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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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Sports, Excitement and Entertainment at the International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival in Verden

(Verden) It is a top event and perfectly reflects the horse country Lower Saxony: The International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival from August 7 – 11 with the associated FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses. And the response is again tremendous in 2013: The variety of competitions attracts participants from all over the world, turning the Festival into a colourful meeting point for horse enthusiasts and visitors. There is always something for everyone in Verden.

Three competition grounds in total provide the necessary basic setting for the extensive program. There are always lots of people crowding the Championship arena where the best young dressage horses worldwide show up for their presentations. Many a career already started in Verden, and sometimes not only the medallists are the ones to hit the headlines later on. Donnelly, presented by riding master Hubertus Schmidt (Borchen), is one example for a Grand Prix-career that once started at the FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses. The chestnut gelding, ridden again by Schmidt since January, won the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special in Münster weeks ago. Meanwhile, Damon Hill NRW, double gold medal winner in Verden under Ingrid Klimke and Helen Langehanenberg, clinched the 2013 World Cup-title, and he also won the team silver medal at the Olympics with Helen Langehanenberg.

The Grand Prix-arena and the Rider's Stadium in Verden will be the venue of top international dressage and show jumping sport. Visitors may choose among a variety of competitions – for many a more than difficult decision.... The lists of participants promise top competitions and a balanced field of competitors. Michael Eilberg (Great Britain) returns to Verden, this time not as participant at the World Championships, but at the CDI. The rider won the World Championships in Verden twice with Woodlander Farouche. Diderik van Silfhout, Patrick van der Meer and Marlies van Baalen represent the Dutch colours at the Festival, Morgan Barbancon comes from Spain, Hayley Beresford and Jessica Greelish compete for Australia – athletes from 16 nations in total show up at the CDI. Isabell Werth (Rheinberg), Nadine Capellmann (Würselen), Hubertus Schmidt (Borchen) and Christoph Koschel (Hagen a.T.W.) are the names of the German stars.

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There are competitors from 16 different countries at the CSI, too. Lucy Davis from the United States will return to Verden. The Beerbaum-pupil won the Verden Grand Prix a couple of years ago at the age of 18. European Champion Rolf-Göran Bengtsson, popular show jumping rider from Sweden and masterly performer if ever there was one, will also compete in Verden, just as Vice European Champion Carsten-Otto Nagel (Wedel) and the Swede Henrik von Eckermann, fifth at the 2011 European Championships.

And there will be a team Olympic champion amongst the international show jumping riders, but from a different discipline. Sandra Auffahrt from Ganderkesee, winner of the team gold and individual bronze medal at the Olympic eventing competitions, will also participate in Verden. As show jumping is at least integral part of the eventing competitions....

The young generation at the ready...

... and not only at the World Championships. The riding horse ability and young jumper development classes including the Hanoverian Championships are a major attraction. Each time the three- and four-year-old riding horses and youngsters compete in the course, it is of interest for both, spectators and athletes. The comparison within the individual age groups discloses possible developments with the opportunity to also discover talented youngsters for own future sports careers...

Youth is also trump when it comes to the futurity prospects for the upper levels of sport. Verden is venue for the qualification for the Nuremberg Cup, the approved national series for future Grand Prix-dressage horses. The youngsters are inspected while being ridden – the Piaff Challenge Cup will also be held in Verden, a tournament series for the generation 25 and younger in the dressage arena.

Debut for the European Stallion Show

There are lots of reasons to look forward to this amazing event with anticipation: The best-known European studs were invited to participate at the European Stallion Show. Whether stallion newcomer or Grand Prix-winner – the equestrian treasures of Europe will be presented on Friday evening, August 9, as of 8.00 pm, at the international Stallion Show. The first confirmations of participation came from Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Great Britain and from Germany. In a nutshell: Verden's International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival features a wide variety of both equestrian disciplines and of horse breeding.

Verden Country Days – watching, shopping, taking a break

The city of tents amidst the grounds of the International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival in Verden is a true meeting point. The perfect place to simply take a break from sports, to have a cup of



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coffee or to stroll around as well-known exhibitors from many different branches related to the subject horse and beyond provide a variety of interesting offers.

Tickets for this top event in Lower Saxony are available with:

General tickets without booked seats are available between Euro 5 and 15 (Wednesday to Sunday). The prize for booked seats for the show jumping stadium and the Championship arena will be Euro 25 to 30 (Thursday to Sunday). To order tickets, please contact the Organizing Committee Verdener Turniergesellschaft mbH, telephone: ++49 (0)4231/67368 or by email: jfleischer@verden-turnier.de

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