

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual ADU Judging Seminar featuring  
Stephen Clarke - 5\* FEI Dressage Judge General  
October 27-28, 2018 Dripping Springs, TX**

**Demonstration Rider Information**

FEI Dressage Judge General, **Stephen Clarke**, will be the featured clinician at the Austin Dressage Unlimited (ADU) **Judges & Trainers Seminar** to be held October 27-28, 2018. In addition Stephen will be staying on an extra day for a **Riding Clinic** on Monday October 29 (preference given to ADU members). The 2-day Seminar and 1 day Clinic will be held at Dripping Springs Ranch Park 1042 Event Center Drive, Dripping Springs, TX . All dressage enthusiasts are welcomed! There will be plenty of room for Auditors to attend.

The focus of this unique Seminar will be the expectations and judging of horses of various breeds as they progress up the levels from Training level to Grand Prix. Not all successful dressage horses are big fancy Warmbloods. More commonly a judge will see a variety of breeds and types of horses competing in the same class. This Seminar will be very practical in that each level will have at least 2 demo horses in the ring at the same time performing the movements in the same session. If possible, one will be a Warmblood, and the other will be a non-Warmblood breed, both with quality dressage training. Good points and not-so-good points will be discussed for each, and how to judge the differences in the same movement as it is being performed by very different types of horses. Often, though performed differently, the score may end up being nearly the same for each, based on the various criteria that make up the single score for each movement! These fine details of evaluation will be explained.

As demonstration riders, you will be asked to perform and be very closely critiqued in front of a large audience. You must have the nerves and demeanor to do this. Although the rider will benefit from Stephen's instruction, the focus is not a training session for the rider, but as a learning session for the judges, trainers, riders, and auditors who are watching you perform. Stephen is wonderfully kind, generous, humorous, and very tactful. His feedback to the rider will provide you with practical information to incorporate into your riding and training at home and in competition with this horse. But you need to be prepared for the fact that you and your horse will likely be given comments by auditors picking apart your performance looking for faults and asking how to judge them. This is how they learn what is significant and what is not. You need to be able to be mostly silent during your demonstration ride and perform what is asked of you calmly, willingly, and with a sense of humor. You will be asked to do individual movements of your level, and may be asked to perform the highest test of your level at the end of your session, to be judged and discussed by all.

We will be choosing at least 2 horses for each level. We will also make a list of reserve horses for each level in case the first choices end up not being able to attend for some reason. *You may submit separate complete applications for different horses and dressage levels, but a limit of only 1 horse per rider will be chosen for the seminar.* Horse/rider team must be competent at the highest test of the level they are applying for. Horses will be in the seminar one day each, but may stay on the grounds on the alternate day that they are not involved in the seminar.

**Schedule:**

Saturday October 27, 9am-5 pm, the National levels, Training, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Levels.

Sunday October 28, 8am-4 pm, the FEI Levels, Prix St Georges (to include 4<sup>th</sup> Level), Intermediare I, Intermediare II, and Grand Prix.

### **Demo Rider Fees October 27-28**

Demo Rider fee: \$120

Amenities include stabling Fri-Sun, stall mats, 2 bags shavings, auditing on alternate day, lunch both days, a seminar demo rider polo shirt, and rider gift bag. Additional shavings \$10/bag or you may bring your own. If an additional tack stall is desired, fee for tack stall is \$50 for the weekend.

### **The Application process:**

1. *Completed* applications and payment **MUST BE RECEIVED** by midnight August 1, 2018. They may be submitted by email or sent by snail mail to:  
**Shannon Strank 1675 CR 156 Granger, TX 76530 [icchicka@gmail.com](mailto:icchicka@gmail.com) 512-417-8435** ***Please contact Shannon directly to make arrangements for video submission.***  
Remember, if sent by snail mail, they must be RECEIVED by midnight August 1, 2018 - NOT just postmarked, but *received*. So do not wait until the last minute.
2. Incomplete and late applications will NOT be accepted.
3. Owners, grooms, spouses, significant others, children, parents, friends, etc., must purchase their own tickets to this seminar. Their attendance is NOT included in the rider's entry.
4. Riders must submit a video of a complete test ride at the highest test of the level they are applying for (for instance, Second Level Test 3). Video may be from a show or at home, but must be 1 complete test performed on this demo horse.
5. Submit the rider's biographical and dressage experience information. Competition scores with this demo horse may be included, but are not a requirement. Please include any information that you think may be pertinent to your selection as a demo rider. Juniors must include age in application information and have appropriate parental signatures.
6. A contact name/number in case of Emergency must be included.
7. Submit demo horse's biographical and dressage experience information and history—including breeding, age, sex, etc. Please include any information that you think may be pertinent to this horse's selection as a demo horse.
8. Horse owner's information must also be included with application: name, address, phone number, email address.
9. Proof of demo horse's Negative Coggins within 12 months of October 28 must be submitted with application.
10. Liability releases are required to be signed by Rider and Owner, and included with application. Juniors must have parent sign liability releases.
11. NO DOGS ALLOWED!
12. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Please make sure your video is clear, steady, and that the qualities of the horse/rider are easily visible. Please include any information that you think may be pertinent to you and your horse's selection as a demo team. Preliminary selection of possible demo riders/horses will be made by the ADU Education Team Seminar Committee. The final selection of riders/horses will be made by Stephen Clarke. Final decision should be announced by September 1, 2018

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