

## **Susan Sommer-Luarca Creating Art for the United States Equestrian Team 2016 Rio Olympic Games**

Susan Sommer-Luarca Fine Art has announced that artist Susan Sommer-Luarca is creating an original painting for the United States Equestrian Team for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. Susan Sommer-Luarca is an internationally renowned thoroughbred horse racing artist. Susan has been the Artist for the Kentucky Derby, Official Preakness Artist, Belmont Stakes Artist, Official Triple Crown Artist, Breeders Cup Artist and Official Travers Stakes Artist. Susan is Official Artist of 2015 Triple Crown Winner and Horse of the Year AMERICAN PHAROAH. Susan has also been commissioned to paint for many of the world's largest sporting events including Official USA Olympic Team Artist for the Beijing and Vancouver Olympic Games, NFL Super Bowl XVII Artist and Official PGA Tour Artist just to name a few. Susan is the only artist in Thoroughbred horse racing history to complete a painting LIVE at all three legs of the Triple Crown, and was the first and only artist to paint LIVE at the Belmont Stakes when Triple Crown history was being made. Susan has been creating both paintings and sculpture work for more than thirty years and her art is widely collected throughout the world.

From her studio Susan Sommer-Luarca stated, "I am honored to create art for the United States Equestrian Team. As a life-long horse owner, breeder, and sport enthusiast, I am truly excited to capture the best of the best in these iconic equestrian events on canvas."

Bonnie B. Jenkins Executive Director of the U.S. Equestrian Team Foundation stated, "We are most grateful to renowned artist Susan Sommer-Luarca for creating this magnificent painting that captures the excitement and patriotism of our U.S. equestrian team and their quest for gold at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro this summer. Her generosity in donating a portion of the proceeds from her painting, "RIDING RIO" to the USET Foundation is appreciated and will help support our United States Equestrian Team at the 2016 Olympic Games."