



MARK SPOWART & METTE HOLM SPOWART/HOLM EQUESTRIAN PHOTOGRAPHY MEDIA AWARD – THE SUSAN JANE ANSTEY TROPHY



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Spowart/Holm Equestrian Photography receive EC Media Award - The Susan Jane Anstey Trophy

Mark Spowart and Mette Holm of Spowart/Holm Equestrian Photography of London, ON, have been named the 2022 recipients of the EC Media Award – The Susan Jane Anstey Trophy. The media award was created in memory of Susan Jane Anstey, and in recognition of her invaluable contributions to Canadian equine interests. This award is presented to an exceptional individual or corporate entity who has delivered outstanding media coverage that served to enhance the image of Canadian equine interests to the Canadian public.

Holm's and Spowart's backgrounds naturally led them into a career of equestrian photography in 2019. Holm is a former competitive rider and Spowart is a photojournalist who covered professional sports and entertainment. Looking at their experiences, they felt they should combine their passions of equestrian sport and photography and launch a business doing what they love.



Holm and Spowart took another step in their business in 2022, when they sponsored their first young professional rider, Ellah Debeau-Kielty, who was making the jump from the junior/amateur ranks to professional when she turned 18 years old. “One of our goals from the onset was to find a way to support and elevate the community.”

One of the most significant highlights so far for Holm and Spowart was being given the opportunity to photograph Jacqueline Steffens-Daly at her first Nations’ Cup in Mexico in 2022. “Wearing the maple leaf and representing Canada is no small thing, and being able to capture those first moments was a thrill,” they said.

Winning this year’s award is a new highpoint for them in their business. “We were absolutely overwhelmed in learning we were the recipients of the EC Media Award,” they shared. “To be recognized and associated with the award and the prestigious past winners is a highlight in our career.”

The competition season began early in 2023 for Holm and Spowart, who started shooting in California at the Desert International Horse Park. “This year is a bit of a test year for us, as we travel across Canada, USA & Mexico. Travelling together with our two Aussie Shepherds and being able to work together is a privilege we don't take lightly, and we do our best to enjoy every minute.”

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