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NATIONAL SPORTING LIBRARY & MUSEUM TO HOST OPENING RECEPTION

FOR MADELEINE BUNBURY: MODERN CLASSIC

Middleburg, VA – The National Sporting Library & Museum (NSLM) is pleased to announce the opening of its newest Library exhibition, *Madeleine Bunbury: Modern Classic*, with a special reception on October 9, 2025, from 6 to 8 pm in the Founders' Room. This highly anticipated event will celebrate the work of renowned equine portraitist Madeleine Bunbury, whose paintings will be on view and available for purchase through March 1, 2026. A portion of the proceeds from sales will benefit the NSLM.

Now in her third year as NSLM's artist in residence, Bunbury brings a timeless approach to equestrian art, painting her subjects life-size, from life, and in natural light—using hand-ground paints and hand-stretched canvases.

"I concentrate on painting horses life-size in a traditional style, from life, using my own hand-ground paints and hand-stretched canvases," says Bunbury. "I feel this style helps me to achieve an expressive representation which is unparalleled by modern photo-realistic paintings."


Born in 1995 on Mustique Island and trained at the prestigious Charles Cecil Studios in Florence, Bunbury studied traditional portraiture and mastered the classical "sight size" technique. Her skill in capturing not only the physical form but also the essence of each horse has gained her an international following, with recent commissions across the U.K., the United States, and Italy.

In conjunction with the opening, Bunbury will also lead a Horse Painting from Life class on October 10 at 10 am in the Founders' Room, working with a live equine model. This unique opportunity will offer attendees hands-on insight into her classical techniques and approach to equestrian portraiture.

Event Details:

Opening Reception – *Madeleine Bunbury: Modern Classic*

 October 9, 2025

 6–8 pm

 Founders' Room, National Sporting Library & Museum

 Tickets: [Purchase Here](#)

- \$10 – NSLM Members
- \$20 – Non-Members

For additional information, please visit www.nationalsporting.org or contact the JBanner@nationalsporting.org.

The National Sporting Library & Museum is located in Middleburg, VA, the heart of beautiful horse country. Founded in 1954, the renowned research Library and fine art Museum highlight the rich heritage and tradition of country pursuits. Angling, horsemanship, shooting, steeplechasing, foxhunting, flat racing, polo, coaching, and wildlife are among the subjects one can explore in the organization's general stacks, rare book holdings, archives, and art collection. The NSLM offers a wide variety of educational programs, exhibitions, and family activities throughout the year, and is open to researchers and the public. There is no admission fee to the Library. The Museum charges \$10 for adults, \$8 for youths (age 13-18), and \$8 for seniors. NSLM members and children aged 12 and under are admitted free of charge. Library & Museum hours are Thursday–Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm.

Photos Available Upon Request