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## Canterbury Stables Hosts, Three-time Olympic Medalist Joe Fargis

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Canterbury Stables is pleased to announce a special opportunity to train with Olympic gold medalist Joe Fargis in Cazenovia, NY on September 26th and 27th.

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The Asher family, owners of Canterbury Stables, are hosting this special event to benefit the Megan Louise Furth Memorial Fund\* and the child advocacy work Megan's mother Donna Wickham Furth undertakes to honor Megan's memory.

Joe Fargis is one of the most successful riders ever to represent the United States Equestrian Team in international competition. During the 1984 Summer Olympics held in Los Angeles, Fargis and his great mare, Touch of Class, won the show jumping Individual Gold Medal and the Team Gold Medal. He became only the second U.S. athlete to ever win an Individual Gold Medal in show jumping. He was also a member of the Team Silver Medal show jumping squad during the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul. Fargis has won countless Grand Prix classes throughout his illustrious career and is lauded as one of the best practical clinicians in the country.

The clinic will have a maximum of 15 participants per day, with three 90-minute sections of five riders in each group. The clinic will include flatwork, gymnastics, and jumping at 2', 3', and 4'. Auditors are encouraged to attend at \$25 per person and a catered lunch will be available for purchase.

Please RSVP to audit, or request an application to ride in one or more of the six groups by Friday, August 28th (in the event of inclimate weather, indoor space is limited and a list of auditors' names will be kept at the door; if the weather is nice, there is room for an unlimited number of auditors outside).

Canterbury horses may be made available to those who



Clinic Application

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Limited packages for riders including overnight stabling, hotel, auditing fees, and lunch are available.

\* Megan Furth trained with Joe Fargis and Conrad Homfeld in the 80's and was Nationally-ranked from the age of 12, she was the youngest rider in history to compete in the American Grandprix Association Series of Show Jumping and, at the age of 18, rode for the United States Equestrian Team in international competition. A 1993 graduate magna cum laude of New York University, Phi Beta Kappa, with majors in history, philosophy, and Italian, Megan went on to pursue a career as a published writer and poet. A scholar of languages fluent in Russian and Italian, she also spoke some German and Spanish. In addition, she was a dedicated and beloved teacher. She was a member of the Faculty of Foreign Languages at Moscow State University, where she lectured in American literature and taught English as a second language.

Photo Credit: Joe Fargis and Touch of Class were team and individual gold medalists at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. Photo © Tish Quirk.

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