

# Internationales Dressur- und Springfestival



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FEI World Dressage Championships for Young Horses

## PRESS RELEASE

International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival Verden and FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses

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### Hollywood sends its regards – Verden's International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival features great shows

(Verden) The Gala Evening of the International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival in Verden is a crowd puller every year. And there will be again a perfect combination of sports and show from August 6 to 10 this year. On the occasion of the Gala Evening Show on Saturday evening, August 9, Verden looks forward to true fireworks in two respects – the light spectacle as the crowning finish of the day on the one hand, and a distracting and awesome mixture between sports and show on the other hand.

The award ceremony of five-year-old World Champion dressage horses in the big stadium is certainly one of the highlights. Besides these young and promising horses, there will be lots of other four-legged guests to show up at the Gala Evening Show. A group of Iceland horses and their riders are expected for a breathtaking and spectacular presentation, and it will be the first time that the German American Quarter Horse Association will be guest at the Verden Gala Evening Show. The breeding association will present its impressive breed that has one of the largest breed registries all over the world with more than 5.5 million registered horses, mainly bred to work with cattle on farms. Clever, agile, quick reactions and well-balanced temperament – the American Quarter Horses are as popular with tournament as well as with pleasure riders.

A special visit was announced from Celle: on the occasion of the 300th jubilee of the personal union between the Royal Family of Hanover and the British Royal Family, the Celle National State Stud will bring the well-kept and valuable king's carriage and four stallions to Verden. The presentation of the stallion station Meyer from Dorum promises particularly fascinating breeding moments, showing up with the Trakehnen Elite stallion Herzensdieb and a number of successful and gorgeous progeny. All this promises to be a feast for the eyes and an exciting and entertaining evening.

### Show competition of the riding clubs for the first time in Verden



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The show competition of the riding and driving clubs is a true equestrian appetizer: The contest, held for almost two decades on the occasion of the Bremen Indoor Horse Show, will be staged for the first time at the International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival in Verden under the open sky. On Friday evening, August 8, the stadium will provide the stage for seven regional clubs, presenting incredible performances and sophisticated stories and ideas with multitudes of riders, ponies and horses. As the Bremen Indoor Horse Show ceased to be held, the show competition virtually lost its "home". Verden's head of the Organizing Committee Rainer Kiel didn't hesitate for long and invited the clubs to come to Verden. Which holds new challenges: over the past years, the clubs already used musical themes, soccer World Cups, foreign countries and fairy tales for their elaborate and funny stagings. Light, air and the size of the Verden riders' stadium are completely different than in the indoor arena in Bremen. But this also provides additional opportunities for the riding clubs RV Alte Aller Langwedel, RC Verden, Distanzclub Silberstern from Stuhr, RFV Bokel u. U., RV Seckenhausen u. U., RC Sleipnir Sellstedt and Los Amigos de Caballo Iberico from Schwarme...

The price for tickets for the show evening of the riding clubs on Friday evening will be Euro 11 with free admission for visitors who already purchased a ticket for Friday.

## Tickets for the top tournament ...

...are already available for advance booking. Please call the hotline no. ++49(0)1806 999 00 00 (Ticketmaster) from Monday to Friday between 09.00 am and 10.00 pm, Saturday, Sunday and on public holidays from 09.00 am to 08.00 pm.

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