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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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International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival in Verden back in August

(Verden) Hotel accommodations are almost fully booked weeks before as many horse owners, breeders and media representatives already marked the date in Verden from August 7 to 11 in their schedule last year. Verden's International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival with the highlight, the FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses, attracts spectators from all over the world to visit the Lower Saxonian "horse capital".

As in previous years, the schedule is quite opulent and provides a lot of variety when it comes to sports. The event starts with the Herwart von der Decken-Show on Wednesday, August 7, featuring the best three year-old mares of the Hanoverian breeding area. This year, there will be a special highlight that is only held every four years: the family competition – a generation show, presenting outstanding mare families to be finally honoured with the Herwart von der Decken-Prize.

The true focus in Verden is on the FEI World Championships of five- and six-year-old dressage horses. Everybody aiming to know who will be the successor of the British Double Champion Woodlander Farouche who won the title at the age of five and six, will have to travel to Verden. The sighting for the German competitors, participating at the FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for five- and six-year-old horses, will be in Warendorf on the premises of the German Equestrian Olympic Committee (DOKR). It is a novelty that there are only two dates at which the young prospects have the chance to recommend themselves for the Verden highlight. The first sighting will be held on June 11, and on June 12, the horses are meant to be presented at the international qualifier for five- and six-year-old horses. Based on the results and accomplishments of this first sighting, stretching over two days, the youngsters qualify for the second sighting on July 2, where they are meant to show their final World Championship

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presentation. Only then the three jury members, German National Coach Monica Theodorescu and the judges Reinhard Richernhagen and Klaus Ridder, will nominate the German participants for the World Championships.

Pure Dressage and Show Jumping at the Festival

Verden sets again standards with the CSI. The international tournament shines with the Verden Championships, which was won by Mario Stevens from Molbergen in 2012. In addition to the advanced level tests, there will be an international Youngster-Tour and a test series for amateurs – Gaudemus Equis. The Hanoverian Show Jumping Championships are fascinating for riders and spectators – a true talent show. And while there will be the competitions for the Verden Championship title in the World Championship stadium, the Grand Prix-arena offers top sport at CDI3*-level: Top attraction are the Grand Prix de Dressage and the Grand Prix Special, endowed with Euro 13,000. Verden hosts again two important series, dedicated to the two- and four-legged young prospects: The Nuremberg Cup for seven- to nine-year-old dressage horses, and the Piaff Challenge Cup of the Liselott-Schindling-Donation for dressage riders aged 25 and younger.

Festival, World Championships and Verden Country Days – Tickets are available here!

World Championships, Grand Prix-sport, Hanoverian riding horse Championships, Verden Championships – all these tests will be held on the three super competition grounds from August 7 – 11 on the Verden racetrack area. And in between the Verden Country Days that offer a break or invite you to an interesting shopping spree. Tickets for this top event in Lower Saxony are already available now.

General tickets without seat are available from Euro 5 – 15 (Wednesday to Sunday). The price for seat tickets for the show jumping stadium and the World Championship arena will be Euro 25 to 30 (Thursday to Sunday). Reservations are possible with the Verdener Turniergesellschaft mbH, telephone ++49 (0)4231/67368 or by mail: jfleischer@verden-turnier.de.

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