

*Western New York Dressage Association in conjunction with  
Cayuga Dressage and Combined Training present:*

**2024 Fall Symposium featuring Kristi Wysocki**

**“How to Address Different Conformations when Training the Dressage Horse”**



Kristi Wysocki's deepest passion is horses. She loves sharing her knowledge with others, no matter their experience. Her understanding and dedication of dressage are unparalleled. Kristi left her engineering career in the oil industry over 25 years ago to pursue her passion as a dressage rider. She is an international FEI 4\* dressage judge and FEI 5\* para dressage judge. She is also a USEF licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breed Judge. She has a reputation as being both empathetic and fair when judging at any level. She has been appointed to the 2024 Paris Para Olympic Dressage Judge's Panel. She has judged CDIs and CPEDs in the U.S., Europe, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Mexico, Canada, and Central/South America. This includes two World Championships for para dressage. She has judged the U.S. Dressage Festival, Young Horse Championships and USDF National Championships on numerous occasions along with many USDF Regional Championships over the years. She has officiated at many of the USDF Breeder Series Finals including Devon since 2002.

She has trained and taught dressage since 1989. For several years she also ran an equine rehabilitation center for horses recovering from injuries. Kristi teaches clinics, symposiums and

seminars both in the U.S. and internationally. She also teaches both lessons and seminars via virtual options. She has a passion for education for herself, her students, and the horses.

Her engineering background, sport horse breeding and rehabilitation experience make her uniquely qualified to analyze training, soundness and developmental issues related to the horse's individual conformation and movement. She can help riders work through otherwise limiting factors to excel in the sport. She also specializes in helping riders work through fear, self-confidence and self-doubt issues that often arise in riding. Through her extensive training in this area, she is better able to help her students in the "heat of the moment". One of her students recently stated "She doesn't just teach me how, she also teaches me Why!"

Over the past few years, Kristi has expanded her local training program, by developing comprehensive day clinics where she works with riders and trainers as a team. Through this ongoing training program, Kristi works in partnership with these teams so they can reinforce the lessons between training sessions. The program has been extremely well received by both riders and trainers in her area.

Recently, Kristi has developed a comprehensive online education platform that is geared to provide dressage and equine enthusiasts with greater access to education from their own homes at their own convenience. With her wealth of expertise and experience, she enhances her students' abilities to give them greater insights with their equine partners. Her first online course "Why Conformation and Movement Matter when Buying, Breeding and Training Dressage Horses" has been a huge success. She has also presented a Master Class on the Training Scale, and interviews with Stephen Clarke, Sabine Schut-Kery and Hilda Gurney. Her fun, short training videos on facebook have been a big hit for entertainment, but more important – education.

Kristi's biggest focus is to help the horse and rider dance together as partners, having fun along the way.