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**Triple Olympic Gold Medalist Charlotte Dujardin Coming to  
2018 NEDA Fall Symposium**

*World Record Holder to Make First-Ever Appearance in New England*

(New England) – February 14, 2018 – Triple Olympic Gold medalist **Charlotte Dujardin CBE** will be making her first-ever appearance in New England, headlining the **2018 New England Dressage Association (NEDA) Fall Symposium**, October 13-14 at the Mount Holyoke College Equestrian Center in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

Dujardin is an elite British dressage rider and a global superstar of the sport. She and her famous horse "Valegro," danced their way into hearts of dressage enthusiasts worldwide while setting the record books on fire. They became the first-ever duo to hold Olympic, World, European and World Cup championship titles simultaneously, in addition to holding the world records in all three Grand Prix tests.

NEDA President Phyllis LeBlanc commented, "We are absolutely thrilled that Charlotte Dujardin will be coming to New England for the 2018 NEDA Fall Symposium. No one in the world has accomplished what she has, and we are looking forward to learning from such an amazing competitor and trainer."

Under the tutelage of her mentor and teammate Carl Hester, who is a co-owner of Valegro, Dujardin blossomed rapidly. Just months after stepping onto the world stage for their first grand prix together, Dujardin and Valegro made their Championship debut and were part of the Gold medal winning British team at the 2011 European Championships. The pair were then crowned Champions at the 2013 and 2015 European Championships after winning double Individual Gold medals at both, and they also helped clinch the Team Bronze and Silver medals respectively.

At the 2012 London Olympic Games the pair made history, helping the British Team with their first-ever Gold medal and she became the first-ever British dressage rider to claim the Individual Gold medal. She successfully defended her gold at the 2016 Rio Olympics and set a new Olympic record in the Grand Prix Freestyle with score of 93.857. She also helped the British Team win the Silver medal.



Great Britain's golden girl  
Charlotte Dujardin  
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Olympic gold medalists and world record holders  
Charlotte Dujardin and Valegro  
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Dujardin and Valegro went on to win the 2014 FEI World Cup Dressage Final in Lyon, France, a title she successfully defended in 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The pair also won two Individual Gold medals at the 2014 FEI World Equestrian Games as well as a Team Silver.

As a result of her amazing success, Queen Elizabeth honored Dujardin an Appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2013 and Appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 2017.

**Tickets go on sale for NEDA members May 30, 2018, so join today.**

Further information on ticket pricing, sponsorship and demonstration rider information will be announced shortly, so please stay tuned for more details about this exciting educational event on the NEDA website at [www.neda.org/event/2018FallSymposium](http://www.neda.org/event/2018FallSymposium).

### **About the New England Dressage Association**

NEDA is the largest single chapter American Dressage Organization and the United States Dressage Federation's (USDF) largest single-chapter GMO. NEDA offers its members top quality educational, competitive and scholarship opportunities. The mission of NEDA is to promote and support the Art and Sport of Dressage to the equestrian community for the purpose of fostering individual and collective growth by providing leadership, education, exhibitions, publications, competitions and to enhance greater public awareness, understanding, and appreciation for the discipline of Dressage. There are many membership options and NEDA welcomes all equine enthusiasts to participate or volunteer. NEDA belongs to USDF Region 8. For more information, visit [www.neda.org](http://www.neda.org).

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