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LAURA CHAPOT

As the daughter of U.S. Olympic show jumping veterans Frank and Mary Chapot, horses are in Laura Chapot's blood - and so is show jumping success.

Since winning her first grand prix in 1995 aboard the famous Gem Twist, Laura has amassed more than 100 grand prix victories, including at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show.

"There are so many memories of showing at Harrisburg, starting with the pony hunters and now in the open jumpers,"



said Chapot, who her own rode Little Big Man to wins in both the 2005 and 2006 Grand Prix de Penn National. "Any win at Harrisburg is great, but my back-to-back wins in the grand prix with Little Big Man stand out the most. He was such an incredibly game horse that always gave his all."

Having also won dozens of additional classes at the PNHS, Laura has been named the Leading Open Jumper Rider on multiple occasions, and for the past three consecutive years, she has earned the Leading Lady Rider Award.

Away from Harrisburg, Laura has represented the U.S. on multiple winning Nations Cup teams, and in 2007, she and

Little Big Man helped the U.S. earn team bronze at the Pan American Games.

With her induction, Laura becomes the third member of the Chapot family to join the PNHS Hall of Fame, following in the footsteps of her father, who was inducted in 2013, and her mother, who was inducted in 2016.

"There is a different feel to showing at Harrisburg than any other show. Riders from all parts of the country come together and it has more of a championship feel," said Laura. "It is a tremendous honor to be inducted. The people who have preceded me with this distinction are ones I have admired for their great dedication and contributions to the sport. To be considered among them is a tremendous privilege."

