



Albion College Equestrian

RICHARD WILLIAMS DRESSAGE SYMPOSIUM

October 23-25, 2015



About Richard Williams:

Mr. Williams is a longtime protégé of [Charles de Kunffy](#), with whom he has studied and co-taught with since 1983. He had daily access to his mentor's teachings for several years when he actually lived with him and studied with him intensely. In addition to riding skills, he learned the theory of horsemanship and the attitudes and character development suitable for equestrians. Mr. Williams has co-taught more than 30 comprehensive equestrian courses with Mr. de Kunffy. He is the only instructor invited to co-teach in-depth riding courses and USDF accredited courses for riding instructors with Mr. de Kunffy. He supplied many of the admired equestrian photographs in Mr. de Kunffy's books, and he was the editor for three of these books as well. His knowledge and training process has been furthered by his current work running [Xenophon Press](#), which is the publishing company that includes Mr. de Kunffy's books among many other classical equestrian literary works. Two other mentors of Williams were Arthur Kottas, the former First Chief Rider of the Spanish Riding School, and Gyula Dallos, the Hungarian internationally-recognized competitor. Both Kottas and Dallos trained Mr. Williams personally for several years.

Mr. Williams is a popular clinician throughout the United States, and his strengths are founded in his encyclopedic understanding of the classical riding tradition. He also has had numerous successes at state and national dressage championships on horses that he has trained, campaigned, and qualified himself. Mr. Williams currently resides in eastern Virginia where he runs a training facility called [Williams Dressage](#) along with his wife, Frances.

Symposium details:

Albion College is pleased to welcome Richard Williams for the first time on October 23-25, 2015.

Format

The first half of each day will be spent on the main campus of Albion College where Mr. Williams will host a thorough classroom discussion and theory session for riders and auditors. This is where he will cover various topics, answer questions, and offer up valuable visual demonstrations. The classroom sessions and check-in will be in Olin Hall room 112 (Friday & Sunday) and room 116 (Saturday). Campus map may be found [HERE](#).

During the lunch break where we'll come down to the Held Equestrian Center (about 1.5 miles from the main campus), riders and auditors are able to enjoy a lovely boxed lunch provided by Albion College. NOTE: The box lunch will be an extra option for auditors in addition to program fee. Also note that the lunch break may be fairly short on Sunday especially, so if you opt out of the box lunch you may want to bring your own rather than going off-site to buy lunch.

After lunch, the second half of each day will be spent in the Randi C. Heathman indoor arena at the Held Center where Mr. Williams will teach seven separate riding lessons (40 minutes each). This will demonstrate the practical application under saddle of the theories discussed in the morning sessions.

Cost

AUDITORS:

Auditor application form may be found [HERE](#).

Auditor costs are outlined as follows:

- \$45 single day
- \$80 two days
- \$110 all three days
- Box lunch option*: \$10 per day
- Student price for minors and college students (college students w/ID): \$10 per day
- Current Albion College students: FREE

*Box lunch option is in addition to the program fee. Registrants purchasing a box lunch must do so by **October 16th**.

Seating will be provided for all pre-registered auditors for the theory sessions and lessons.

Pre-registration is advised as seating cannot be guaranteed for those not pre-registered. However registrations will be accepted at the door as well.

RIDERS:

Rider application form may be found [HERE](#).

Riders and horses of all levels and abilities are encouraged to apply. Rider applications must be received by October 12th, and riders will be notified ASAP of their status after that date.

Rider costs are outlined as follows:

- \$175 for single day
- \$425 for all three days

Cost includes 40-minute lesson each day, participation for you and one groom in the morning theory sessions and auditing, boxed lunch for you and one groom, stabling in permanent 12' x 12' matted stall, bedding, hay, stall cleaning and feeding.

Advertising & Sponsorship Opportunities

Are you interested in advertising your farm, business, horse for sale, etc. in our Symposium Program? Would you be interested in hanging a banner in the arena or have any other ideas for sponsoring this exciting event? Let us know!

The program will be 11" x 8.5" (horizontal) and there are spaces for full-page, half-page, or quarter-page ads. Prices apply to black & white or full color ads. Don't have an ad? Send your information to us and we can create it!

- Banner sponsorship: Your banner displayed in arena during the event + full page program ad = \$100
- Full-page program ad 10" x 7.5" = \$25
- Half-page program ad 5" x 7.5" = \$15
- Quarter-page program ad 5" x 3.75" = \$10

Ads and payment must be submitted no later than October 19th. Send artwork to Carolyn Killewald at ckillewald@albion.edu. JPG or PDF files preferred.

Accommodations

Recommended accommodations may be found [HERE](#).

Directions

Directions to the Held Equestrian Center may be found [HERE](#).

Questions? Please contact the Held Center at 517/629.0836 or email equestrians@albion.edu.