

## **DANICA YATES**

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### **EQUESTRIAN EDUCATION**

Olympian Debbie McDonald, Full-time training, Hailey, ID, 2000- 2003

Received full training and board at McDonald's private training facility, River Grove Farm.  
Traveled with McDonald and competed in the West Coast CDI\*\*\* circuit.

United States Equestrian Team, Internship in Germany, 6/2002-8/2002

Groomed for Debbie McDonald and assisted Princess Natalie of Denmark  
at The World Young Horse Championships.

Rode in Rosendahl Germany, groomed for McDonald and assisted Gunter Sidel and Sue Blinks in  
preparation for the World Equestrian Games at the facility of Klaus Balkenhol.

Working Student for Cece Duranti, New Market Stables, Del Mar, CA, 1/2000- 4/2000

Groomed and trained at New Market Stables and competed at the Indio Desert Circuit Horse Show.

Hunter and Jumper Training, Utah and Idaho, 1994-2000

Received extensive instruction from Bob McDonald, lessons from Robin Sundeen, Marylee Brighton, Ali  
Wicks, Chris Brisco, Sue Hall, Teresa Skidmore, Sarah Chapell, Ashley Evens.

### **PROFESSIONAL RIDING AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE**

Danica Dressage LLC., 2008-Present

Trainer at Triple Take Arena, Kalispell, Montana

Training, Teaching and Showing: students and horses Intro level through Grand Prix, Western Dressage.

Clinics locally and regionally, Dressage and Western Dressage

Starting horses, training stallions, riding in breed inspections, horse sales

Writing articles for Flying Changes, Northwest Rider, Just Horses and Dressage Experts Magazines

Dressage Judge, 2012-Present

USDF "L" Program Graduate with Distinction

Judging schooling and ODS League shows, including Western Dressage classes

Clinician for Dressage and Western Dressage, 2009-Present

Clinics in Beavercreek, Oregon City, Bend, Hillsboro, Medford, Boise ID, Ellensburg, WA

Teaching professional as well as Amateur clients, Intro level through Grand Prix

Hunter/Jumper Training, schooled client horses and taught lessons

Cascade View Stables, Beavercreek OR 2009-2010

French Hill Farm, Aurora, OR 2004-2007

Sonnenburg, Wilsonville, OR 2005-2007

Ghost Wagon Ranch, UT 1997-2000

### **RIDING AWARDS**

Oregon Dressage Society, over 50 rider awards for tests over 60% Training Level- Fourth Level, 2009-Present

North American Young Rider Championships, 2003

United States Dressage Federation year-end high percentage Young Rider

Region 6 Team member, North American Young Rider Championships, Quebec, Canada

Del Mar National Horse Show, Young Rider Champion, 2003

United States Dressage Federation Second Level Year-End Champion, 2001

Idaho Hunter/Jumper Association Combined Discipline Top Rider, 1999

## ACADEMIC EDUCATION

Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon

- Bachelors of Arts in Environmental Studies with Communication Emphasis, 5/2007
- Merit Based Deans Scholarship Recipient, 2003-2007
- 136 semester hours. Relevant courses: Ecology and Environmental Science, Environmental Geology, Environmental Chemistry, Environmental Sociology, Natural Resource Politics, Environmental Economics, Energy and the Environment, Environmental Solutions, Anthropology, Public Speaking, Mass Media Messages; Design and Analysis, Quantitative Research Methods, Rhetorical Criticism

Lorenzo de' Medici, The Art Institute of Florence, Italy, Fall 2005

- Overseas study in studio art and writing

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Freedom Horse Farm, Inc. Kalispell, Montana 2019- Present

- President and Director of horse rescue and horse therapy non-profit. Train horses rescued from situations of neglect and abuse for use in therapy and for resale. Build, promote, fundraise and advertise for business. Networking and pursuing training in mental health therapy.

Centerpointe, Inc. Nampa, Idaho 2018-2019

- Worked for Mental Health Care Clinic as a Community Based Rehabilitation Specialist. Worked in Nampa School District with special education students helping to implement Behavior Intervention Plans. Worked one on one in classroom with middle school and elementary school students.
- Crisis Prevention Institute, certification in non-violent crisis intervention technique

Co-Owner of Heartwood Tree Service, LLP, Columbia Falls, Montana, 2013-2018

- Founded and help operate licensed and insured arboriculture company. Worked as grounds person hauling, chipping brush, bucking and loading logs, raking, sharpened saws. Assisted in rigging and lowering limbs
- Manager and Marketing Director: Built website, designed pamphlets, bid sheets, business cards, advertisement. Schedule bids and jobs. Kept books.

Denali National Park Ranger, Interpretive Ranger, Alaska, 4/2008-9/2008, Visitor's Use Assistant, 2006

- Guided backcountry, off trail hikes and front-country trails hikes. Delivered interpretive programs on wildlife, botany, geology and history of Denali and Alaska. Delivered safety talk on backcountry travel and animal encounters. Delivered Dog Sled interpretive program describing the significance of sled dogs in Denali. Delivered 45 min. campground programs. Staffed visitor centre desk and collected fees.

Utah Clean Energy Associate, Salt Lake City, 12/2007- 4/2008

- Policy: worked on clean energy bills during the 2008 state legislative session. Researched bills pertaining to renewable energy and energy efficiency, lobbied at Utah State Capital for bills, attended committee hearings and meetings with Senator and Representative bill sponsors.
- Business Coalition: helped generate 'Powering Utah's Future,' an initiative to support Governor Huntsman's strategy of 20% renewable energy for Utah by 2025. Participated in program initiation strategy sessions, help design website and mailing materials, contacted businesses and solicited supporters for this initiative.

Organic Farm Volunteer and Campground Host, Mount Cook National Park area, New Zealand, 8/2007-10/2007

- Assisted with Marino Sheep Ranch duties including herding: riding ATVs or horses, feeding, facility maintenance, sanding, painting, gardening.
- Managed on-site campground and rental units, cleaned cabins and bathrooms, assisted guests.

Domestic Violence Volunteer, The Advocates Center, Sun Valley, Idaho, Summer 2003

- Counseled shelter guests and walk-in's
- On-call for the sexual assault go-out team