

Press release

International Dressage and Show-Jumping Festival VERDEN 2010 4th – 8th August 2010

Sports, charm, excitement – Verden`s Dressage and Show-Jumping Festival

(Verden) From 4th until 8th August Lower-Saxony takes out one of its visiting card again – it is called International Dressage and Show-Jumping Festival and World Championships for Young Dressage Horses at Verden. It indeed includes everything by which the horse country Lower-Saxony stands out: absolute quality, variety, liveliness and charm. All this is offered to participants and spectators in the Verden stadium and on the neighbouring racetrack area from 4th until 8th August.

Participants and spectators literally from all over the world are looking forward to this event year by year. Each year journalists from up to 15 nations are on the spot, visitors are coming to Verden from Japan, from the US and even from Australia to enjoy the full schedule, hotels at Verden and its environs are booked.

With the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special the CDI3* Verden offers two classical championship competitions only short before the German Championships and the World Championships in Kentucky, thus offering an interesting insight and outlook. The CSI2* includes eight international jumping competitions, which are endowed with 60,000 Euro on the whole. The highlight will be – no doubt – the Großer Preis der Reiterstadt Verden (Great Prize of the riders` town Verden), an open jumping competition with jump-off

The high spot of the International Dressage and Show-Jumping Festival, however, is the variety of competitions taking place. From young horse classes for three- and four-year-olds to top athletes in dressage and show-jumping – horses in each stage of training will be presented. Verden`s special plus is the World Championship for five- and six-year-old dressage horses, the most important championship at all for this age-group and a true showcase for these top horses. The WCh begins already on Thursday with the welcome competitions, as of Friday it is about qualifying for the finale. The arena of the WCh will be as crowded as it used to be in the past years.

Jumper riders from Lower-Saxony use Verden`s stadium to present their four- to six-year-old show-jumping prospects in the Hannoveraner Springpferdechampionat (Championship for Hanoverian show-jumpers) on Thursday and on Sunday. Their motto is: learn, learn, learn. Their way is demanding not only over and between the jumps. The atmosphere at

an international horse show means lots of new impressions for these young horses and they need their time to digest them. The same applies to the International Youngster Tour for seven- and eight-year-old show-jumpers.

The counterpart for prospective dressage horses is the Hanoverian Riding Horse Championship – also on Thursday and Sunday – bringing the best three- and four-year-old mares, geldings and stallions to Verden.

Where all this is leading to can be observed in the qualification to the renowned Nürnberger Burgpokal for seven- to nine-year-old dressage horses. This series with its finale in Frankfurt has developed into the most important competition for young dressage horses. Young is also the cue for the Piall Förderpreis of the Liselott Schindling-Foundation. The best young riders up to age of 25 years compete in the dressage arena. Their aim: the finale at the Stuttgart Schleyerhallen Horse Show

A novelty at Verden is the International Amateur Riders Tour „Gaudemus Equis“. For the first time those riders who are ambitious jumper riders but no pros are offered the opportunity to compete internationally in Verden`s imposing stadium.

Verden Country Days and Big Show Evening

The International Dressage and Show-Jumping Festival at Verden offers top sport and as if that were not enough the organisers from the Verden Turniergesellschaft mbH use to add the Verden Country Days, the varied and a little different exhibition amidst the show grounds, and the big show evening on Saturday. feasting, strolling, shopping – enjoy the atmosphere of the Verden Country Days. At the second big show evening it will be turbulent. Riding in floodlight, celebrating a show and imposing fireworks. A true “must have” for the region and its guests....

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