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LOCAL EQUESTRIAN FEATURED IN WORLDWIDE EXHIBIT

Cathie Hatrick Anderson Selected for Touring Equestrian Show

Cathie Hatrick Anderson, her horses, and her Australian Cattle Dog, Scooter have amazed and delighted live and YouTube audiences with their bitless, bareback, and trick riding. But now their work is literally going down in history: Cathie, her mare, Cachina, and Scooter are featured in the touring equestrian exhibit, **The Literary Horse: When Legends Come to Life**.

The Literary Horse is an exhibit, touring public and school libraries worldwide through 2012, that pairs up to 100 photos of today's novice through Olympic horses and riders with quotations from the world's great books. "When I saw Cathie's video of Cachina calmly and happily letting Cathie and Scooter ride her without a saddle around their wooded farm, I immediately thought of Charlotte Bronte's novel, *Jane Eyre*. In *Jane Eyre*, Jane describes the Gytrash – a fairy-tale monster thought to be a horse or dog that haunts lonely forest paths. I asked Cathie if she, Cachina, and Scooter would be willing to play the Gytrash in the exhibit. Not only did Cathie agree, she also made herself and Cachina up as skeletons, so the photo would be extra spooky. The kids love it!"

Cathie's response, "I was very excited to be a part of this exhibit and to own a copy of Vanessa's work. Not only did she photograph Cachina for the Gytrash, she captured an incredible shot of Scooter and myself our very first time riding Ruger together! http://www.bobcatfarm.com/Our_Farm.htm I am proud to be representing Dr. Cooks Bitless Bridle as I compete in Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Team penning, and Versatility Competitions throughout New England"

More than **150,000** people have visited **The Literary Horse** since its debut in May 2008. The exhibit is touring rural through metropolitan schools and libraries, and it is scheduled to appear at the Oldham County Public Library in LaGrange for the 2009 **Kentucky Derby**, at the Saratoga Public Library for the 2009 **Saratoga racing season**, and at the Central Library in downtown Lexington to celebrate America's first hosting of the 2010 **World Equestrian Games**.

Showcasing first-time riders through Special Olympic and Olympic champions, and equestrian disciplines ranging from carriage driving and show-jumping to jousting and vaulting (gymnastics on horseback), **The Literary Horse** provides visitors with a real-life tour of world classics, such as the *Iliad*, *Anna Karenina*, and *Richard III*, as well as beloved children's tales, such as *Black Beauty*, *The Arabian Nights*, *Cinderella*, and *King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table*.

The exhibit, though, extends beyond its images. Because it is touring public and school libraries, after exploring the scenes of heroic horses and horse-people, visitors can trot over to the shelves and jump into the books that follow their adventures. And because each exhibit features area equine and equestrian programs, visitors can contact the programs' organizers and become riders, assistants, or volunteers.

"I hoped these images would help people see themselves in the great books and inspire them to live their own legends," said Wright. "Heroes aren't just people who lived long ago - they are our neighbors, our friends, our family members, and ourselves. The beauty, heart, and spirit we admire in legendary horses exists in our pasture pets, service horses, and competition partners. Together, we face challenges as thrilling and as extraordinary as the quests of old. After all, every great story, at its heart, reflects the greatness that is already within us."

The Literary Horse: When Legends Come to Life will be touring public and school libraries worldwide through 2012. It has recently been nominated for a Reader's Digest *Best of America* award and featured in national media outlets including *Horse & Rider*, *EQUUS*, *The Blood-Horse*, *Riding Instructor*,

Horses in Art, and *HorseChannel.com*. For more information, a tour schedule, activities, and a booklist, visit www.TheLiteraryHorse.com.

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