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**Dressage at Devon 2014 Day 6:
Grand Prix Rides, Guy McLean, and the DVCTA Quadrille Make the
Final Day of Dressage at Devon Fun for All**

September 28, 2014 (Devon, PA) – The rides on Sunday, were of top quality, and featured the Young Rider Freestyle, the Grand Prix Freestyle (ages 16-25), the fantastic Grand Prix Special, and the Intermediaire 1 Freestyle.

Stallion, Rosevelt, Dominates the FEI Grand Prix Special

Allison Brock and Rosevelt, a black stallion owned by Claudine and Fritz Kundrum, won the FEI Grand Prix Special. It was Alison's second trip to Devon, but the first time she rode in the Grand Prix. She was thrilled that Rosevelt handled Devon's charged environment like an old pro. As for her experience, she says, "to ride in the Grand Prix at Dressage at Devon is a childhood dream. Devon has a special atmosphere and tradition." Allison has been riding Rosevelt for five years and is grateful for the support of the Kundrums as well as trainers, Michael and Vera Barisone. She notes that while horse and rider are in the spotlight, it takes a team to get them there. Will Allison and Rosevelt be back at

Devon? “Absolutely! I want to come back next year and do the Freestyle,” she says.

And the Winner Is....

David Ziegler rode Peninsula Top Man (You Can Do x Kings Master) to the top position in the FEI Young Rider Freestyle with an impressive score of 71.700.

Fling was in the winner’s circle again in the Grand Prix Freestyle (16-25), with a score of 67.950 with rider Alexandra Dvorak (whose father also rode today in the FEI Intermediaire 1 Freestyle on Ribot and the FEI Grand Prix Special aboard Viva’s Salieri W).

The victory gallop in the Intermediaire 1 Freestyle was led by Olivia Lagoy-Weltz on Rassing’s Lonoir (Lorani x De Noir), a 17.2 hand Danish warmblood gelding.

Crowd Pleasing Exhibitions

The Dixon Oval fills with sounds from A Chorus Line, as eight riders – a quadrille - resplendent in gold-sequined tail coats with their equine partners that are adorned with gold leggings and brow bands. They move in unison, riding intricate patterns for their fourth year at Dressage at Devon.

The members of Delaware Valley Combined Training Association (DVCTA) quadrille, all hailing from Delaware and Chester Counties in Pennsylvania, come together as a team to perform. Their squad manager, Anne Miller, wears many hats — trainer, choreographer, costume designer, costume selector and fund raiser.

It was the DVCTA that put on a dressage show in the early 70’s and eventually moved to the Devon Horse Show Grounds in 1975. That show blossomed into what Dressage at Devon is today.

The quadrille members practice together once a week, trailering in to Blue Goose Stable and SFM Equestrian Center from all over the Delaware Valley. Other members of DVCTA provide support --- lending horses when a horse is lame, helping create costumes and videotaping rides. It takes a community to create a quadrille.

This year, Anne was inspired by the gold-sequined coats, which she found online. They fit the new theme of adding bling to dressage and also reminded her of costumes that might appear in Broadway shows. So, the music from Chorus Line, well-known and upbeat, was fitting.

The 'Quad Squad' is sponsored by Unionville Equine Associates in Oxford, Pennsylvania, and is supported by Dover Saddlery in Hockessin, Delaware. They were able to buy the Chorus Line costumes due to a generous grant from the US Pony Club and Triple Crown Nutrition.

Guy McLean

Back by popular demand, Guy McLean amazed the audience with his performances, just as he has all over the world. Guy orchestrates the movement of four horses at once, with what often seems to be no more than a gentle request. Whether his horses sit, roll, bow or even pretend to run away, they always astound and delight audiences. Then, in a special exhibition Sunday afternoon, Guy gave the audience a glimpse into the Method Behind the Magic. In this, he explained many of the methods and techniques he uses and we can bet that many of those watching went straight home to test them out.

About Dressage at Devon

Dressage at Devon, the highest-rated international dressage competition held outside of Europe, combines world-class international dressage competition and one of the world's few complete sport horse breed shows with the family fun of an International Fall Festival, featuring food and shopping for all tastes.

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Editor's note: Additional pictures available upon request.