited: by Michael Crocker

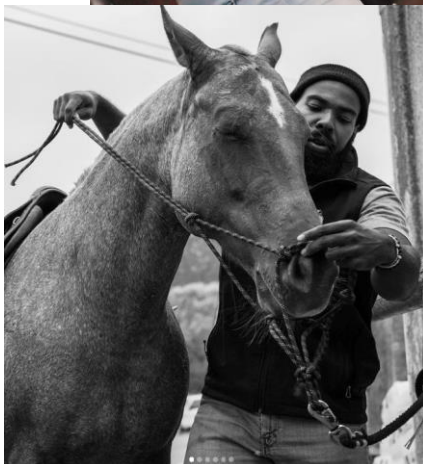
How do we inspire? How do we open doors? How do we lead change?

Playing Polo, building a relationship with its amazing community, and sharing my journey with my friend and teammate Sunny has been nothing short than a blessing. It has tested all of my abilities but undoubtedly it has been one of the most impactful journeys in my life.

On a trip to Buenos Aires just over three years ago, 32-year-old Dale Johnson casually spotted a pair of polo boots on display in a store. “Those shoes are badass, I gotta get into that,” he thought, and months later he joined a clinic. Now, at age 35, Dale is a nationally competitive polo player who, along with his horse, Sunny, is taking the sport by storm.

If you’re wondering the kind of person who can become a powerhouse polo player seemingly on a whim (on top of his day job), that person is Dale. “I’m not trying to be virtuous, maybe I’m just a nerd,” he says of his highly disciplined habits — habits that include waking up at dawn, drinking tons of black coffee, working out, doing daily affirmations, reading books by Roman stoics, and going to bed by 10 p.m.

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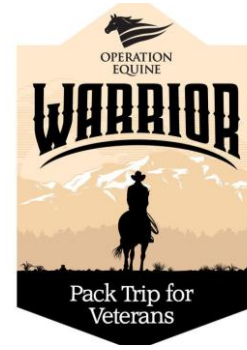
Michael Crocker:
Director

is an award-winning director, videographer, and editor specializing in non-fiction sports content creation. He collaborates with professional athletes, creative agencies, and sports brands.



Operation Equine WARRIOR Pack Trip

Directed By – Michelle Kaye



8:00 mins

Michelle Kaye, MA, LPC, introduces Operation Equine, a non-profit organization that offers equine assisted psychotherapy and equine guided education to military service members, veterans, emergency responders, and their families. The video also discusses the benefits of animal assisted therapy. Michelle then introduces Operation Equine's new signature program, the WARRIOR Therapeutic Pack Trip. This six-day trip takes soldiers and veterans into the high-country of Colorado on horseback, bonding with their horses, learning about mindfulness and opening their eyes on how to deal with any current problems.

<https://operationequine.org/>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/Gr9-DldgR0>



Directed By – Michelle Kaye

Founder, Executive Director, Lead Therapist at Operation Equine; Eagala Certified, Eagala-Approved Military Designated Provider, EGE (Equine Guided Education) Certified Facilitator

Michelle possesses over 30 combined years of teaching and counseling experience and has had the honor of serving those who serve us - in the Military Service Member, Veteran, Emergency Responder, and Health Care Worker communities - for almost 10 years.

In working with successful and heartfelt organizations such as Project Sanctuary where she has been a staff counselor since 2012, as a facilitator with TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors), and serving as a Military Family Life Counselor (MFLC) both CONUS and OCONUS, she discovered that truly: the whole family serves, and so she is dedicated to creating and offering Operation Equine programs to the entire family, as well as to any caregivers who assist them.

Horses became Michelle's own personal sanctuary at the age of 6, and she learned to express her sense of confidence and freedom through relationship and spending hours and hours watching them, spending time with them at liberty, and learning how to ride. Later, she began sharing those unique equine experiences and knowledge with others, before equine assisted therapies were "a thing." She continues to expand her own personal growth through the power of working with horses, and she is passionate about creating opportunities to empower our Warrior, Protector, and Healer communities to join up.

She has been an Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning (EAP/L) Eagala Model Certified Mental Health professional since 2010, is somatically trained through EGE (Equine Guided Education), has studied with EponaQuest, and is open to any modalities that truly honor the human-horse connection.

Michelle is a Licensed Professional Counselor and educator who is committed to an inclusive Warrior Spirit: in her life, as well as in her organization. The values of integrity, courage, honor, service before self, and loyalty run through her veins, and they are proudly the cornerstones of Operation Equine.

Rescued Hearts Film

Directed by: Krisanna Sexton

Produced by: Dana Croschere

20 minute teaser | Q & A with the Filmmakers

A new documentary about the miracles, the mystery, and the science of healing with horses.
The Inspiration Behind Rescued Hearts

I once witnessed a miracle when a 7-year-old boy with autism spoke his very first words while interacting with a horse, and it forever changed my life.

After hearing countless stories of people who have experienced miraculous transformations in the presence of horses, I began to wonder, "Why are horses so healing to humans and what are they here to teach us?"

My partner, Krisanna, and I are award-winning filmmakers, and together we are embarking on a journey to better understand the horse-human connection.

Our film will share powerful stories from those who have experienced incredible transformations and those who have dedicated their lives to equine-assisted work. We'll highlight researchers who can speak to why this connection is so powerful and share tools to help us access our healing power within.

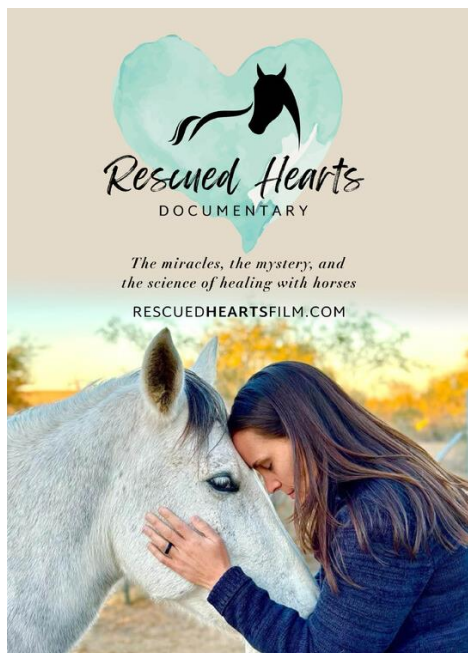
Rescued Hearts isn't just the story of horses; it's the story of all of us and the power that lies within to create healing and transformation in our lives.

- Dana Croschere, Producer

Here's a short clip about why we're making this film:

<https://youtu.be/U99LnW30cfA>

<https://www.rescuedheartsfilm.com/>



Krisanna Sexton is an award-winning Director with Live Wild Films who is passionate about spreading hope and healing throughout the planet. Although she doesn't have a ton of experience with horses, she believes in sharing alternative modalities for healing and is excited to be on a journey of discovery in the filmmaking process. Her most recent documentary, Love Heals, is receiving worldwide acclaim and will be nationally broadcasted on PBS in July 2023.

The Mustangs: America's Wild Horses

Directed by: Steven Latham & Conrad Stanely

90:00 mins

"The Mustangs: America's Wild Horses" is a feature documentary that is executive produced by Robert Redford, Patti Scialfa Springsteen and Jessica Springsteen.

The film features songs by Bruce Springsteen, Emmylou Harris, Willie Nelson and an original song written by Diane Warren and performed by Blanco Brown.

"The Mustangs" takes audiences on an odyssey throughout America to places few people have seen or even know about. There are more than 80,000 wild horses on our public lands and more than 50,000 in government corrals. This film will make you fall in love with America all over again and understand why the protection of our wild horses and our public lands are worth fighting for.

<https://themustangsfilm.com/>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/SSWEC0buBq0>



Director - **Steven Latham**

Steven Latham is an award-winning filmmaker and the President of Steven Latham Productions. Mr. Latham produced and directed the film, *Saved By The Sun*, for NOVA/PBS. He also produced and directed the feature documentary about the TED Conference, *The Future We Will Create*, with Daphne Zuniga.

Mr. Latham created and was the producer/director of the PBS series, *The Living Century*, which told the amazing stories of the 20th Century through individuals who were at least 100 years old. He produced this with Barbra Streisand and Cis Corman of Barwood Films. The project's board of advisors included Leonard Maltin, Art Linkletter, Dr. Tom Perls and 3-Time U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky.

Women In The Wilderness

3 mins (Trailer Screening)



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**WOMEN
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A DOCUMENTARY TO HELP SAVE THE SPIRIT OF THE AMERICAN WEST

We are a group of three women creating an adventure documentary about the plight of wild horses. In October 2021, we completed a horseback month-long journey with 9 mustangs across Wyoming. Along the way, we interviewed various experts about the wild horse crisis. We had a talented film crew following along and captured over 200 hours of high-quality footage.

As of March 1, 2022 there are over 82,000 wild horses and burros living on public lands. However, the government has stated that just 26,000 can live on the range sustainably. The Bureau of Land Management, responsible for overseeing America's wild horse population, has never been close to reaching this number.

We will be running a crowdfunding campaign with Seed&Spark from February 1 2023 - February 28 2023 with a goal of \$25,000 to support post-production costs. We want to share this film with you all! Help us make our documentary while supporting the future of mustangs and the American West.

WHY SHOULD YOU DONATE?

- 👉 You want to watch our journey and learn about the wild horse problem
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- 👉 You want to help empower women

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Wild Heart

Directed by: Ariana Noel Sakaris

11:00 mins

This is a true story about a girl and her Mustang. It's a story of a girl that never gave up on her horse, no matter how challenging it was. It's a story about two souls, terrified of each other, yet longing for connection. It's a story about how they both brought out the greatest parts of each other behind their deepest fears.

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Trailer: <https://youtu.be/VP1KOpROQBw>

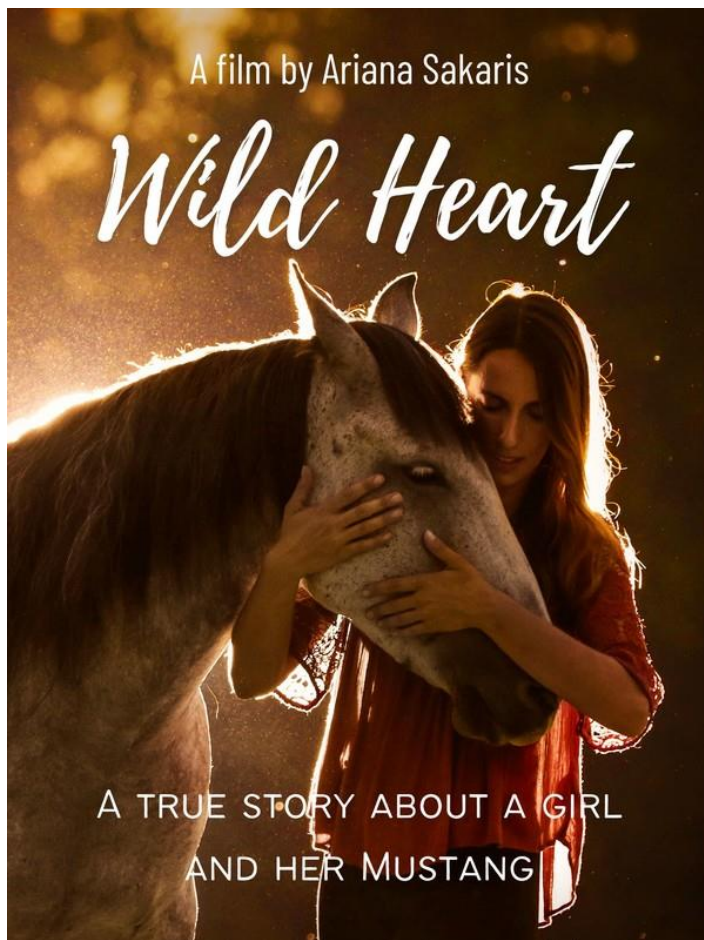


Director : Ariana Noel Sakaris

Over the years, Ariana traveled the world to work with renowned mentors studying the art of Dressage, Liberty, Groundwork, and Horsemanship.

Ariana's journey with horses began at the young age of 5 years old, where she became fascinated with horses and the interactions humans share with them. This led her into a lifelong passion of learning and growing, both in her horsemanship and in her own personal life. She committed many years to traveling both within the U.S. and overseas to gain valuable hands-on experience, and to be mentored by world renowned professionals. She has trained with several respected USDF Gold Medalists and Grand Prix trainers in Dressage, earning her USDF Silver Medal. She has spent time overseas learning about Classical Dressage and spent time learning from greatly valued Horsemanship and Liberty professionals. These experiences helped her gain valuable insight into the love, patience and compassion that goes into bringing horses and people to a point of better understanding both on the ground and in the saddle.

Ariana is based in the horse capital of Lexington, Kentucky with her mares "Mermaid" and "Wild Heart." She teaches, trains, and travels for clinics, focusing on Dressage, Groundwork, Liberty, and Horsemanship. She offers online education and coaching in her "Student of the Horse" Membership, offering over 650 training videos. Her intention is to inspire and help people gain a better understanding of themselves and the connection they have with their horses. Her goal is that this connection helps to grow a greater acceptance of people and animals worldwide.



We Are The Wild Horses

Directed by: William E. Simpson II & Michelle Gough

03:52 mins

A Music Video about a poet's odyssey of discovering wild horses.

This was a challenging shoot...

It required many elements and skill sets by a small team of two director-producers (William E. Simpson II & Michelle Gough) who wore many hats on set including: key grip assignments, combined-coordinated filming using 2-cameras and a drone, and managing sound on the set. Added to which was providing location design as the environment changed, and finally, providing expertise in wild horse behavior for getting the shots needed and safety of the talent (Ginalina).

Filming in the wilderness presents many interesting opportunities, each of which comes with an obstacle that needs to be addressed.

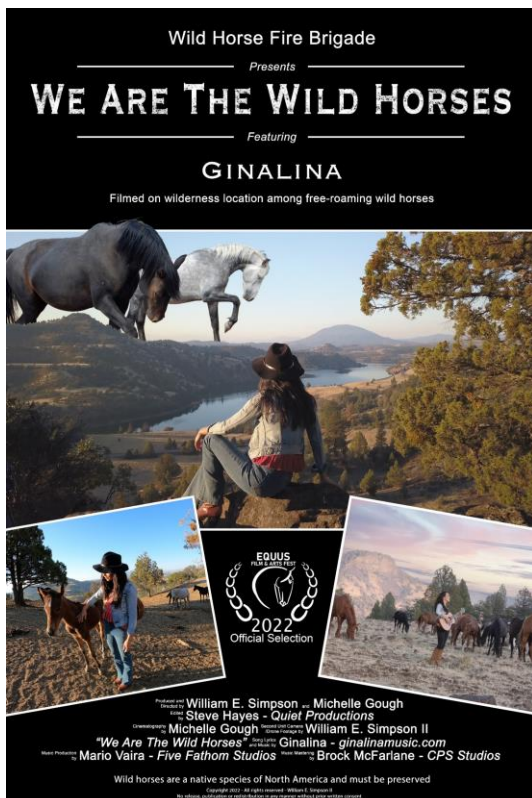
Getting the needed B-Roll in the can on a timeline under ideal conditions is never easy. Add to that is the ever-changing conditions of weather and lighting in a wilderness environment.

Mountains make their own weather; one minute it can be sunny and calm, and the next clouds can form and winds can come out of nowhere, which are especially problematic for coordinated drone shots.

Filming wildlife as many photographers know also presents difficulties especially when combined with people, and in this case, a musician performing a song.

We are honored to present this music video and pray it furthers the emotional connection to our American wild horses.

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/bS-R8pDD7QE>



Directors: William E. Simpson II & Michelle Gough

William is primarily known as a wild horse ethologist and polymath who lives among free-roaming wild horses in the wilderness. His micro-documentary film 'Wild Horses', filmed entirely with a drone, has won honors at numerous film festivals and shines a light on the plight of American wild horses. He is the founder and Ex. Dir. of the all-volunteer California nonprofit known as 'Wild Horse Fire Brigade'.

Michelle is wild horse ethologist and treasurer of the Wild Horse Fire Brigade. Michelle Gough is a lifelong horse lover and animal advocate with a family history of Native American influence. She has a Bachelor of Science in Biology with an emphasis on animal behavior. Michelle obtained a Master's degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner has worked in plastic surgery, wound care, cardiac surgery, and dermatology. Michelle is now living among and studying free-roaming wild horses. Her photography is considered some of the best in the field of Equine Photography.

Woodrow and My Dad (USA)

Directed by: Ivy E Schexnayder

06:13 mins

Woodrow the mustang helps a woman feel closer to her dad.

Hi, my name is Ann Hanlin, and I am the owner of SBF Mustang Eventing and the host of the Maryland Mustang TIP Challenge. My journey with mustangs began in February 2018 after winning the bid of a black and white pinto mustang named Woodrow. Now, I'm proud to say I've personally gentled 19 mustangs (#20 coming end of April) and helped over 60 get out of holding and into forever homes. This journey has been life changing and has set me on a mission to help as many of our American us Mustangs as possible! So, that's why I decided to host the Maryland TIP challenge!

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Director: Ivy E Schexnayder

The Mustang Speaks Documentary

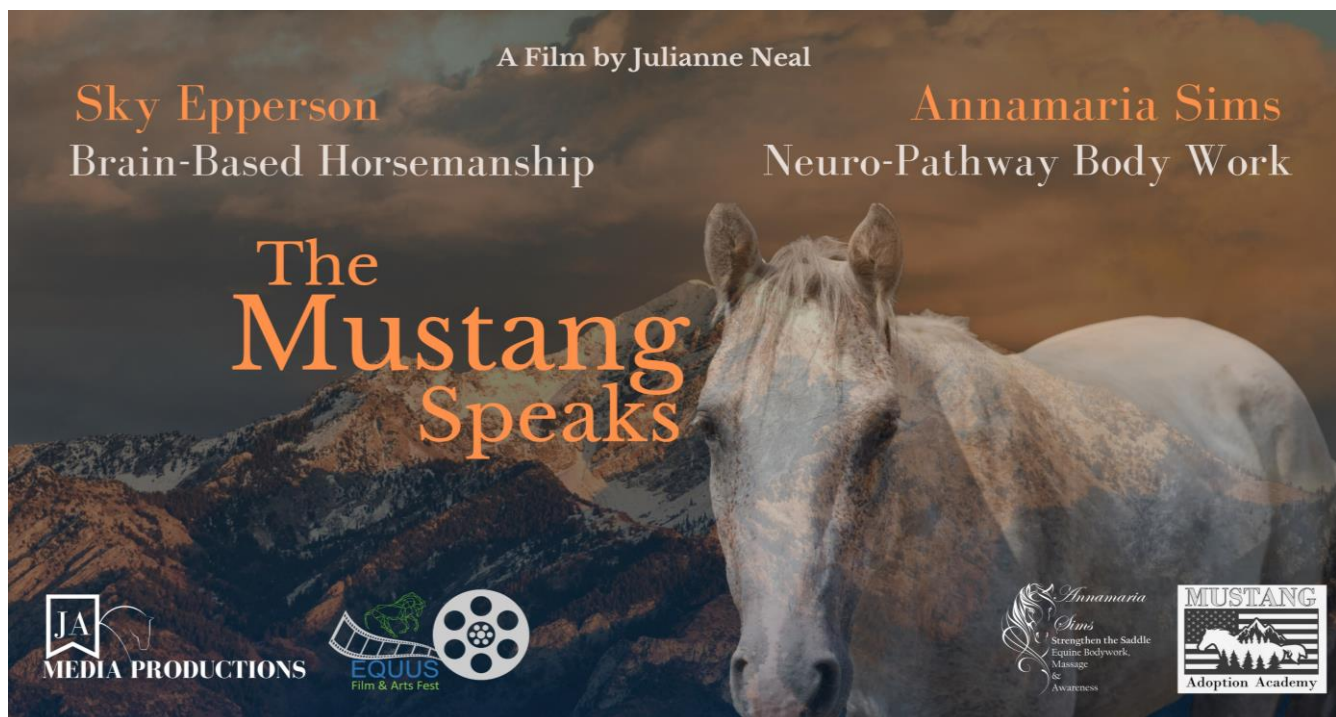
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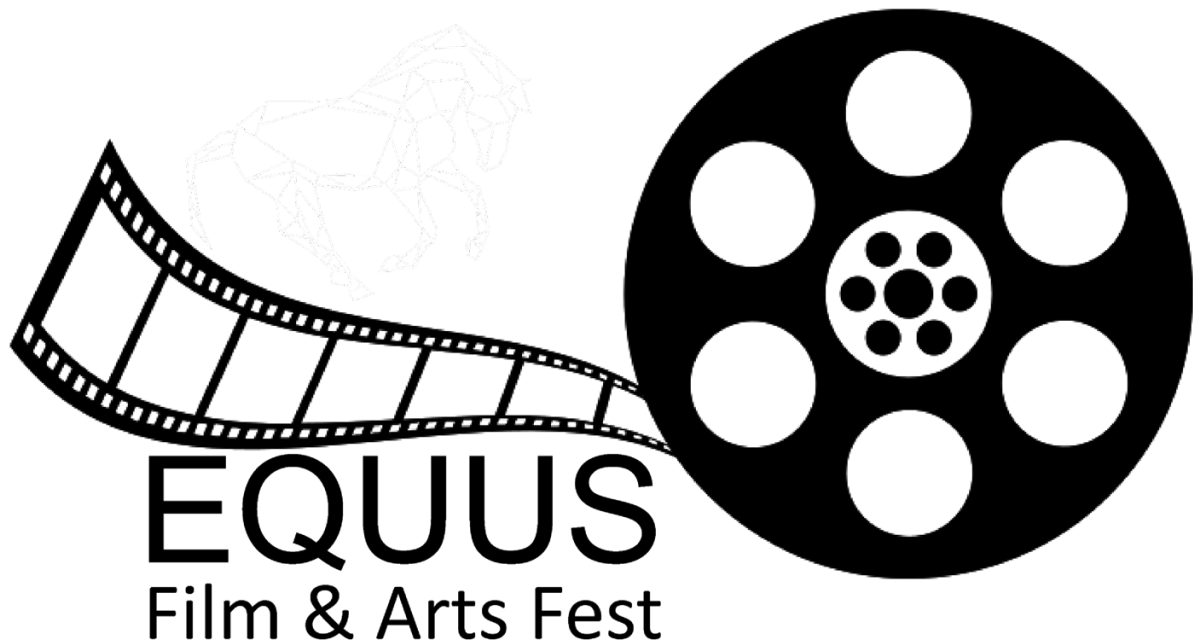
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In July 2023, Sky Epperson and Annamaria Sims combined Sky's Brain-Based Horsemanship training and Annamaria's Neuro-Pathway Body Work to help 3 untouched Mustangs. We filmed over 6 days of work at the Mustang Adoption Academy and now would like to bring this story to the world. Meet Ambiente MAA and her 5-month foal, Amore MAA, both adopted by Patricia Cross and transported into Indiana for the project. Meet Ajax MAA and Atlas MAA, both found at a nearby long-term holding facility. Follow their stories over the 6 days to see just how well the brain and body collaboration worked for these Mustangs and can work for your horse as well! From first touches to halters, feel good healing to licking and chewing, holding tags on to tags off, see for yourself how this work is making a difference. Now we need your help. The Production phase is expensive. Postproduction is even more so.

By supporting this project, you can help make the difference in bringing The Mustang Speaks to the big screen, and to an audience that may be able to make a difference in the life of a Mustang. Please visit www.mustangadoptionacademy.com for more information about Mustang adoptions. Please visit www.amustangstory.com for more information about The Mustang Speaks, The Mustang Discovery Ride Documentary and A Mustang Story, the docuseries. Thank you for your support!

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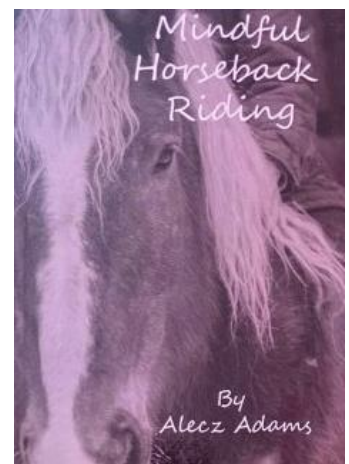
Mindful Horseback Riding

Colorado

Alecz Adams, President and Director of Equine Operations. Ms. Adams has been working professionally with horses for over 30 years. A successful competition and professional rider in a variety of disciplines: Hunters, Jumpers, Eventing, Reining, Trail, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, and many Gymkhana Events, she also works as a horse trainer, private riding instructor, and ranch manager. Ms. Adams spent several years designing, creating and training both horses and staff for several companies, including the number one equestrian tour in Peru, Mountain Lodges of Peru. Ms. Adams also founded Destination Rescue, a program created to help small equine 501(c)3s grow and integrate into their communities, by helping each rescue find their niche and create their own programs in their area. Ms. Adams has been providing Equine Assisted Therapy to Veterans, children and families for over a decade. She has developed a new therapeutic method known as Equine Fusion Therapy that has been very successful in her practice. Ms. Adams is one of Eagle County's original Health and Human Services Equine Assisted Therapy and Therapeutic Riding providers.

The following is an excerpt from Alecz's book, *Mindful Horseback Riding*: "The idea of establishing a deep connection between a horse and its rider is not a new concept. Fine-tuning that connection has been pursued all around the world. From the finest Spanish and Austrian riding schools to India's horse yogis and the innumerable indigenous people who have developed very unique and connected relationships with not only horses, but all kinds of animals, worldwide." Mindfulness, in very simplified terms, is meditating in motion, and one might say that it is very much the practice of being present. Being present means thinking only about what is happening at this very moment, not allowing your mind to try to multitask, to wander, day dream, or focus anywhere other than right where you are at that very moment. Not planning for the future and not assessing the past. Horses are a phenomenal conduit for this practice, as they themselves, as animals – and particularly prey animals – are so much more present in their daily experience of existence than humans are. When we humans can focus our exemplary observation skills on just what is happening with the horse and its environment, we can learn a lot. First, one must quiet the incessant chatter that occupies space in most of our own minds.

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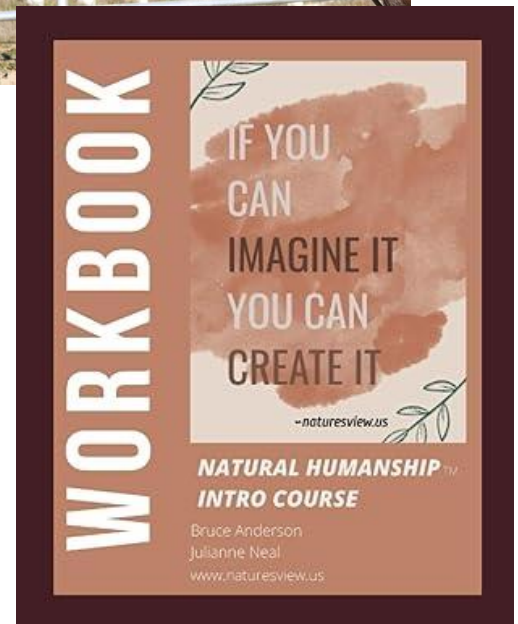
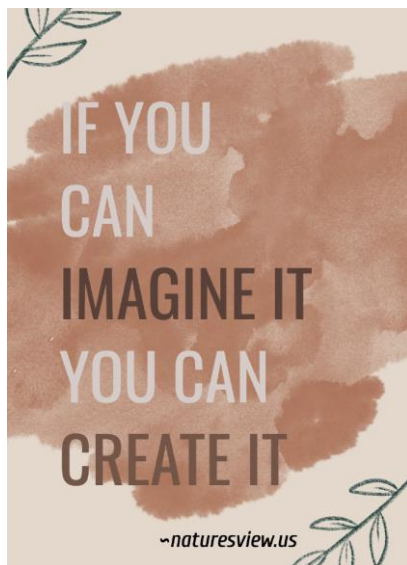
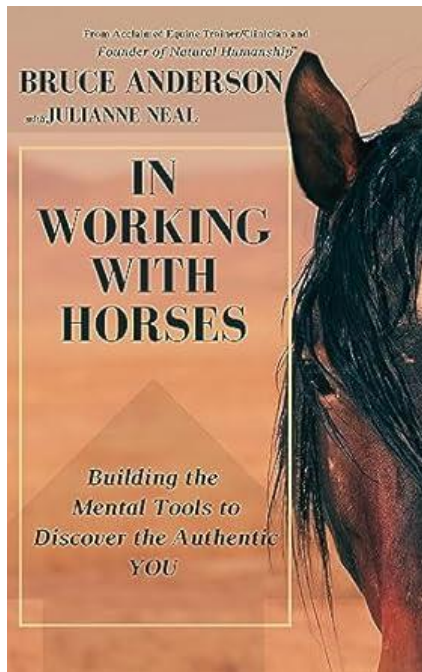
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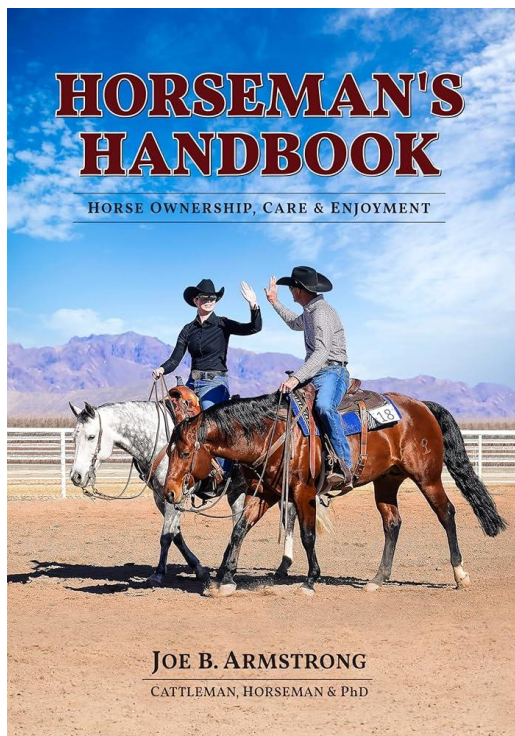
Joe B. Armstrong is an 86-year-old active horseman and stockman. At 21 years of age, he received his AQHA Judge's Card with the privilege of being able to "judge any size show". His entire life has been spent with people, horses, and cattle. His enjoyment is in helping people who need and want to be helped. Horseman's Handbook is his first book.

Drawing on 7 decades of professional experience gathered around the world as an international judge, educator, breeder, coach, consultant and competitor, Armstrong shares his lifelong passion and knowledge of horses in a practical and concise manner that is accessible to readers of all experience levels.

Joe is a NMSU College of Agriculture Professor Emeritus and has been recognized for his contributions to the horse industry as a DQHA Hall of Fame Honoree, New Mexico 4-H Hall of Fame Honoree, New Mexico FFA Honorary State Farmer, and NMQHA Man of the Year. His life and distinguished career was featured in Western Horseman magazine in September 2018.

He owns and operates Armstrong Equine Service with his family in La Mesa, NM, and enjoys riding and showing his gelding, Rankins Reminic. They are qualified and will be competing in Ranch Riding at the 2023 AQHA World Show.

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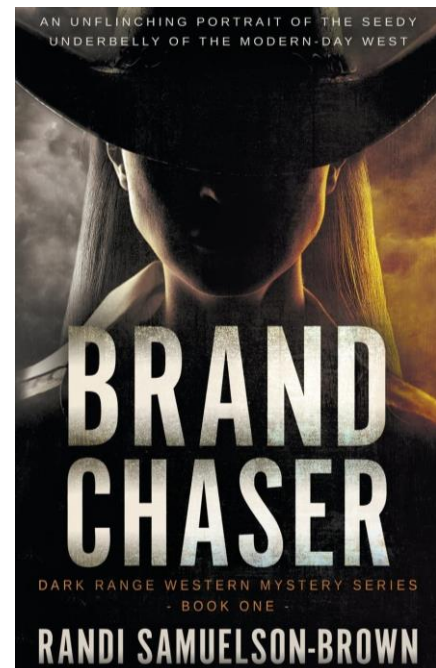
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Randi Samuelson-Brown was born in Denver, Colorado and grew up in Golden. She writes historical fiction and has always enjoyed uncovering strange and obscure historical facts and details. Randi's undergraduate degree is in History, and she continued on to Post-Graduate Research at Trinity College, University of Dublin. Frontier Fiction and the shadier aspects of the Wild West has always held a place close to her heart. The Beaten Territory was her debut novel (re-released as Market Street Madam in paperback) and The Bad Old Days of Colorado: Untold Stories of the Wild West was her first non-fiction - and was a Finalist in the 2021 Colorado Book Awards

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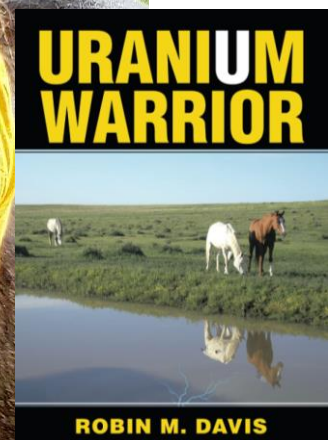
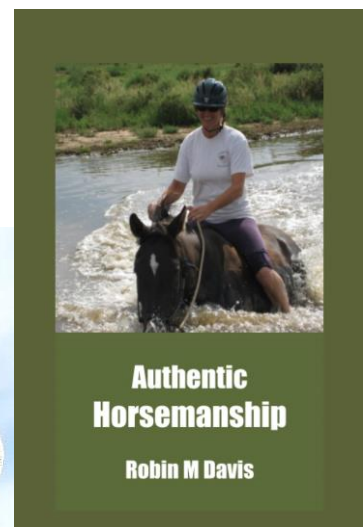


Robin M Davis

Authentic Horsemanship Colorado

Robin is an activist, a writer and an Intuitive Guide. She enjoys her horses at her ranch, Mustang Hollow in Nunn, Co. Robin works with human/horse partnerships to help them find a deep and authentic relationship. She enjoys helping people and animals find and embrace their Divine Right to Health through energy healing techniques. For more information and/or to work with Robin visit her website: www.journeywithrobin.com

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M.J. Evans

AUTHOR

Colorado

I am a graduate of Oregon State University and a lifelong equestrian. I am also a former teacher at the secondary school level. My husband, Tom, and I have 5 wonderful children, and twelve incredible grandchildren, and live in Colorado with our two horses and a standard poodle.

I have always loved writing and using my imagination to create stories and characters. For seventeen years I coached Odyssey of the Mind and Destination Imagination teams for my kids. It was so fun helping them learn to write one-act plays.

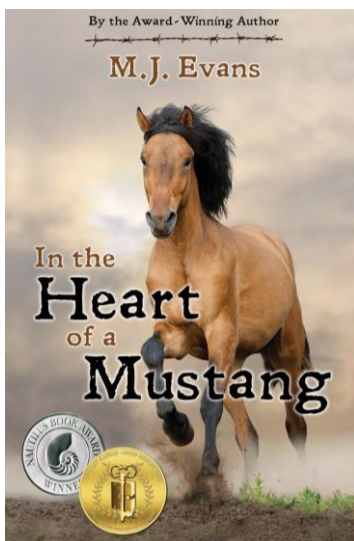
Because of my love for horses, this magnificent animal is the subject of most of my books...from the non-fiction equestrian trail guidebooks titled "Riding Colorado", "Riding Colorado II" and "Riding Colorado III" to my fantasy stories and novels.

I have known and loved many noble and great horses in my life, so I also decided to start a blog about them. You can learn about famous and loved horses at www.themisttrilogy.blogspot.com. I love riding on trails in the beautiful Colorado mountains and competing in Dressage. So, if I am not sitting at my computer writing a new story, you can find me sitting in a saddle!

<http://www.dancinghorsepress.com/>

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In The Heart Of A Mustang



Hunter was told that his father was a brave soldier and virtuous man. Someone that Hunter needed to emulate. The only problem is that the whole story was a lie, all of it. The truth is that his father has spent the entirety of Hunter's life in jail, paying his sorry debt to society. Angry and hurt, Hunter gets into some serious trouble and is sent to Promise Ranch, a home for troubled teenage boys.

A wild mustang mare and her herd are rescued from certain starvation by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). In a sandy corral at Promise Ranch, Hunter and the mare meet. It takes a weathered, old cowboy to bring them together—a mentor for one, a trainer for the other. The bond that forms between boy and horse becomes one that saves the lives of both.

Amanda Held

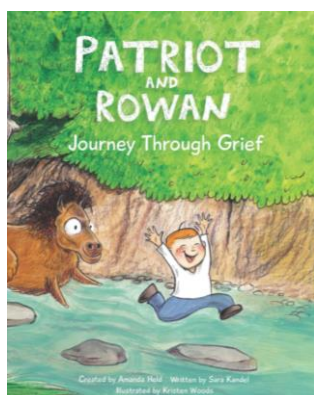
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Having grown up and trained with horses all her life, in 2003 Amanda began working with them in a different fashion - to begin her healing process from depression, anxiety and PTSD.

Encouraged by personal results, Amanda enhanced her proficiency with formal training and certification in EAGALA, Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and several other stress and trauma coaching modalities.

From her training and personal experience, she has developed her own method called Equine Integrated Wellness™. Today she practices and teaches this coaching method, helping over 300 veterans and family members combined to develop the current H.O.O.V.E.S. curriculum



Patriot and Rowan: Journey Through Grief

Written by: Sara Kandel (Author), Amanda Held (Author), Kristen Woods (Illustrator)

“Patriot and Rowan: Journey Through Grief” is a book about the relationship between Patriot, a miniature horse with dwarfism, and a little boy named Rowan, who’s recently experienced the loss of someone close to him. When the two of them set out on an adventure to bring him back, they discover that although he’s no longer with them, the things that made him special, will never go away. As the story unfolds, Patriot and Rowan get advice from the various farm animals and woodland creatures they meet along the way.

The animals in the story are real and the story captures their unique traits and personalities. Rowan is a fictional character, but his personality is representative of the curiosity and wonder of all children.

Patriot and Rowan’s journey is a vividly illustrated adventure with laughs, heart warming moments and universal lessons about life and loss. It’s a story that will capture the attention of readers young and old, but what makes this book so important is that it’s more than just a story. As Patriot and Rowan’s adventure unfolds, it provides readers with tools to navigate grief and come to a place of peace, warmth and serenity.

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Deborah Wilson

Author

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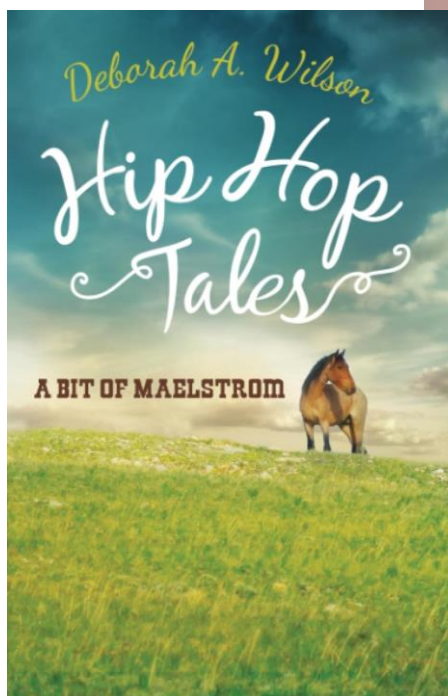
Deborah Wilson was born Deborah Ann Bearsch in 1970 in rural Harford County, Maryland. She and her two siblings enjoyed growing up surrounded by big trees, open land and plenty of space to explore. Her love of horses was fostered at a very young age by her beloved grandfather, Tom, who spent most of his life raising and selling horses. She spent countless hours following Tom everywhere, learning everything and anything she could about horses.

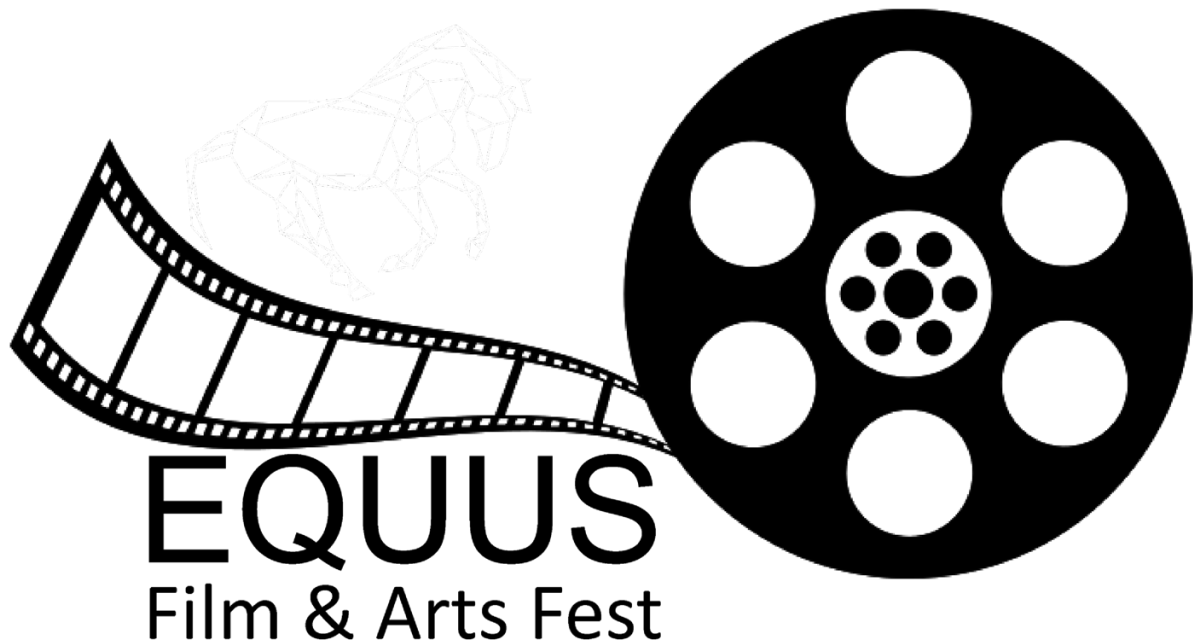
Deborah began riding and by her teens, was both teaching younger children how to ride and competing herself in various events. She took first place in the intermediate division of the Fair Hill in 1995, an event that ranks only one level below the Olympics. She also trained with Olympic riders. Deborah participated in showing, three day eventing, and breaking young horses.

When she was 16, her grandfather purchased a pony named Sugar. In 1994, Sugar gave birth to Hip-Hop, the pony that inspired Deborah's current line of stories. Hip-Hop was the cover pony for a local equine magazine and appeared in a national publication for young girls.

Deborah met her husband, when his excavating company was hired to assist in the construction of a horse riding ring on her family property. They have three children, her daughter has inherited her mother's love of horses, and often rides and competes in shows herself. Hip-Hop was Laura's first pony. Deborah hopes to use her writing, and specifically Hip Hop's story, to cultivate and nurture children's interest in the horses and their care.

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The Artists



Jodie Brenner

Artist

Texas

Jodie Brenner is an award winning watercolor and pastel equine artist. Her ability to illuminate the essence and heart of the horse is felt in her paintings and memorial portraits.

She also creates memorial portraits of cats and dogs. When the animal's owner receives the portrait there's a mixture of love, joy, healing and sometimes tears.

Although she started painting with watercolors in 2002, Jodie also has created with mixed media, acrylics and pottery. However, it was in 2019 when she had a pivotal time in her art and life.

She was diagnosed with chronic vestibular migraine and several other vestibular dysfunctions including vertigo, chronic dizziness, nausea, stabbing head pain and severe cognitive limitations. And she was told there was no cure-she didn't believe them.

It was during this dark time her naturopath suggested she "take the medicine of the horse and paint it".

As a self taught artist she started drawing horses with colored pencil creating meticulous and realistic detail. The slow, meditative strokes of each pencil line applied in multiple layers allowed her brain to become calm and still.

It was the daily practice of creating art and her two Mustangs, Roman and Zaira that literally saved her life and kept her from falling into the abyss of no return. The times when surviving another day seemed unimaginable, it was her horses that carried her back into being.

After five years of many dark nights she found a TMJ (Temporomandibular joint) specialist who discovered the custom bite guard made years prior to prevent grinding actually shifted her jaw out of alignment. A CT scan confirmed the left jaw joint/bone was pushed back and causing disruption to the fragile vestibular system within the inner ear and mixing signals for the brain.

It's been one year since she started working with the TMJ specialist to realign her jaw and release the inflammation, this is allowing her cognitive abilities to heal and once again work in unison with brain and body.

She witnessed the profound healing abilities of the horses through her experiences and trainings as an Equine Facilitated Coach, Equine Bodyworker and Animal Reiki

Teacher. Now she experienced her own transformational healing while navigating through the darkness of chronic vertigo and pain.

The amazing gift she discovered along this arduous journey was the re-emergence of her artist shining through in new and different ways. This led her to working with soft pastels and again watercolors to paint the realistic horse paintings she creates today.

The Wild Mare Collection was also born from this journey and aims to be an inspiration and illuminate the profound healing abilities and connection the horses have to offer those that are called to listen. The Collection of the 12 mares is a work in progress and each painting has revealed written messages to pair with the painting.

These paintings along with the written messages will be made into a book and other media that will support mental health and well-being. The horses as sentient beings offer a place of peace and calm which can be felt through Jodie's art.

Through her paintings Jodie's desire is to give opportunity for the horses to be seen and bring inspiration, hope, love, joy and be a shining light for everyone.

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Melody DeBenedictis

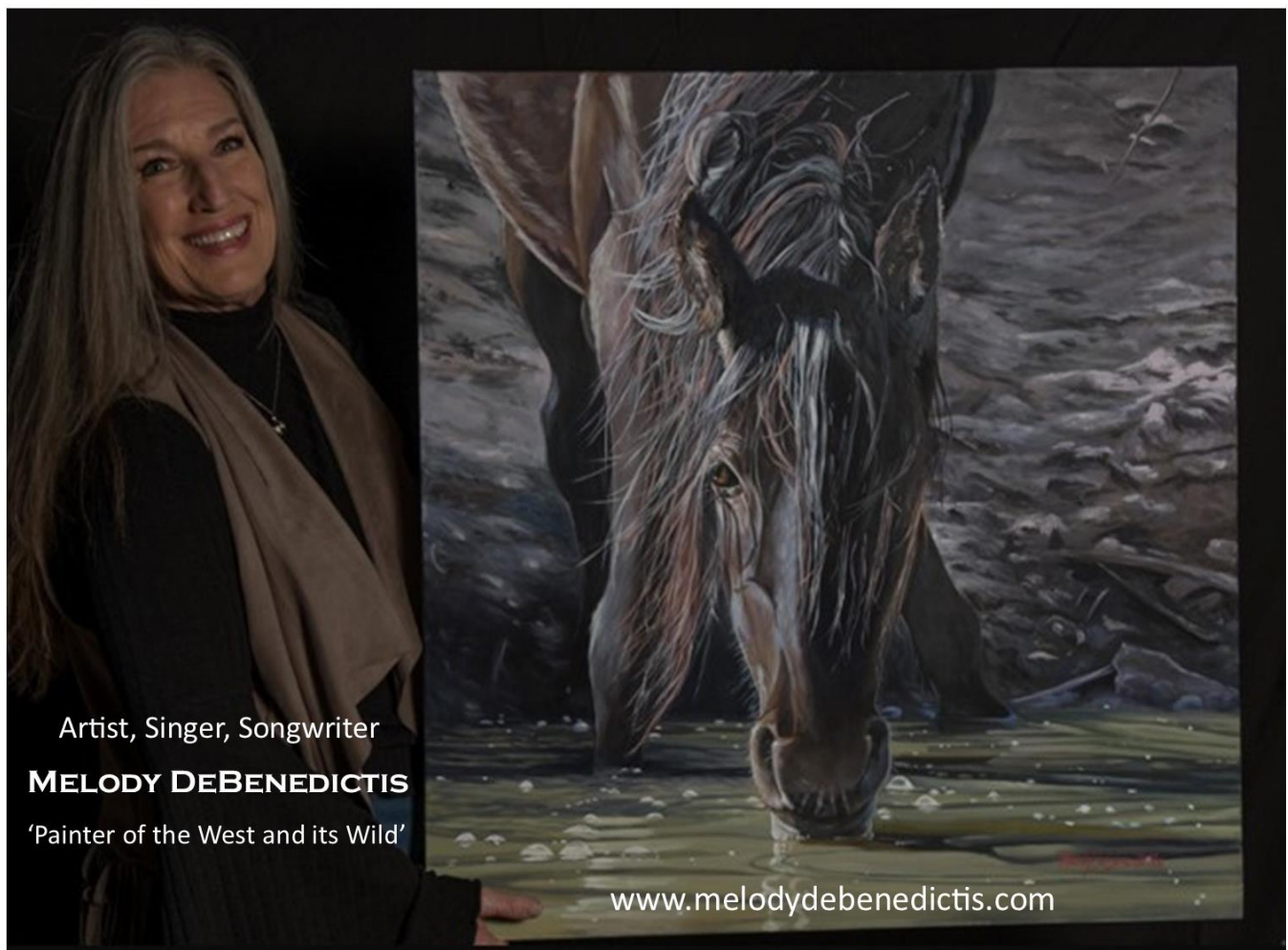
Colorado

SEEING THE WILD OF THE WEST THROUGH THE EYES OF AN ARTIST

The palette of rich color Melody uses to recreate the images of the west come alive with each stroke of her brush. Over recent years, Melody has been called 'prolific' in her creative abilities. As a young child, Melody worked in pencil and pastels, eventually practicing oils as a youngster. In her teens and early adult years, watercolor became her favored of the medium. She stepped away from her artistic gift in her mid-twenties, only to pick it up again with a deep passion in her later adult years. Making the move west, after living in the southeast coast and mountains most of her life, ignited a passion to begin her painting career full-time as a Fine Artist. Melody spent several years traveling the west in her first vintage tin-can RV known as 'The Mustang Mansion' studying and exploring the wildlife and landscape she vividly captures giving her a deep realistic yet artistic approach in her work. She continues that journey in her 2nd vintage tin can inspired by her two former mustangs, 'Sierra Cancion and Sierra Rosa'. She has spent years on and off visiting public range lands through numerous states across the west to living with large herds of wild horses on a 5000-acre sanctuary. She has owned her own adopted wild and domestic horses learning social and herd behavior up close and personal, continuing to learn the lessons of the horse and wildlife as she lived 'wild' on an expansive rugged ranch in northern New Mexico with her horses, dogs, and cats. Her connection to the wild mustang, the landscape, and other wildlife is evident in her collection of wild horses, equine, landscape, and wildlife works.

<https://www.melodydebenedictis.com/>

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Bonnie Trujillo-Dickson

Artist

Colorado

I am a painter and sculptor, experienced in site specific public and private commissioned cast bronze, mixed and multimedia two and three dimensional artwork. Three dimensional sculpture may consist of carved, cast or fabricated materials of metal, stone, wood, concrete or durable plasters. Paintings would be on canvas, board or paper and of water, oil, graphite with raised texture mediums. Subject matter preferred may range from figurative, animal, land or citiscape. Style leans towards impressionistic, stylized realism to semi-abstract forms.

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“Dream Vision”

By Bonnie Trujillo-Dickson

Bronze

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Kami Sue Taylor

Utah

I see beauty all around me and I turn it into art through inspiration.

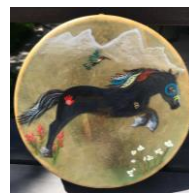
Many of my paintings are of the rural farm and ranch/western lifestyle. I love connecting with people as I am creating custom paintings for them. I do many paintings on Native American Indian Drums and love to see, feel and hear my paintings come to life. I am so blessed and so grateful for this talent.

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Native American style hand drums

I make rawhide drums in assorted sizes from 9" to 18" and I use an assortment of hides, depending on what's available. Buffalo, Elk, Moose, Bear, Red Stag, Horse.

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Imagine creating your very own authentic native style hand drum and drum stick out of the Majestic elk, sacred buffalo or ancient moose with Artist and drum maker Kami Taylor. This is an amazing spiritual experience for anyone who wants to learn this tradition

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- 4. Place rescued horses into forever homes if possible.**
- 5. Educate and promote the importance of caring for horses.**
- 6. Educate the public on how to help prevent animal cruelty.**
- 7. Once rescued, we will work to restore the health of the horse.**
- 8. Prepare rescued horses to assist with therapy services within our community.**

OUR STORY

Sanctuary Horses was founded with a profound purpose - to rescue horses from abusive, endangering, neglectful situations, as well as those seeking a new purpose and provide them with a new life filled with love and care. With unwavering determination, we strive to be a safe haven, offering a home to horses in need and rescuing those facing immediate danger. Our mission extends beyond rescue; we are committed to educating the public about the importance of caring for horses and preventing animal cruelty. Additionally, we recognize the transformative power of equine therapy and prepare our rescued horses to serve as partners in therapy services within the community. By highlighting the unique ability of horses to forge deep connections and facilitate emotional healing, we aim to open doors to a new approach in individual, family, and group therapy. Join us in making a positive difference in the lives of these majestic animals.

<https://www.sanctuaryhorses.org/>

The Urban Farm

Denver Colorado

Our Mission

The Urban Farm (TUF) strives to provide the opportunity for urban youth to engage and participate in local food and agricultural systems by removing the barriers to entry such as land access, time, location and finances. TUF delivers experiential programs in animal husbandry, organic gardening, environmental education, land conservation, and food security that provide practical and behavioral life skills for youth and young adults. Our aspiration is to foster compassion and resilience in people and inspire them to build sustainable, healthy, and equitable communities.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at TUF

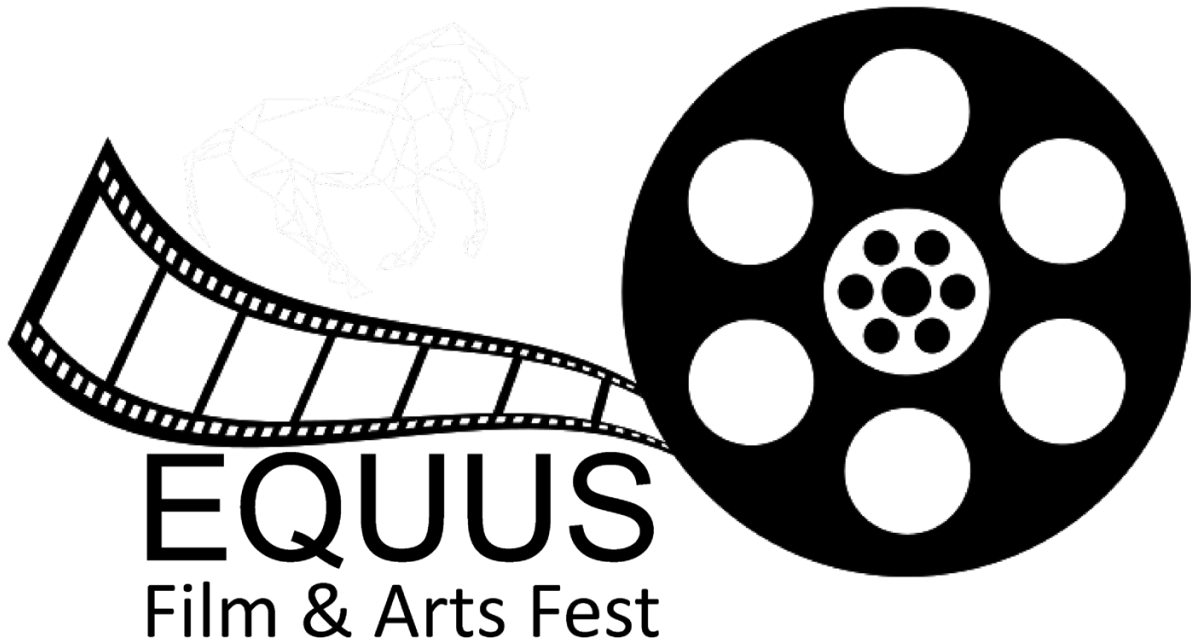
The Urban Farm is committed to welcoming, embracing and celebrating people of all races, ethnicities, abilities, gender identities and sexual orientation. We also acknowledge that there remains a long road ahead to achieve true equity for all historically oppressed communities. TUF believes that equity is when race and other social identities can no longer be used to predict life outcomes. Research tells us that when equity is the primary focus, with diversity and inclusion as supportive facets, all segments of communities are improved. This allows individuals who have often been institutionally marginalized and historically disadvantaged to be fully engaged and supported to achieve successful outcomes. Because of this, TUF emphasizes Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, EDI, as the order of our efforts, not DEI.

Year-Round Equine Classes, Shows & Camps

Our Equestrian program provides youth ages 8-18 the opportunity to learn horsemanship and riding skills without the expense of leasing or owning a horse. Our equine educators hold accreditations from the Certified Horsemanship Association.

<https://www.theurbanfarm.org/riding-lessons>





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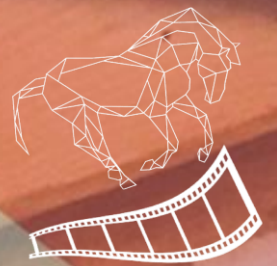
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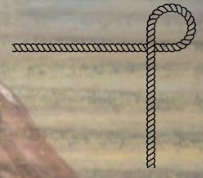
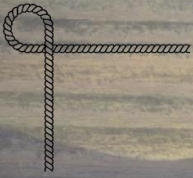


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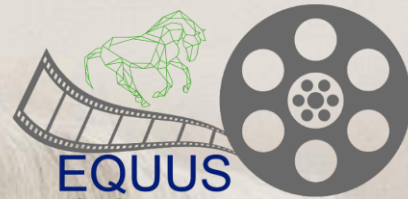
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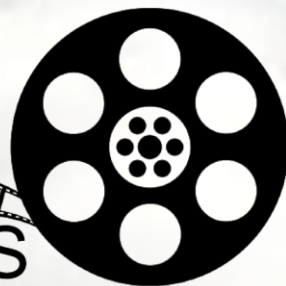
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