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Olympic Eventer Will Coleman Comes Home to Hunt Country for an Evening at the National Sporting Library & Museum

Fresh off a Kentucky five-star victory and World Championship team bronze, the Virginia-raised rider shares the story of his career-best season on October 29

MIDDLEBURG, Va. (October 6, 2026) — Just weeks after anchoring the U.S. team to a medal at the FEI Eventing World Championships, Olympic eventer Will Coleman is coming home to Virginia Hunt Country. The National Sporting Library & Museum (NSLM) invites the public to *An Evening with Olympic Eventer Will Coleman* on Thursday, October 29, 2026, from 5–6:30 pm. The exclusive evening opens with a cocktail reception, followed by a lively, interactive conversation with one of America's finest event riders.

Coleman's story begins in the same hunt country that NSLM celebrates. Raised in Gordonsville, Virginia, he learned to ride in the hunt field and the show jumping ring under the watchful eye of his father, a devoted fox hunter and horseman. That broad education in horses carried him to the sport's biggest stages: the London 2012 Olympic Games with Twizzel, the FEI World Equestrian Games Tryon 2018 with Tight Lines, and a historic 2021 win at CHIO Aachen aboard his beloved Off The Record, "Timmy," making them the first U.S. pair ever to win Aachen's CCIO4*-S. The following year, Coleman and Timmy helped the United States earn team silver at the 2022 FEI Eventing World Championships in Pratoni del Vivaro, Italy.

In 2026, Coleman put together the best season of his career with his rising star Diabolo, "Dabs." In April, the pair won the Defender Kentucky Three-Day Event CCI5*-L in their first five-star together, finishing with a dressage score of 27.3 with only 0.8-time penalties added from show jumping. Having won the Lexington CCI4*-S in 2025, they became the first horse-and-rider combination ever to win both of Kentucky's top competitions, and only the second U.S. combination in fifteen years to win the five-star. In August, Coleman and Dabs returned to Aachen, where they finished fourth individually and anchored the U.S. team to bronze at the FEI Eventing World Championships.

At NSLM, Coleman will share the inside stories behind his road to success, what it takes to produce a championship horse, and his roadmap to the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

"Will and I have ridden across the same hunt country, so welcoming him home after the finest season of his career is a real joy," said Elizabeth von Hassell, President and CEO of the NSLM. *"From the hunt field to Aachen, he shows the world how deeply rooted equestrian tradition is in the United States. We're so grateful to Jim Newman for making this evening possible."*

This incredible evening is for anyone who loves horses, competition, and the thrill of eventing at its highest level. Tickets will sell quickly!

Event Details

What: An Evening with Olympic Eventer Will Coleman — cocktail reception, conversation, Q&A, and photo opportunity

When: Thursday, October 29, 2026, 5–6:30 pm

Where: National Sporting Library & Museum, 102 The Plains Road, Middleburg, VA 20117

Tickets: $15 for NSLM Members, $25 for Non-Members

Purchase Tickets: https://www.nationalsporting.org/index.php/nslm/event_details/1651/

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About Will Coleman

Will Coleman is an Olympic event rider based in Gordonsville, Virginia, and a member of the 2026 USEF Eventing Elite List. He represented the United States at the London 2012 Olympic Games, the FEI World Equestrian Games Tryon 2018, and the 2022 and 2026 FEI Eventing World Championships, earning team silver and team bronze, respectively. With Diabolo, owned by the Diabolo Group, he won the 2026 Defender Kentucky Three-Day Event CCI5*-L and the 2026 Defender/USEF CCI5*-L Eventing National Championship.

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