



## **INDOOR EVENTING RETURNS TO THE ROYAL**

*The thrill of cross-country jumping moves indoors for two nights only.*

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TORONTO, ON – The third Olympic discipline being showcased at The Royal is traditionally an outdoor sport, combining the elegance of dressage with the accuracy and scope of stadium jumping – two Olympic tasks unto themselves. Eventing throws a third into the mix, the jumping of solid obstacles designed not to fall down. These include banks, corners, hedges and stone walls. At The Royal it's all set to rocking music and at the gallop of course.

Returning to The Royal for the third year, Good Crop Services Indoor Eventing welcomes an international field for 2008, including the 2004 Athens Olympic eventing champion, Leslie Law of Great Britain. Canadian Olympians Selena O'Hanlon and Samantha Taylor will be competing as will returning two-time champion Waylon Roberts of Port-Perry, Ontario. American Darren Chiacchia and Frenchman Jean Rablat will also be making the trip to Toronto, hoping to claim the winner's share of \$10,000 in prize money.

The Royal introduced indoor eventing to North America three years ago, bringing the crowd-pleasing mix of stadium jumping and cross-country elements to the Ricoh Coliseum to international acclaim. Good Crop Services continues to present the series which takes place the evenings of Monday November 10th (evening horse show free with Fair admission) and Tuesday November 11th (Eventing Supporters Reception and ticketed horse show performance.) Tickets for the fundraising reception may be purchased through Equine Canada's Eventing Department: [sdegraaf@equinecanada.ca](mailto:sdegraaf@equinecanada.ca) or 613-248-3433 ext 109.

The current lineup of riders for the 2008 Good Crop Services Indoor Eventing series is: Diana Burnett (CAN), Selena O'Hanlon (CAN), Jessica Phoenix (CAN), Waylon Roberts (CAN), Penny Rowland (CAN), Garry Roque (CAN), Samantha Taylor (CAN), Karl Slezak (CAN), Lesley Grant-Law (CAN), Bob Holman (CAN), Jean Rablat (FRA), Darren Chiacchia (USA), Leslie Law (GBR).

In total, over \$795,000 will be awarded during the ten-day Royal Horse Show, making it one of the richest and most prestigious events of its kind in the world. For further information and complete schedule please visit [www.royalfair.org](http://www.royalfair.org).