



Millbrook Farms presents
Classical Dressage in the Modern Age,
a symposium featuring
Amelia Newcomb

Demo Rider Information and Application
October 21-22, 2023
Millbrook Farms in Fairfield, UT

Thank you for your interest in being a demonstration rider for the Classical Dressage in the Modern Age symposium featuring Amelia Newcomb. There are many benefits for demonstration riders participating in this clinic. First and foremost is the opportunity to be coached by one of the most popular riders and instructors available today.

Amelia Newcomb is currently on the US Development Dressage high performance list and has qualified horses for the Festival of Champions. She has earned her Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals, but in addition has created programs committed to bringing dressage education to any rider in any part of the globe. Amelia has tapped into technology to help riders of all levels better understand the concepts of dressage and training of the dressage horse. In this symposium we will have the opportunity to see her up close and in person while she teaches riders from Training Level through FEI.



If you are selected, you will get your coaching, stabling, bedding, auditing fee, hospitality during the clinic, and other extras all included for the basic \$250 fee. There is a selection process, which we describe below. There are some important criteria to take into account before submitting yourself for consideration.



General Information

Horses and riders must be comfortable being instructed in front of a large audience in an indoor arena, as there may be as many as 200 auditors in attendance. You must be ready and able to make the requested corrections and perform the exercises as directed by the clinician consistent with the level of riding designated on the application. This clinic is not for the perfect horse or rider. We want to be able to demonstrate positive changes over the course of the clinic. Riders may be amateurs, junior/young riders, or professionals and any breed of horse can be submitted. We are interested in having a variety of horses and riders throughout the levels. Your horse must not be bothered by an amplified sound system, as the clinician will be using a microphone so the audience can hear her comments and suggestions. The owner of the horse must give permission for Amelia to ride the horse should she choose to. Riders who participated in our last symposium found it to be a very positive experience and indicated they would participate again if given the chance.

Deadlines and Selection Process

Horses and riders will be demonstrating movements and training goals for each of the levels listed below under Format and Schedule. Horses/riders with show experience at or above the level being applied for will be given consideration over horses/riders without any show experience. Horses/riders with experience in USEF recognized competitions will be given greater consideration than horses/riders without experience in recognized shows. If special circumstances apply, like a horse or rider coming back from an injury, please provide appropriate information in your application.

Applications must be submitted between July 1 and September 1. Late applications will not be considered. We will confirm applications as they are received. We will notify all riders as soon as the selection process is completed, no later than four weeks prior to the clinic. Please provide a current, readable email address on your application. We will not publish the names of applicants not selected, nor will we inform third parties such as horse owners as to the status of application without the written consent of the applicant. Riders only may submit applications although owners will be asked to sign their consent for their horse to participate. The final deadline for applications to be received is September 1. Applicants chosen will be notified by September 18. Riders must ride the horses listed on this application. Riders may apply with more than one horse. Please submit one application for each horse.

Alternate Riders

A few extra riders will be selected as alternates for the primary riders described under Format and Schedule below. During our last symposium, we used several alternates in the symposium in place of primary riders. All alternate riders must bring their horses to Millbrook and be ready to ride in case of illness in one of the primary riders or horses.

Fees and Cancellations

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, the clinic fee is \$250 (at least a \$800 value), which includes one clinic ride each day, lunch each day, and hospitality (snacks and beverages). There is no fee for you to audit the rest of the symposium. There is no fee for stabling at Millbrook, no grounds fee, and no charge for bedding. Travel expenses, hotel expenses, and meals outside of the clinic are at your own expense. Payment must be sent within 5 days of notification that you have been selected to ride in the clinic. If you cancel two weeks prior to the event, your fee will be refunded less a \$25 processing charge. If you cancel less than two weeks prior to the event, your application fee will be applied towards auditing and no further refund will be given.

If selected, you agree to all of the requirements listed above, as well as the the following additional requirements: Horses will arrive no later than Friday, October 20th to become acclimated to the indoor arena and the sound system. Tack will be clean. Helmets are required and should be show quality. Gloves must be worn. If you have long hair, it must be tied back in a show presentation. All horses must be braided. All riders must be familiar with the all the tests in the level you are riding. You do not need to know them from memory, but you must know the basic movements in each of them. Riders are expected to ride in show quality boots with a clean, shiny presentation. All tack must conform to current USEF/USDF rules. All riders and owners must sign a release in a form satisfactory to Millbrook Farms and The Dressage Academy LLC. Further, all riders and horse owners must sign a release for The Dressage Academy LLC to use any content, photo or video, on their website.

Format and Schedule

This symposium is open to all riders and any breed of horse. It will be held in our heated indoor arena. There will be only one horse/rider combination for each of the sessions. The sessions will be as follows. Day 1: Ground Work, Training/First Level, Early Second Level, Late Second/Third Level (beginning and confirming flying changes), Fourth Level, PSG, Intermediare and Grand Prix. Day 2: Half Halt demonstration and discussion, Training/First Level, Early Second Level, Late Second/Third Level (beginning and confirming flying changes), Fourth Level, PSG, Intermedaire and Grand Prix. Rides will last 45 minutes per session. Clinic hours are approximately 8 am to 5 pm with a break for lunch and a couple of shorter breaks. Amelia will answer questions from the audience between rides. Riders must participate both days of the clinic. It is not possible to apply to ride for one session only (Saturday only, e.g.).

Riders are allowed to apply with more than one horse.

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Name of Rider

Email

Cell phone

Age

Highest Level Competed

Current Trainer

Other clinicians you have worked with

Please describe your current rider competition level, as well as your previous riding experience. Please understand that this clinic requires the horse and rider to perform current dressage movements as they would in competition, so we need horses and riders that have been competing or are well prepared to do so. Provide detailed information or attach additional information.

Name of Horse as listed in USDF database. Scores will be verified.

Age of Horse

Highest Level Competed

Breed of Horse

Owner of Horse

Cell phone for owner

Please describe at what level the horse is currently being shown and what additional information makes the horse a good candidate for this clinic.

Please include a current video of the horse performing the movements of the level you wish to demonstrate, or a YouTube link showing this performance, or you may submit copies of tests done by this horse during this competition year. If the horse has not competed at the level you wish to demonstrate, you must submit a video of the horse performing movements at the level you are requesting for consideration.

Why should we choose you for this clinic?

By submitting my application and my signature, I agree to all conditions outlined in the application documents:

Rider Signature or Parent/Guardian if under age 18: _____

Email application with video or YouTube link info to Jan Lawrence using millbrookfarmsagain@gmail.com by September 1st. Late submissions will not be accepted.