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PRESS RELEASE

PSI DJWTS ANNOUNCES JUMPING GUEST STAR !

Edward Doyle, an international rider, trainer and breeder from Ireland will be attending this year's PSI Dressage & Jumping with the Stars as the Jumping Guest Star. Edward is well credentialled for this role, and brings with him a depth of knowledge and experience gained from a lifetime involvement in the jumping world.

He is a member of the famous Doyle family who are a household name in the Irish jumping community. Father Ned is a showjumping judge, elder brother Jack rode for Ireland at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and Edward's son, Edward Junior is continuing the family tradition having represented Ireland in the European Childrens Championships at the age of 16.

Edward himself has been a successful international rider for many years, starting with an appearance at the European Young Rider Championships in the mid 1980's. He has been Irish National Champion twice, a member of the Irish team at the 1999 European Championships, runner up in the famous Hickstead Derby and has won international classes at prestigious show such as Calgary, Dublin, Hickstead and Millstreet. A regular Irish Team squad member since 2000, he has made many Nations Cup appearances, riding at least 4 different horses, and lists a career highlight as captaining the winning Irish Team at the Athens CSIO in 2000. In recent years he has competed in the Samsung Super League series, representing Ireland.

He has also achieved considerable success as a producer/breeder of elite level jumping horses. Several he has competed at the World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, most recently placing 6th in the 7yo consolation class (out of 110 starters) with "Samgemjee" in 2009. Another he bred, "Flexible", placed 2nd in the World Cup Final in Gothenberg 2008 ridden by US rider Rich Fellars.

At DJWTS Edward will be heading up the judging panel for the Young Jumping Horse classes, and also conducting the Jumping Masterclass on Saturday March 20, with horses selected from the young jumping horse classes. He will ride each age group winner to determine the Champion of Champions. A two day clinic will be held on March 20 & 21, immediately following DJWTS and is open for all showjumping riders to apply. Clinic details will be announced shortly.

Spectators should note that silver and bronze tickets are still available for advance purchase until March 8 from GPAC, phone 03 52251200. More event information available from: www.equestrianvictoriaevents.com.au/DJWTS or www.vic.equestrian.org.au

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