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About The Mustang Summit | EQUUS Film & Arts Fest

The EQUUS Film & Arts Fest takes place as 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 <u>Channel You-Tube</u>, streaming to all your devices. Visit our website at: <u>www.equusfilmfest.com</u> and our <u>FaceBook</u> page.

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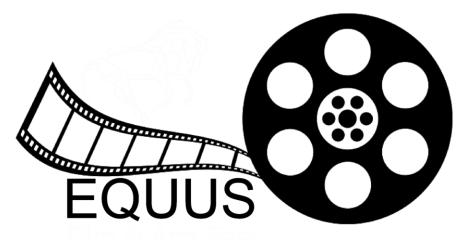






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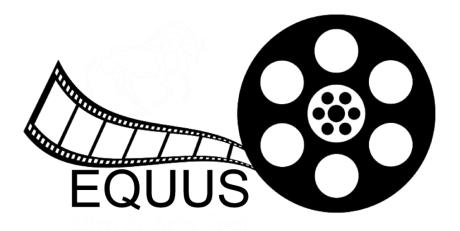
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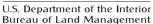




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2025 EQUUS Event List



| State / Country | City | Date | EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | Month |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Illinois | Sugar Grove | January 08 | SGPL Film Fest | January |
| Ohio New Mexico | Columbus Farmington | April 10 - 13 April 19 | • | April April |
| Illinois | Sugar Grove | May 14 | SGPL Film Fest | May |
| California Colorado | Sacramento Grand Junction | June 6 - 8 June 25 - 28 | | June June |
| Kentucky Nevada | Lexington Las Vegas | July 10 - 12 July 10 - 12 | Mustang Challenge 2025 | July July |
| Illinois | Barrington | July 26 | Barrington Film Fest | July |
| New Mexico Colorado | Albuquerque | 2026 | | August |
| Illinois | Aspen Saint Charles | Aug 2 Aug 14 - 16 | | August August |
| Illinois | Barrington | August 14 | Walk-On Barrington | |
| Virginia Maryland | Lexington Bel Air | Aug 20 - 24 Aug 28 - 31 | | August August |
| Kentucky Illinois | Lexington Sugar Grove | Sep 4 - 6 Sep 10 | | September September |
| Maryland | Edgewater | Sept 19 - 21 Sep 26 - 28 | ild Kid Acres Maryland Mustang Summit | - |

| October | Yukon | TBD | Yukon | Canada |
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| October | Liberty Fest | Oct 9 - 12 | Lexington | Kentucky |
| October | IBERICON | Oct 17 - 19 | Ocala | Florida |
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| November | Mustang Summit -Carolinas in 2026 | 2026 | | |
| November | EQUUS Film & Arts Fest Maryland | Nov 14 - 16 | Reisterstown | Maryland |
| November | EQUUS UK | Nov 15 | Helmsley | York UK |
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Completed: Dates and Locations 2024

42 Mustangs (or more) in 2024

Based on information from the BLM Website:

It costs BLM about \$27,500, on average, to provide lifetime care for a wild horse not placed into private care.

- o March Rocky Mountain Horse Expo Denver Colorado March 15 17, 2024
 - o Full Fest EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit 6 Mustangs Adoption Event
- o June Gateway Mustang Summit Potomac, Illinois June 7 9, 2024
 - o Small Event 4 Mustangs & Films Adoption Event
- o July BreyerFest Lexington, Kentucky July 12 14, 2024
 - o Small Event Films Rescued Hearts
- O July The Leanor Aztec, New Mexico July 26 28, 2024
 - o Small Event Films & Art & Panels Mustangs & Rescues
- July August Adams County Fair Brighton, Colorado July 31 August 4, 2024
 - o The Mustang Summit Mustangers Event − 6 Mustangs − Adoption Event
- August 25 Mustang Symposium Soulful Prairies Woodstock, Illinois
 - 1 Day Mustang Symposium
- September How Horses Help Symposium Great Lakes Oregon, Ohio September 5-8, 2024
 - o Full Fest EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit 6 Mustangs Adoption Event
- September Mustang Classic KHP Lexington, Kentucky September 13-15, 2024
 - Full Fest EQUUS Film & Arts Fest
- o September EQUUS Aiken Aiken Equine Rescue Aiken, South Carolina September 19-22, 2024
 - o Full Fest EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit 6 Mustangs Adoption Event
- October Liberty Festival Kentucky Horse Park October 11-12, 2024
 - o EQUUS Film & Arts Fest Rescued Hearts Screening
- October Ibericon World Equestrian Center Ocala, Florida October 17-20, 2024
 - o Small Event Films
- October EQUUS BC Anvil Center New West Minister, BB Canada October 26, 2024
 - o Small Event Films
- o November EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit Main Event Albuquerque, New Mexico November 14 17, 2024
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Amy Dumas

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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 JA Media, Productions South Carolina

Podcast Producer/Editor/Host Documentary Filmmaker EQUUS Film and Arts Fest Director of Programming CAMDEN, SC EQUUS Tour Stop Organizer

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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 HumanshipTM 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
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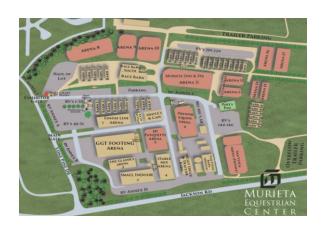
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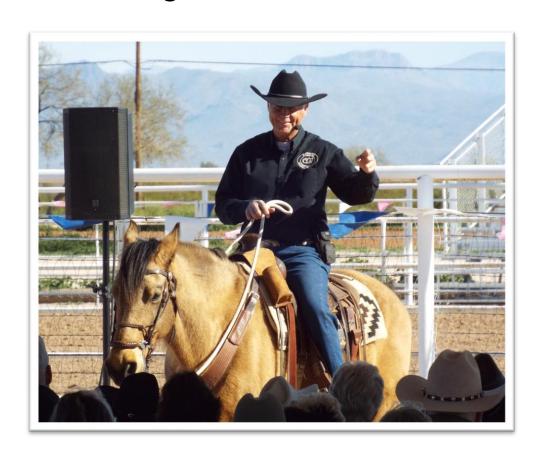
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Cowboy Church With Randy Helm

Arizona () Cowboy () Ministries

When: June 8, Sunday 9:30 am

Where: Mustangers Pen at the Paddock Arena





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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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Clay McDermott California



Clay is midwestern raised, spending much of his childhood showing horses. He moved west at 19, where he was introduced to wild horses and the art of ranching. For Clay, improved horsemanship has been a steady focus and he believes a quiet, yet effective way of handling horses can be achieved by better understanding their mental and physical needs. In his process, Clay often employs well-seasoned ranch horses to assist in gaining the trust and respect of young and wild horses. Currently residing in Twin Oaks, CA, Clay and his wife Kelin maintain a small cow-calf ranch and host BLM wild horses and burros for training. Their work with horses is shared with US Veterans and other groups through the non-profit organization Equine Empowered Training.

https://www.equineempoweredtherapy.com





Cameron Sinclair Washington



Cameron was born and raised on San Juan Island, Washington into a horse centered family. Growing up with natural horsemanship, rescue Arabians, and eventually onto mustangs.

Through high school and after, she explored Three Day Eventing and more traditional sport horses. Rehabbing and training an off the track thoroughbred. As well as spending two seasonal stints in Florida as a working student growing her education.

Now Cameron is working as a trainer in the Pacific Northwest. With a deep love of Mustangs and a focus on interdisciplinary basics for both horse and human. She is building her program to train Mustangs as sport horses, performance horses, and lifelong partners.

She also has a strong interest in the art of saddle building. While still a novice, Cameron is excited to explore this intersection of horsemanship and craftsmanship.

https://www.basisequine.com/



Haley Esteves California



Haley Esteves is 19 years old and currently a student at Sierra College. She has been around and riding horses her entire life because her both her parents are farriers and her mother also is a trainer. Haley started her first horse when she was 13. Today she competes in reining with him. Haley started endurance riding when she was 11. In the past 8 years she has completed 805 miles—405 of those miles were on a mustang. She also has finished the Tevis Cup. In 2022, when she was 15, she participated in her first Trainer Incentive Program (TIP) Challenge in Sacramento where she won Overall Youth Trainer. In 2023, she participated in the Sacramento TIP Challenge and again won Overall Youth Trainer. She is now starting her 2023 TIP Challenge horse under saddle. In her spare time, Haley trains horses professionally and has started working as a farrier.







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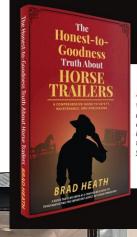


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Twin Peaks HMA

Some of the original horses in this area descended may be from Spanish Stock. Today the herd is descended from US Army Cavalry remounts released prior to and during World War I, and historic draft and riding ranching stock. The horses are mostly bay, black, and chestnut, but pintos and appaloosas are somewhat common. Some horses even have a metallic sheen to them. The burros likely originated from historic sheep grazing operations in the area. Because Twin Peaks HMA has both horses and burros, it also is one of the few HMAs that has mules. The Twin Peaks animals are highly desired by adopters because of their size, quiet temperaments, and color.

Location: The Twin Peaks Herd Management Area is located approximately 25 miles northeast of Susanville, CA. Highway 395 borders the HMA to the west. The Herd Management Area is located in both Lassen County, CA and Washoe County, NV.

Size: 758,128 acres

Topography/Vegetation: The terrain in this HMA consists of large, flat valley bottoms bisected by steep mountains. Dominant vegetation includes sagebrush, bitterbrush, bluebunch, needlegrass and squirreltail.

Wildlife: Wildlife occurring in the area includes mule deer, quail, pronghorn antelope, and sage grouse.

AML: 448-758/72-116







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High Rock HMA

Likely descended from local ranching stock, the horses demonstrate traits from a variety of breeds. They come in solid colors, as well as some pintos. These horses tend to be of good size ranging from 15 to 16 hands, in general. High Rock horses are popular with adopters.

Location: The High Rock Herd Management Area is located approximately 45 miles north of Gerlach, NV and 45 miles south east of Cedarville, CA. The area is entirely in Washoe County, NV. The area is managed as two separate home ranges each having an appropriate management level.

Size: 94,708 acres

Topography/Vegetation: Five deep canyons dissect the surrounding tablelands. Vegetation consists of big and low sage with bluegrass, squirreltail and needlegrass. Great Basin wild rye is common in the bottom of the High Rock Canyon. Elevations run from 5,000 to 7,000 feet.

Wildlife: Pronghorn, bighorn sheep, chukar, sage grouse and mule deer are common in the area.

AML: 78-120

Fox Hog HMA

Likely descended from local ranching stock, the horses demonstrate traits from a variety of breeds with some displaying draft horse characteristics. These horses tend to be of good size ranging from 15 to 16 hands, in general. Fox Hog horses are popular with adopters.

Location: The Fox Hog Herd Management Area is located approximately 45 miles southwest of Cedarville, CA in Washoe County, NV. The HMA is named for Fox Mountain and Hog Mountain located in the area.

Size: 127,122 acres

Topography/Vegetation: Topography consists of rolling mountains with large plateaus. Vegetation consists of big and low sage with squirreltail, Idaho fescue and bluegrass in the understory.

Wildlife: Pronghorn, chukar and sage grouse are the major wildlife species. Bighorn sheep also occur at the north end of the HMA.

AML: 120-220

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Tag # 7735 - Gelding High Rock HMA, California

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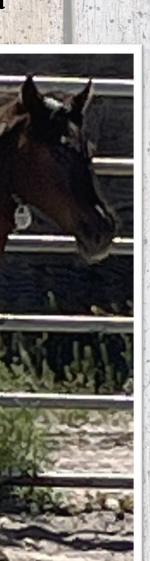
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Tag # 7737 - Filly
Fox Hog HMA, California





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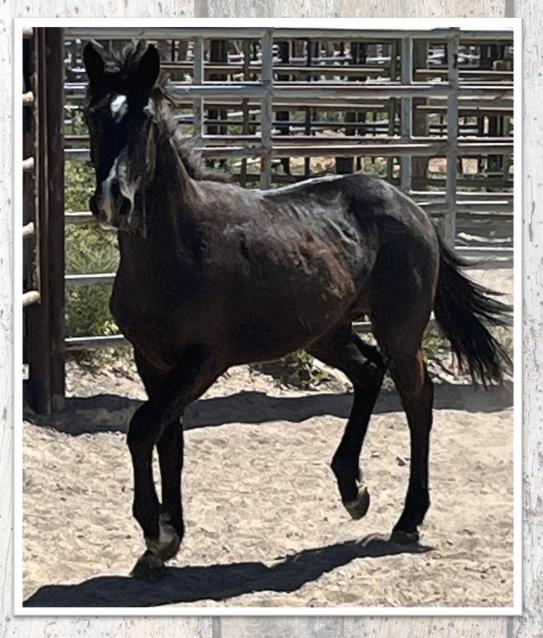
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Tag # 8010 - Filly

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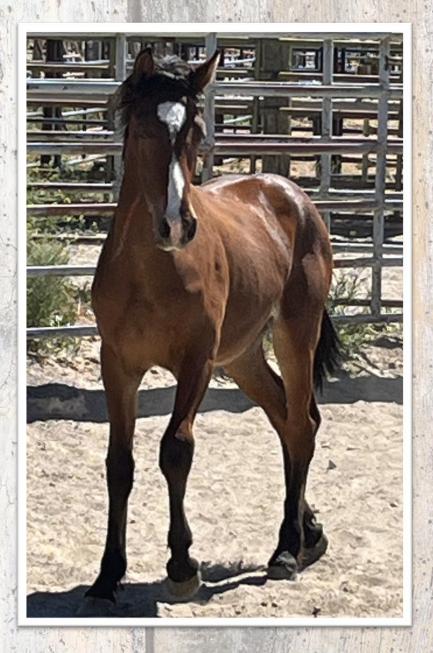
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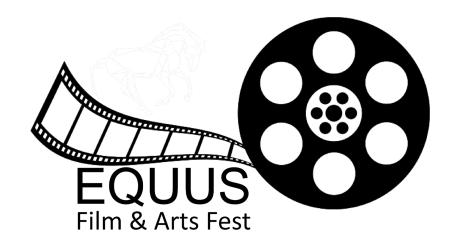
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Scott Beckstead Wild Horse Refuge Colorado



Scott Beckstead, the Chief Equine Programs Director at the Wild Horse Refuge in Colorado. Developing a new standard for wild equine sanctuaries, the Wild Horse Refuge is a world-class sanctuary that is home to hundreds of wild horses and spans more than 23,000 acres and provides a safe, natural environment where horses can roam freely away from the threat of urban encroachment and human interference. The horses share this vast swath of rangeland with multiple native wildlife species, providing a balanced and diverse ecosystem for all. Attendees will learn about the sanctuary's comprehensive approach to wild equine care, land and wildlife stewardship, and the crucial role of community involvement and support. The Wild Horse Refuge not only aims to provide sanctuary for Colorado wild horses, but also to educate the public and promote sustainable coexistence with wild horses and the other wild denizens of the range.

https://www.wildhorserefuge.org/



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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

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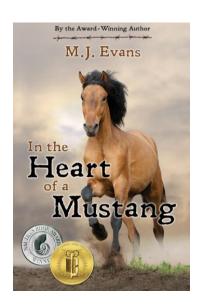
Because of my love for horses, this magnificent animal is the subject of most of my books...from the non-fiction equestrian trail guidebooks titled "Riding Colorado", "Riding Colorado III" and "Riding Colorado III" to my fantasy stories and novels.

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/

https://www.facebook.com/margi.evans.98

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Terri Farley

California Author

Terri Farley is the best-selling author of books about the contemporary and historic West.

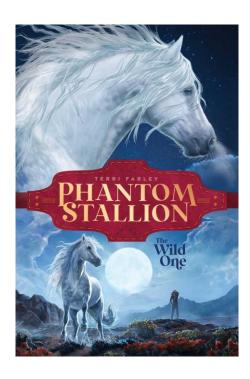
Her Phantom Stallion series for young readers and Seven Tears into the Sea have sold over two million copies worldwide.

The Phantom Stallion and Wild Horse Island series launched as audiobooks in January 2021 with Oasis Audio Books.

Wild at Heart: Mustangs and the Young People Fighting to Save Them, non-fiction published by Houghton-Mifflin-Harcourt, is a Junior Library Guild selection and has been honored by the National Science Teachers Association, Western Writers of America, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Award and more. It was listed on the Children's Book Council's Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12.

Recently, Farley joined Mark Twain, Ellen Hopkins and other authors she admires in the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame. Before she began writing full-time, Farley taught middle school and high school language arts and journalism in inner-city Los Angeles, California and Reno, Nevada. She has a Master's degree in journalism, is an advocate for the West's wildlife and wild places and works with young people learning to make their voices heard..

https://www.terrifarley.com/





Megan Hensley



Holistic Hooves " The Donkey Farrier" California

Megan Hensley, known as The Donkey Farrier, is a trailblazing donkey hoof care specialist, educator, and outspoken advocate for one of the most misunderstood animals in the equine world. As founder of the Donkey Hooves & Health Academy, she's led a global movement empowering thousands of owners (and counting) to take hoof trimming into their own hands—with confidence, compassion, and a deep partnership with their donkeys.

Megan collaborates with leading innovators to develop donkey-specific solutions, including the first-ever donkey hoof boot and 3D-printed pads for laminitis and founder. Bucking tradition in an industry that has long failed donkeys, she's raising the bar for what truly effective, humane

hoof care and rehabilitation looks like.

www.donkeyhooves.com

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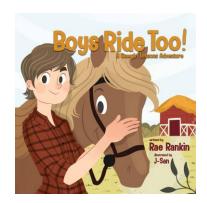
Rae Rankin Author California



Author: Rae Rankin

I am an independent marketing and graphic design consultant transplanted from sunny central California to the wilds of Utah. After two landlocked years (no the Great Salt Lake is not a substitute), my family was transferred to the Pacific Northwest. Four years later, we have come full circle and returned to California. Founder of the Children's Summer Reading Program: We Read Horse Books – Free Summer Reading Program for Kids

Home - Rae Rankin







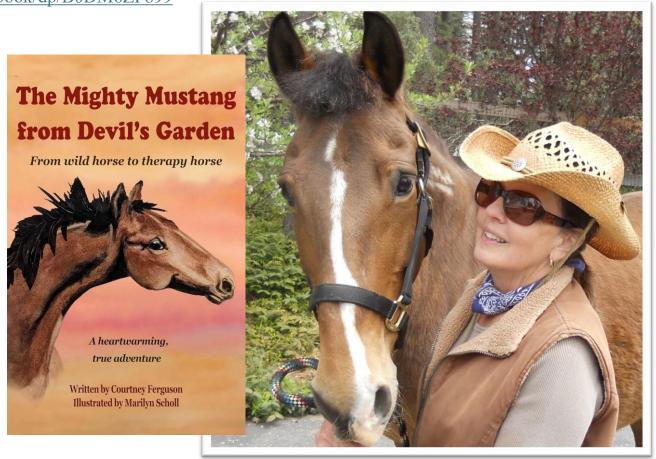
Courtney Ferguson

Author California

Courtney Ferguson, author/horsewoman:

Born near New York City, her early love of horses was evident when she would chase mounted policemen, asking endless questions about their horses. Thirty years in England gave her the chance to study horsemanship and compete in eventing and dressage. She has always had a special fascination for wild horses. When she moved to No. California in 2006, she met an older, ungentled mustang at her local animal control facility. She adopted him. With good care and one-step-at-a-time patience, Taylor went from wild and neglected to become a trusted friend, trail horse, and more. With additional training, he qualified as a therapeutic riding horse - a reliable source of kindness and confidence for children with Down syndrome, autism, and cerebral palsy. His touching, true story is told through Taylor's eyes in **The Mighty Mustang from Devil's Garden**. "It's my heartfelt tribute to this remarkable horse," Ferguson says, "and to all these magnificent horses, just waiting for knowledgeable homes."

https://www.amazon.com/Mighty-Mustang-Devils-Garden-therapy-ebook/dp/B0DM6ZP899



Denise Wilson

California

Denise Wilson is the Founder and President of Freedom Equine Connection, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people heal, grow, and thrive through transformative experiences with horses. A certified Equine Specialist through both ARCH (Arenas for Change) and Eagala (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association), Denise combines professional training with a deep, intuitive understanding of the healing power of horses.

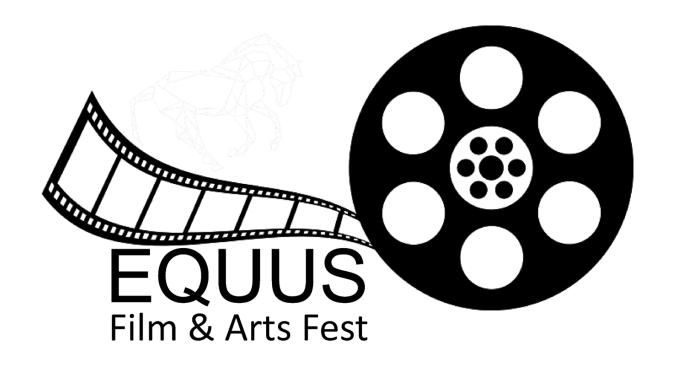
Horses have always played a healing role in Denise's life and in the lives of her family members. That personal connection led her to explore the possibility of sharing that healing on a broader scale, and in doing so, she discovered her true calling. Today, she has made it her life's work to create safe, empowering spaces where individuals of all ages, especially veterans, foster youth, and trauma survivors, can find strength, hope, and transformation through the horse-human relationship. Through equine-assisted psychotherapy, learning, and group experiences, Denise and her team guide participants in reconnecting with themselves and others in deeply meaningful ways.

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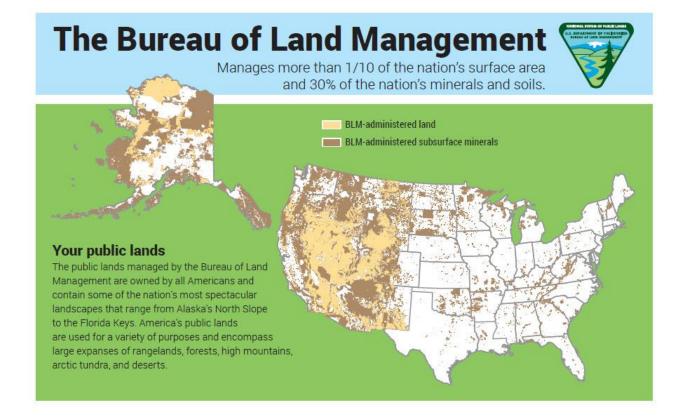
The BLM works to place excess animals into private care through its Adoption and Sales Programs as well as <u>successful partnerships</u> with organizations across the nation. Many have found it personally challenging and rewarding to adopt or purchase a wild horse or burro. It is a chance to care for,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

The BLM has placed more than 300,000 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
- •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





https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management https://www.facebook.com/BLMNational



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/





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.







Lynn Thomas, Co-Founder/President

Espana Silk Products

Trudy Midas, Co-Founder/President 4025 Orleans Ln N Minneapolis, MN 55441

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



Ann Souders

Texas Forever Branded

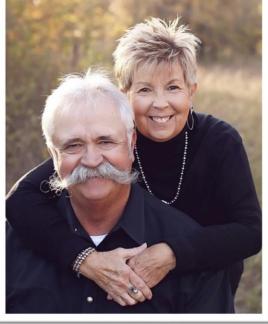


After many years in corporate America, Ann attended her first Extreme Mustang Makeover in 2007 which inspired both she and her husband to compete the following year. A member of several prominent activist groups, Ann began talking to the BLM and Mustang Heritage Foundation personnel at the EMM events 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/







Maryland Mustang Mission Maryland



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/

The Horse Boy Foundation The Movement Method

Germany/Spain









Takhin Equine Integration

The training of the horse as it's own human therapeutic intervention.

If a horse is going to transmit well-being to a human, it must have well-being to give. This applies to both horses in therapy settings as well as horses in riding schools, and sport.

Takhin is the Mongolian word for the wild horse – it means "honored one" or "revered one". The Takhin program honors the horse's need for play, herd socialization, purpose, and bodily and mental development.

It also honors the equine professional who is trying to do their best for their horse and clients, but often lack the time to address both.

Takhin is a program that will enable you to teach your clients with trauma, depression and related conditions to work with equine play, lunging, in hand work and long reins, to not only ensure the horses's well-being but to also empower themselves.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Nbr0aQf1cI

https://ntls.co/takhin/

Mary Miller Jordan North Carolina

I Am Herd

- * Mary Miller-Jordan has been featured on National Geographic, RFD-TV & HR-TV.
- * Published in Horse Illustrated, Western Horseman, Cowgirl Magazine, Hobby Farms and Horse & Rider
- * Featured as the Poster Image of the Extreme Mustang Makeover for 2017 and 2018 with their bareback and bridleless American Flag Freestyle.
- * MMJ's first Wild Mustang Guide is Immortalized as a BREYER Model 'Mustang', they won the National title of 'America's Favorite Trail Horse (much like 'American Idol' but for Horses)
- * MMJ is an Extreme Mustang Makeover Judge.
- * MMJ and oldest daughter are authors of multiple children's books.
- * MMJ & the Wild Mustang Guides, along with Co-host Sabinananda offer Retreats at The Great Escape Mustang Sanctuary in Deer Trail, CO.
- * MMJ is the producer of the documentary Wild Horse Road Trip and The Journey Gentling the Soul Sister Mustangs.
- * Founder of I AM HERD Mustang Sanctuary

Mary has kept every Wild Mustang she has adopted and gentled, and the unified herd offers the support and guidance for the work she offers horses & humans.

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Matt Manroe

Mustang Champions | Mustang Owner Executive Director / Creative Director Texas

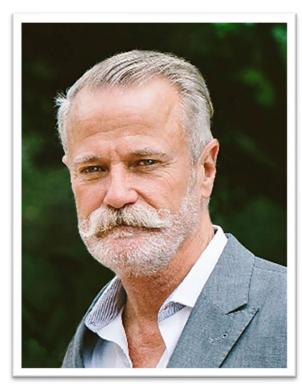


<u>matt.manroe@mustangchampions.org</u> / 512-415-5354 www.mustangchampions.org

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.



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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Chattanooga, Tennessee 37405

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



Freedom Reigns Sanctuary California FREED REIGNS

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/





The Wright Salve

James and Greta, Owners of The Wright Salve.

A brief story about how we started this journey:

We met and befriended a traveling alchemist who shared a powerful pain relief salve with us.

We soon discovered with amazement how much this salve was helping ourselves and our friends and family in our daily lives.

Together we decided to refine and evolve this incredible pain relief salve by adding even more potent ingredients and bring it to market. Now everyone can have the opportunity to experience the multiple benefits for rejuvenation of skin conditions, muscle and joint inflammation issues, and feel the results and relief like we have!

https://thewrightsalve.com/





Mustang Adoption Academy

Our Mission:

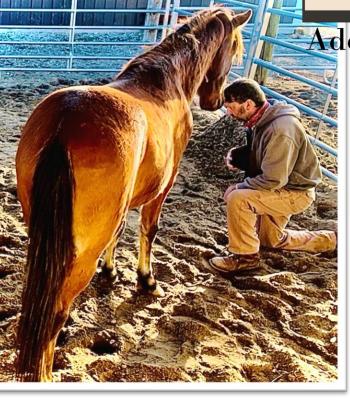
Successful Mustang Adoption and helping humans and mustangs have better relationships.

www.MustangAdoptionAcademy.com





Adoption Academy



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Nature's View - Bruce Anderson

South Carolina

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 HumanshipTM 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 HumanshipTM." 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
The Marley Project website: https://themarleyproject.org
View The Edge: https://equustelevision.com/watch/241
Social Media: https://www.facebook.com/jamediaconnections







Benefits of a Partnership with the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest

- > Partnering with an established Internationally acclaimed Equine Film, Art & Literary Fest
- ➤ Celebrating the 12th season in 2025
- > Exposure to a Global Audience
- Attended by International guests, artists, and filmmakers and those from across the country
- ➤ Annual visitors in New York City 800 1000 film & art fest guests attending over the weekend hosted in NYC for the artists and authors.
- ➤ In 2019 we moved to the expansive Kentucky Horse Park artist and author attendance doubled.
- ➤ Partnering in 20 + Nationwide events annually
- Marketing and exposure on all EQUUS Social Media outlets
- Maryland is home of our annual Winnie Awards event in 2025, is much more inviting to filmmakers, artists, authors, and other demos in November. The location is beautiful!
- ➤ Partnering with the EQUUS Art & Fest and The Mustang Summit with invited local equestrian artists as well as selected award-winning EQUUS artists, creating a great holiday shopping opportunity and exposure for marketing of products and services

The New York Times

Laurel Graeber of the NEW YORK TIMES wrote:

"EQUUS, however, has the heft and breadth of a Clydesdale, screening more than 80 films Friday through Sunday in Brooklyn. It also comprises equine art and book showcases, director panels and jury awards (the Winnies).... EQUUS has just instituted an ondemand streaming service for its films, which "aren't made in somebody's little back room on a laptop," said Lisa Diersen, an equestrian and former engineer who founded the festival in 2013, "These are PBS-quality documentaries." (Equus also shows a few fictional films.)"

Hundreds of films have gained recognition, found international distribution and reached global audiences We believe that film holds the power to experience a story in the most compelling way.

We empower storytellers to share their unique equine stories.

By placing the EQUUS Film Fest in the unique locations around the world, people from all walks of life can enjoy these inspiring stories.

We look forward to welcoming you to the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest, and The Mustang Summit where you can enjoy the impressive line-up of films, amazing artists and interesting authors, along with a full line up of Mustang Clinicians.

Founder | Lisa Diersen



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Art of the Mustang













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