

Training Philosophy and Résumé of Equestrian Experience

I ride for the Art of Riding, primarily in Dressage and excursions on the Trail. I study Classical Horsemanship and ride to develop a true partnership with my horse. Since 1996 I have been teaching others to do the same through my lesson program. I study the biomechanics of horse and rider, sharing this knowledge with my students. I enjoy the precision and discipline that this type of riding requires on the part of the rider and appreciate the benefits to the horse. I find satisfaction in knowing and controlling my own body which allows me to request precision from my horse. My horse can only move as precisely as I can ride. This is an intense and slow path, but it is the one I have chosen for myself. Progress is often small and slow but when it finally comes together, it is truly enlightening. As an equestrian and martial artist I can appreciate enlightenment through precision. I believe the skills and knowledge I gain through this path of study benefits not only my own horses but my students and their horses as well. My students are primarily leisure riders who desire to learn correct Balanced Seat Equitation for their benefit and their horse's with no interest in competition. My riding and my lesson program adhere to classical training principles of the old masters. I do not use gadgets or auxiliary devices but train through slow and methodical conditioning. Horses and riders progress at their own pace and are not pushed too quickly or forced beyond what they are ready and able to do at any given time. The welfare of the horses comes first, and safety for horses and riders is always a primary concern.

FORMAL RIDING LESSONS:

YEAR	STABLE	LOCATION	TRAINER	DISCIPLINES
1981-1983	Magic Carpet Stables	Alhambra, IL	Sonja Kershaw	Jumping, dressage, driving, vaulting, endurance
1983-1988	Brian Bank Farm	Marine, IL	Gay Anderson	Dressage, Hunter
1988	Flint Ridge Farm	Huntsville, AL	Diana Rose	Hunt Seat
1989-1991	Oxford Barracks	Munster, Germany	various trainers	Cross Country Jumping
1992	Penrose Equestrian Center	Colorado Springs, CO	Judy Carnack	Hunter/Jumper
1993-1996	Rancho Escondido Arabians	Colorado Springs, CO	Larry Martinez	Trail, Competitive Trail, Western
1996-1998	Prairie Springs Farm	Colorado Springs, CO	Karen Goodell	Hunter/Jumper
1996-1998	Team Troxler Arabians	Ellicott, CO	Kathy Troxler	English Pleasure
2007	Tamarack Ranch	Fountain, CO	Madeline Wise	Balanced Seat Equitation (Eng)
2008-2010	Deseos Arabians	Calhan, CO	Madeline Wise	Balanced Seat Equitation (Eng)
2010 - present	Whispering Winds Farm	Monument, CO	Simone Windeler	Classical Dressage

PROFESSIONAL CLINICS ATTENDED:

YEAR	CLINIC	DAYS	TRAINER	HORSE
1982	Equitation, Driving, Vaulting	5	Sonja Kershaw	Gazora
1983	Jumping, Driving, Vaulting, Trail	5	Sonja Kershaw	Babarosa
1997	NATRC Competitive Trail Riding	1	Cavalier Trail Riding Club	Sassy Lady
1996	Parelli Seminar	1	Pat and Linda Parelli	n/a - audit
2000	Private Evaluation	1	GaWaNi Pony Boy	Promise
2005	Building Confidence with your Horse	2	John Lyon's Certified Trainer Debbie Bibb	Sueño
2005	Ground Games	1	Parelli Trainer Jesse Province	Sueño
2005	De-Spooking your Horse	1	Parelli Trainer Jesse Province	Promise
2005	Beginning Riding	1	Parelli Trainer Jesse Province	Sueño
2005	Trail Riding	1	Parelli Trainer Jesse Province	Sueño
2007	Basic Round Pen	2	John Lyon's Certified Trainer Debbie Bibb	Copper
2008	Building Confidence with your Horse	2	John Lyon's Certified Trainer Debbie Bibb	Sueño
2008	Colt Starting	5	John Lyon's Certified Trainer Debbie Bibb	n/a-audit
2009	One-time Private Lesson	1	Corrine Fierkens	Hunter
2009	Creating the Ultimate Trail Horse	2	John Lyon's Certified Trainer Debbie Bibb	Sueño
2009	Colt Starting	10	John Lyon's Certified Trainer Debbie Bibb	Rhadé
2009	Reconnecting with Your Horse	2	Steve Mantle	Moondust
2009	Advanced Trail Clinic	3	John Lyon's Certified Trainer Debbie Bibb	Apache
2009	One-time Private Lesson	1	Sandy Carpenter Rose	Hunter
2010	Equine Biomechanics & Classical Riding	3	Gerd Heuschmann, Manolo Mendez, Susan Harris	Sueño
2010	Ralf Schmitzer Classical Dressage	3	Ralf Schmitzer and Simone Windeler	Sueño

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2011	CHA Instructor Certification Clinic	5	Jo-anne Young, Julia Hershey, and Timmie Cunningham	Clinic Horses
2011	Ralf Schmitzer Classical Dressage (up-coming April 29-May 9, 2011)	9	Ralf Schmitzer and Simone Windeler	Apache
2011	Manolo Mendez Classical Dressage (up-coming July 14-17, 2011)	4	Manolo Mendez	Apache

I am not a competitive rider and do not train to compete or show; however I have, during my years of training, participated in some shows and competitive events for fun, experience, and to school young horses.

COMPETITIVE EXPERIENCE:

DATE	SPONSOR/LOCATION	CLASS/DIVISION	HORSE	RESULTS
03/10/84	St. Louis Area Dressage Society	Training Level Test 1	Arrow	3 rd
03/10/84	St. Louis Area Dressage Society	Training Level Test 2	Arrow	3 rd
04/13/85	St. Louis Area Dressage Society	Training Level Test 1	Rita	0
04/13/85	St. Louis Area Dressage Society	Training Level Test 2	Rita	2 nd
08/14/85	Hunters Unlimited, St. Louis	Hunter Over Fences 2'9"	Arrow	6 th
08/22/93	North American Trail Ride Conference, USAFA, CO	Novice 25 Mile LWT	Bey	94%
03/05/94	Bara Farms, CO	Beginner Hunter X Rails 18"	Bey	6 th
03/05/94	Bara Farms, CO	Long Stirrups X Rails 18"	Bey	1 st
03/05/94	Bara Farms, CO	Beginner Hunter 18"	Bey	6 th
04/09/94	Bara Farms, CO	Beginner Hunter X Rails 18"	Bey	1 st
09/26/98	Prairie Springs Farm, CO	Baby Green 18"	Sassy Lady	1 st
09/30/01	Five Star Ranch, CO	Beginner Hunter X Rails 18"	Basketo	6 th
06/09/02	Bijou Springs Hunt, CO	Cross Country Pair Pace	Basketo	2 nd
10/12/02	Five Star Ranch, CO	Hunter X Rails 18"	Sueño	0
10/2003	Penrose Equestrian Center	Halloween Pair Pace	Sueño	0