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Dressage at Devon 2019 Announces Dressage with the Experts Line-Up

July 29, 2018 (Devon, PA) -- Dressage at Devon has announced the 2019 Dressage With the Experts line up.

This year, the expert line-up includes:

Sandy Osborn

Sandy Osborn is a USEF "S" judge, as well as a USDF Gold and Silver Medalist, who has been actively involved in dressage, beginning in the NEDA region since 1980. She began her dressage career while a student at the University of Massachusetts under the instruction of Linda Jaskiel Brown and Sarah Geikie. After graduating she worked for Kathy Connelly who helped her get started in the "r" judges program and was influential in helping her start her early days of freelancing in the Concord, Massachusetts area.

Subsequently, Sandy went on to ride and study with such notable professionals as Robert Dover, Jessica Ransehausen and Gerd Reuter. In 1986 she was offered the position of Director of Equitation at the University of Massachusetts, a position which she held for eight years before going back into the private sector. During those years at the University of Massachusetts, she was influential in building the foundation of some of NEDA's most popular instructors today.

In 1996 Sandy met Roel Theunissen, the trainer with whom she has studied exclusively since then. Through Roel, she found her equine partner of six years,

Milestone, the horse with which she was finally able to negotiate the long road to the Grand Prix. That journey culminated with the achievement of qualifying for Devon in their first year at the GP, and then making the cut for the freestyle as well.

During those years leading up to the realization of that dream of training her own horse to the GP level, Sandy joined Roel as a trainer in his business outside of Boston, Massachusetts, in order to immerse herself in a classical European training system and discover the mysteries that make dressage so elusive and so difficult for so many. From October 2007 through May 2012, Sandy worked with Roel and Adam Lastowka, as an independent trainer based at After The Fox Farm in Madison, Ga. In June of 2012, After The Fox Farm closed its doors and was sold. Sandy is now located at Ashland Farm in Covington, GA.

Elizabeth Madlener

Elizabeth Madlener is a USDF “L” Faculty and a member of the USDF Council of Judges. Elizabeth is a USA Equestrian Federation Senior Judge as well as a Grand Prix competitor, trainer, and clinician. She is also part of the Official Licensing Committee for USA Equestrian Federation and an organizer and executor of the first USDF Instructor Certification Program. Some of Elizabeth’s awards include: Recipient of AHSA, USDF, USET Horse of the Year Awards 1976–1983; N.A. Dressage Champion, FEI Levels 1976; Reserve U.S. Dressage Champion, 4th Level 1978; U.S. Champion, 3rd & 4th Level, 1979; and first foreigner awarded German Bronze Medal in Riding 1957.

Monica Sinks

Monica Sinks is a USDF Gold Medalist and has ridden multiple times at Dressage at Devon. She trained in Europe for many years, under Olympic Trainers. In 2003, Monica won the Grand Prix Special aboard Carrera, trained from the beginning by Monica and her husband Ed Borresen. Monica trains and teaches in Pittstown, NJ area in the summer and competes at the FEI levels. With a strong belief in riding with balance and harmony, she loves training students that are passionate about their horses and learning Dressage.

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About Dressage at Devon

Dressage at Devon (www.dressageatdevon.org) has been the premier North American Equestrian event since its founding by the Delaware Valley Combined Training Association in 1975, and became a separate organization in 2006. It combines world-class dressage competition and the world's largest open breed show with the international Fall Festival show and special activities for the entire family. The six-day event attracts hundreds of horses from around the world and thousands of spectators. Dressage at Devon is a 501(c) (3) PA non-profit organization, benefitting equine education.

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