

# PHILIPPE LEMIRE

## WHEN PASSION TAKES THE LEAD

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THE HORSE LOVING FRENCH PHOTOGRAPHER PHILIPPE LEMIRE HAS FOUND HIS WAY TO THE WORLD OF EQUESTRIAN SPORT THROUGH HIS LENS. FOLLOWING LEMIRE'S PROFESSIONAL TIMELINE, YOU CAN SEE THAT HE HAS A HEART FULL OF LOVE FOR HORSES; IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME FOR THIS SPARK TO FLOURISH

From a full time computer instructor, director of horse stables, then to a national equestrian coach, Lemire found his heart and soul in photography. Since then, Lemire and his camera have been inseparable.

Lemire started his journey in the equestrian world teaching children principles of breeding, cleaning and dressing a young horse. He has been coaching and preparing novice horse riders to be able to join the big competitions. He accumulated experience that qualifies him to organize competitions.

Lemire's rich journalistic history equipped him with great experiences. He started as a photojournalist for many French newspapers and publications such as: France Soir newspaper, VSD magazine and Paris Match magazine. For 25 years, he has been heavily involved in photojournalism in France until he owned his own stable. Since then, he merged his love for journalism and photography with his passion for horses; he has been accompanying famous riders and travelling around many countries shooting equestrian events and competitions. He has featured Abdelkebir from Morocco and many others from Cuba, Canada, USA, Mauritius and many other countries.

Lemire's passion for photography has been crowned by many international events he showcased through his lens. Philippe Lemire has captured the beautiful moments of the 2015 Salon du Cheval d'El Jadida in Morocco, CHI Geneva 2015 and the 2015 Longines Global Champions Tour in Paris. The latest of his work simply shows that the making of a photograph requires more than a good camera and an excellent lens; it requires passion. 🏆

