

A portrait of Jean-Maurice Bonneau, a middle-aged man with grey hair, smiling warmly. He is wearing a dark blue zip-up jacket with a logo on the left chest that reads "a young EQUESTRIANS ACADEMY". The background is a blurred outdoor setting. On the left side of the image, there is a dark teal vertical bar with the name "Bonneau" and "Maurice" repeated in a light blue, stylized font.

# *A Farewell to* **JEAN MAURICE BONNEAU**

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The equestrian world mourns the passing of Jean-Maurice Bonneau, a beloved figure who dedicated his life to show jumping.

Bonneau, passed away at the age of 64, leaving behind a rich legacy of coaching and technical expertise that touched teams across the globe.



***Bonneau's career has been marked by remarkable achievements in the world of equestrian sports. In 1995, he showcased his impressive jumping skills by securing a team bronze medal at the European Championships.***

Stepping up his game, Bonneau reached new heights in 2002 when he clinched the gold team medal at the World Equestrian Games, accompanied by an impressive individual silver medal.

Demonstrating his consistent excellence, Bonneau continued his winning streak the following year, securing the team silver at the European Championships and triumphing in the prestigious Samsung Nations Cup.

Having established himself as a formidable rider, Bonneau's remarkable talents extended beyond the saddle to his achievements as a skilled technician in the world of equestrian sports. He served as a technician for both the Brazilian and French national show jumping teams.



As a competitor himself, he represented France as a rider between 1994 and 1996.

His coaching journey began in 2000, guiding the French team through 2006.

**Bonneau's** influence extended beyond Europe. He lent his expertise to Japan's coaching staff and held positions within the **FEI Jumping Committee**.

**France** also saw his contributions as he joined the organizing committee of the International Jumping of Fontainebleau.

In 2011, Brazil secured **Bonneau's** talents as their national coach, a role he held until 2015.

This period saw the Brazilian team compete in prestigious events like the 2011 and 2015 Pan American Games, the 2012 London Olympics, and the 2014 World Cup.

Furthermore, he was the personal trainer of **Kevin Staut** and **Philippe Rozier** at the **Olympic Games in 2016**.

Moreover, **Bonneau's** passion for sharing his knowledge led him to author the book «**On Y sera un Jour, Mon Grand**» offering invaluable insights and experiences from his illustrious career.

At Horse Times, we extend our heartfelt condolences to **Bonneau's** family, friends, and the entire equestrian community.

The loss of such a remarkable figure is deeply felt, and our thoughts are with those who were fortunate enough to have known and worked with him.

*Bonneau's contributions to the equestrian world, both as a rider and a technician, have left an indelible mark. His passion, expertise, and unwavering dedication have inspired countless individuals and will continue to inspire future generations of riders.*

