





Linda Allen is an accomplished Olympic Course Designer, Clinician, Judge, Equestrian Facility Design Consultant and Author. For more than 45 years, Linda has been a fixture in the Equestrian Industry, including 11 years as General Manager/Trainer/Rider for a private stable that maintained approximately 20 competition horses plus a breeding operation that included 20 brood mares and 2 breeding stallions. Linda developed horses for and competed at the International Grand Prix level throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe. She rode as a member of Nations Cup teams on three occasions and, earlier in her career, competed and trained hunters, saddle horses, western, eventing, and dressage at the regional level.

Linda is the author of *101 Jumping Exercises for Horse & Rider*. She has been regular columnist for *Chronicle of the Horse* and has written numerous articles for other equestrian publications including *L'Annee Hipique* (the annual yearbook for equestrian sport).

Linda is an FEI Official International Course Designer (retired), Level 3 Judge for Show Jumping, FEI Certified Course Director for both Course Design and Judging, as well as a US Equestrian Federation "R" Course Designer for Jumpers. She is a USEF Registered Judge for Jumpers, Hunters and Hunt Seat Equitation having officiated at all the major Medal Finals. As a Foreign Judge for the FEI she has officiated in Canada, Mexico, Sweden, Italy and Saudi Arabia and has been Member and President of the Ground Jury for multiple World Cup Finals and World Equestrian Games events. Linda has acted as Technical Delegate to many international competitions including the 1994 World Equestrian Games and 1999 Pan American Games.

Linda was a founder of the Young Jumper Championships and the International Jumper Futurity, and is currently developing the Young Horse Trainers' School along with Julie Winkel and Jose Alejos. Her commitment to the development of competitive jumping horses in North America also includes the Benchmark Program, a concept for providing a cost effective means of preparing horses and riders for success in the competition arena.

Linda wrote the popular *101 Jumping Exercises for Horse & Rider* that has been translated into German, French, Spanish, and Polish. The book continues to sell well world-wide and is now available as an App for both iPad and Android. She also has a DVD titled *Course Building the JumpSmart Way* with great advice on setting up courses for competition or at home.

