



2017 ADA's Special Awards

The Tirioso Award

This award was established and is sponsored by Betty Jo Crosby in memory of her Oldenburg gelding Tirioso, who was humanely euthanized just before his twentieth birthday in April 2000. "Tiri" was a talented FEI level competitor and, because of neurological problems, was not able to continue in his next career as a teacher after his retirement from competition in 1998. Betty Jo Crosby hopes that, over the years, many will earn this award and therefore honor her sixteen-year friend, partner and teacher Tiri, a horse who seemed to take pride in his work. The selection committee in each year will consist of the judges from that year's ADA sanctioned shows. Betty Jo Crosby will head the committee and judges will submit their nominations directly to her.

The Tirioso Award will be given to the horse/rider combination voted by the ADA judges as most harmonious in that year's ADA-sanctioned competitions. **The Tirioso Award** is a \$200 cash stipend to be used at the rider's pleasure.

Requirements for consideration:

- Rider must be a member in good standing with the ADA prior to show(s).
- Collective marks for impulsion, submission and rider's position are each a score of 6 or above.
- To be considered, a horse/rider combination must have at least one nomination, regarding the pair showing special compatibility, from a judge at an ADA-sanctioned competition.

(While it should be noted that theoretically no rider/horse pair might meet the eligibility requirements in a given year, there is clear evidence from past competitions there are many "teams" who would qualify.)

All Dressage Association's Sportsmanship Award

The **All Dressage Association's Sportsmanship Award** was created in 2008. The ADA's Sportsmanship Award honors competitors who show exceptional sportsmanship throughout the show season. ADA members make nominations on their Year End Banquet registration and the nominations will be tallied and the winner announced at the Annual ADA Awards Banquet each year. The member with the most votes from their peers wins the award. In case of a tie, the Board of the ADA will make the final decision based on the individual summaries.

Winners of the award will receive a **free ADA membership** for the following year. Membership in the ADA and good sportsmanship are the only requirements for eligibility!



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The Sarah Johnson Mather Musical Freestyle Award

The award was established by Debby Buck DeJonge in loving memory of her best friend, Sarah Johnson Mather. Stephanie and Michiel van de Ven assumed the sponsorship of this award beginning in 2008. Beginning in 2015, this award is sponsored by Laurie Moore Dressage (Laurie Moore and Whitney Petersen-McIntosh).

The goal of this award is to encourage riders to challenge themselves in the unique, emotional, and inspiring dance that is the musical freestyle.

Requirements for consideration:

- Rider must be an amateur and a member in good standing with the ADA, and the horse must be registered with the ADA.
- Horse/rider combinations must earn at least two (2) musical freestyle scores at the same level, in at least two (2) ADA sanctioned competitions, under two (2) different judges. One score must be at least 58%.
- The Points Chairperson determines the winner by the highest average of the two combined scores.
- The Musical Freestyle will be judged following the USDF guidelines for levels 1 through 4, and ADA guidelines for Training level.
- As this is a multi-level award, it may be awarded only one time per level.

For information about the Sarah Johnson Mather Musical Freestyle Award, please contact the current [Points Chairperson](#).



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C.A.N.T.E.R. Perpetual Achievement Award

The *C.A.N.T.E.R. Perpetual Achievement Award* was established and is sponsored by the Communication Alliance to Network Thoroughbred Ex-Racehorses in order to acknowledge the success of retired racehorses in the sport of dressage; thereby encouraging more people to consider these remarkably versatile and adaptable horses as their preferred mount.

Requirements for consideration:

1. The horse must be of the Thoroughbred breed and have raced at least one time at any pari-mutuel track as verified by the horse's tattoo.
2. The award is open to horses of all levels or combination of levels.
3. The award will be given annually to the horse with the highest percentage for the season.
4. Horse/Rider teams must meet requirement numbers 1-7 of Division Award Eligibility Requirements.
5. Recipients of this trophy will be ineligible for nomination for the year immediately following their award but may be re-nominated thereafter.
6. Rider must submit a completed nomination form **no later than September 1st** of that competition year in order for the racing record to be verified.

Nomination forms for *The C.A.N.T.E.R. Perpetual Achievement Award* are available on the Forms page of the [ADA website](#).