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

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European Stallion Show – Quite a novelty at the Dressage and Show Jumping Festival in Verden

(Verden) A whole new feature complements the show and competition schedule of the International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival in Verden from August 7 – 11: It is the first time that the Verden Rider's Stadium will be reserved for Europe's top stallions on Friday evening. The European Stallion Show brings warmblood stallions from Germany and its neighboring countries to Verden.

This way, the Verdener Turniergesellschaft mbH boosts the connection of breeding and sports that is so very typical for the Verden Festival and the associated FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses. The Championship arena and the Riders Stadium already provided the stage for the debut of quite a number of top stallions who have then developed into stars. Latest example is Damon Hill NRW who won the World Championships twice under Ingrid Klimke and Helen Langehanenberg and who recently clinched the 2013 World Cup title. One year before, he won the team silver medal at the 2012 Olympics and at the preceding European Championships.

The first confirmations of participation came from Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Great Britain and from the German breeding associations. Dutch Hans Horn will show up in Verden with Van Gogh by Numero Uno – Bernstein, the winner of the KWPN-stallion performance test. Lynne Crowden from Great Britain will present Woodlander Rockstar, the Reserve Champion of the British Stallion Licensing and stable colleague of double World Champion Woodlander Farouche. The Celle National State Stud will show its equestrian treasures at the European Stallion Show, just as the Gestüt Famos (Syke), the Klosterhof Medingen (Bad Bevensen), the stud Sosath from Lemwerder and the Holsteiner Verband. Verden expects in total 45 Stallions from seven countries.

The debut of the European Stallion Show will start Friday evening, August 9, as of 8.00 pm. The stallions will be presented under saddle in accordance with their training level. Entrance fee will be Euro 10 with free admission for visitors who already purchased a ticket for the International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival. "The European Stallion Show is the only detail that was still missing from

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the schedule of the International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival. This adds the finishing touch to this fantastic event,” organizer Ulrich Hahne explains, and he is quite confident that the list of participants will continue to grow. “We are still expecting positive answers from a number of other well-known studs within the next days.”

More information, ticket orders and news available online at www.verden-turnier.de

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