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Great Performances Continue **Dressage at Devon – Day 4**

September 28, 2018 (Devon, PA) The USEF and FEI Young Horse tests opened Day 4 of Dressage at Devon. The judges were positive and encouraging, gently providing constructive comments to help horse and rider improve both horse and rider. Of course, it wouldn't be Dressage at Devon without Ladies Hat Day. This year's categories included Creativity and uniqueness; Visual appeal and impact; Degree of difficulty; and the Best at Dressage at Devon. All were winners. And all the while, high level performances were taking place in both the Dixon and Wheeler (formerly Gold) rings.

*FEI Prix St Georges CDI 3**

More than 25 riders competed in the FEI Prix St Georges CDI 3*. The class was won by Cyrus (Contucci/Corthena), ridden by Tom Dvorak. Cyrus is a 9-year-old, dark bay Oldenburg gelding, owned by Carla Bahr. Tom, from Hillsburgh, ON, Canada, has been riding Cyrus since he was a 4-year-old. "This was his first full season and he has done very well. He has won many CDIs and is coming into his own. He is a keen worker and very smart and confident. I was happy with my ride," said Tom. "He was a little distracted but stayed with me." Tom is a true fan of Dressage at Devon. "I love this event. It is the highlight of the season for me. I love the atmosphere and the tradition of the show." Tom has been coming to Devon for the past 25 years. "If I have a horse that can show here, I'm here!"

Grand Prix Qualifier

Friday night at Dressage at Devon features qualifying classes for the Grand Prix Special and Grand Prix Musical Freestyle. Favorite breeds can change but even so, sometimes the horses may not be exactly what is expected.

Jim Koford's ride in the Grand Prix Freestyle qualifier was Adiah HP (Nico/Marije Ant), a three-quarter Friesian, one-quarter Dutch Warmblood, red and white, 11-year old mare. She is a powerhouse and a horse Jim loves to ride. Jim saw video of Adiah as a 4-year old and, according to Jim, quickly had a crush on her. When she was 7 years old, she was entered in a clinic Jim was giving, he loved her then and got the ride on her soon thereafter. Jim had ridden her sire, Nico, at Dressage at Devon, and now has brought the daughter to dance under the lights. "Adiah HP was purposely bred for dressage and she is the queen; it is her show and she is in control," said Jim. "It is the Adiah show, not the Jim show."

The crowds in the stands were enthusiastic about the qualifiers, and getting a glimpse into what they would see Saturday night.

The FEI Grand Prix CDI CDI3* (qualifier for the Grand Prix Special) was won by Disney Tyme (Diamond Hit/Welleria), a 10-year-old Oldenburg, ridden by Evi Strasser, with a score of 63.783.

The FEI Grand Prix CDIW (qualifier for the Grand Prix Freestyle) was won by Faberge, (Floristan/Baroness), a 15-year-old, bay gelding, ridden by Jessica Jo Tate of Wellington, with a score of 67.130.

Join us for the magnificent Grand Prix Special and Grand Prix Musical Freestyle. Tickets are still available for Saturday night. Visit the website or purchase general admission tickets at the door.

The weekend weather looks great!