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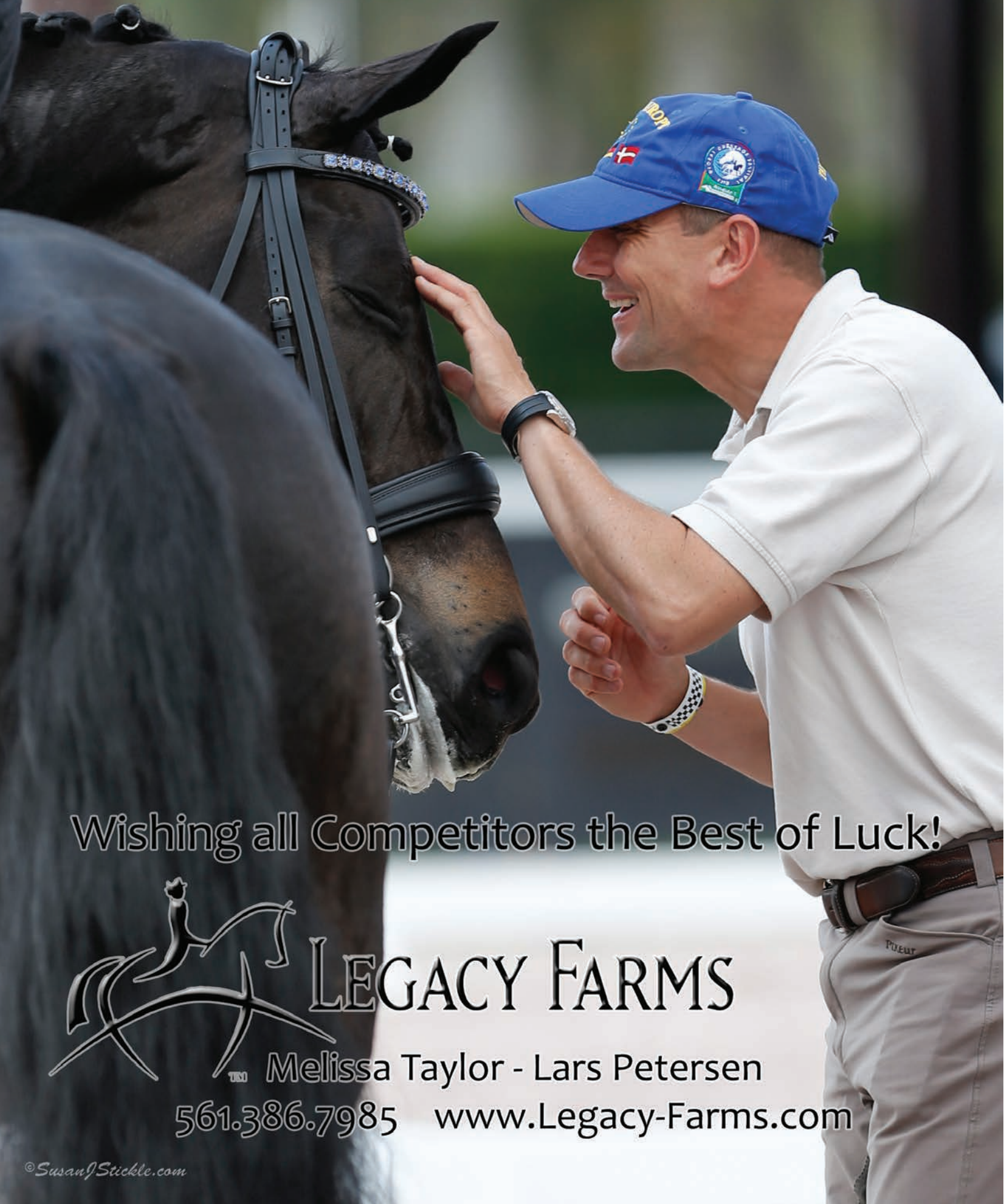


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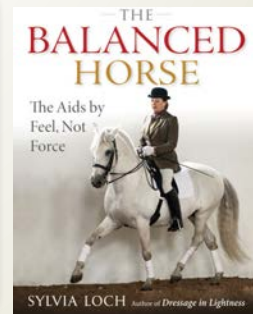
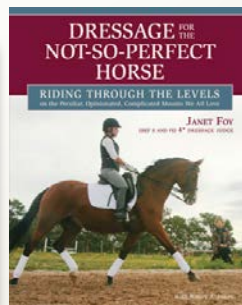
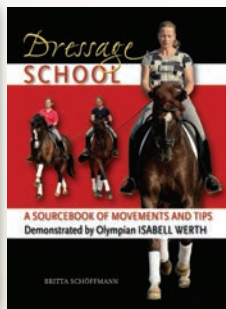


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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (subject to change)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

**[3:00pm]**

Veterinary Inspections  
(Grand Prix, Intermediaire I,  
Brentina Cup)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

**[9:00am]**

Brentina Cup Test

**[10:15am]**

Prix St. Georges Test

**[2:20pm]**

Grand Prix Test

### Following the End of Competition

Veterinary Inspection  
(Young Rider, Junior)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

**[8:30am]**

Junior Team Test

**[10:45am]**

Young Rider Team Test

**[1:45pm]**

Intermediaire I Test





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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (subject to change)

Following the End of Competition  
Veterinary Inspection  
(Pony Rider)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

[9:30am]

Young Rider Individual Test

[11:45am]

Brentina Cup, FEI Young Adult  
U-25 Grand Prix Test

[1:45pm]

Pony Team Test

[7:30pm]

Grand Prix Special Test

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

[10:00am]

Junior Individual Test

[1:00pm]

Pony Individual Test

[3:15pm]

Intermediaire I Freestyle Test

[7:30pm]

Grand Prix Freestyle Test



# Letter

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Competitors and Supporters,

Welcome to the 2013 US Dressage Festival of Champions presented by The Dutta Corp. This exciting week of dressage will crown National Champions in six divisions from Ponies to Grand Prix. We are privileged to welcome these Championships to the Kentucky Horse Park, affording these athletes and horses the opportunity to showcase their talents on some of the most hallowed ground in US equestrian sport.

I want to extend accolades to all the riders and owners whose horses make this event possible. The road to these Championships involves a competitive qualification process, and the horses you will see this weekend are some of the best at their respective levels in the nation.

I also want to extend my gratitude to our sponsors, The Dutta Corp, AGCO and Dressage Today. It is with the valuable contributions of our sponsors that we are able to host these Championships and prepare athletes and horses for greater things in the future.

Some of these athlete and horse combinations will go on to represent their country, others to continued success on the national level but without the support of our sponsors and volunteers, adequate preparation for either endeavor would not be possible.

On behalf of the United States Equestrian Federation, welcome to a wonderful week of competition and enjoy your time in Lexington.

Thank you,



Chrystine Tauber

President

United States Equestrian Federation



# Guide

## TO DRESSAGE

### WHAT IS DRESSAGE?

The word “dressage” comes from the French word *dresser*, to train. It’s an Olympic equestrian sport; yet a basic training discipline for the backyard horse. Dressage teaches a horse to be obedient, willing, supple, and responsive. The horse freely submits to the rider’s lightest “aids” or body signals, while remaining balanced and energetic. The graceful movements performed in competition may look effortless, but are the result of years of training. The aids should be virtually imperceptible. A squeeze of the calf, a closing of the fingers, a shifting of the rider’s weight in the saddle should be all that is necessary to tell the horse what is required. Dressage requires the horse and rider to combine the strength and agility of gymnastics with the elegance and beauty of ballet.

### JUDGING THE TESTS

The tests for each level are written so that there is a way to consistently measure performance. The judges are looking for accuracy of the transitions (changes of gait), obedience, suppleness of the horse, quality of the gaits, and the rider’s use of aids.

All movements are numbered on the judge’s sheet. They are marked from 0 to 10, 0 being the lowest mark and 10 being the highest. A flawless performance of each movement is seldom achieved.

Following the test, the rider’s individual movement scores are added up and a final score is calculated as a percentage of the possible score that the rider could achieve for that particular test. The highest percentage wins the class.

### MUSICAL RIDES (FREESTYLES)

The highlight of a dressage competition is the Musical Kür or Freestyle in which the rider creates, choreographs and performs to music an original ride of compulsory figures and movements that are artistically pleasing and technically correct.

### THE MOVEMENTS

Horses and riders are judged on how well they perform certain movements in tests that match each horse’s level of training.

These are:

*Extensions:* The horse will lengthen his stride for the rider on command. This movement is most exciting at the trot. When done correctly, the horse seems to float across the arena

*Lateral movements:* The horse will show its suppleness by going forward first and either moving sideways or moving parts of its body sideways.

*Flying Changes:* The horses will appear to “skip” across the arena at a canter switching the leading front and hind hooves.

*Pirouettes:* In this dramatic upper level movement, the horse will turn in place at a canter.

*Piaffe:* This is a highly cadenced trot-in-place. The horse will spring lightly from one diagonal pair of legs to the other with an even rhythm and a definable moment of suspension. It is the highest degree of competitive collection demanded of the horse.

*Passage:* The horse appears to float, springing from one diagonal to the other while maintaining its body in a perfectly straight line. In effect this movement is a collected trot in slow motion.

### THE PATSY ALBERS AWARD FUND

New in 2013 the Dressage Foundation has established the Patsy Albers Award Fund. This award will be presented to the highest placing rider in the Grand Prix division who represented the U.S. at the North American Junior/Young Rider Championships (if there is not a qualified rider in the Grand Prix, the award will be presented to the highest placing qualified rider in the Intermediaire I division). The award will provide financial support for continuing education and training. Patsy Albers was a well-known and much loved figure at dressage shows across the country; her passing saddened many in equestrian sports. Patsy was a long-time supporter of the North American Junior/Young Rider Championships Region 1 team. Her expertise extended into management, officiating and volunteering.

### DRESSAGE CELEBRITY MOUNTED GAMES

Prior to the start of the Grand Prix Freestyles Saturday evening, there will be Dressage Celebrity Mounted Games in the Rolex Stadium featuring competitors participating in daring relay races aboard mighty ponies as a fundraiser for the U.S. High Performance Dressage programs. Four teams will be composed of riders from the six divisions of competition and will be coached by Steffen Peters, Guenter Seidel, George Williams and co-coaches Debbie McDonald and Robert Dover. Teams will ride ponies supplied by the US Mounted Games Association and in addition to dressage competitors each team will be joined by a USMGA rider. For each \$1,000 raised per team an additional 10 points will be awarded to their overall Games placings. Donation forms are available in the show office.



## USEF PONY RIDER DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The National Championship for FEI Pony Riders is open to riders between the ages of 12 and 16. Athletes and horses will compete in two tests, the FEI Pony Team Test and FEI Pony Individual Test, with each counting towards 50% of the overall results.



**HANNA BENNE // 13 // SATELLITE BEACH, FL**  
Helluva Dream Maker // 6-year-old Belgian Warmblood stallion // Susanne & Hanna Benne

Hanna's mother is a dressage trainer, and she grew up around horses. Hanna got serious with riding on her first pony, Romeo, a Welsh Pony Arab. Romeo was not an easy pony; he threw Hanna off almost every day, but she worked hard and learned a lot from him. Hanna moved up to dressage at the age of nine and won competitions in the Junior/Young Rider Amateur classes with Romeo. After Romeo retired from the show ring, breeder Jo McCracken supported Hanna with the gift of Jo's pony, Helluva Dream Maker "Dreamer", when he was two days old. Dreamer was the hardest challenge Hanna has had, but over time they have become a great team. Hanna and Dreamer have done very well, qualifying this year both for the regional championship at First and Second Level, and the USEF Pony Rider National Championship. Hanna has learned much from her trainers, mother, Susanne Benne, and Deanna Myers, while still having fun with Romeo and Dreamer.

**SOPHIA CALVE // 15 // OCEANPORT, NJ**  
Goose Landings Medallions Thor // Welsh Morgan Cross gelding // Sophia Calve

Sophia and Thor have been working together for six years and riding dressage for five of those years. They both love to go to dressage shows and compete. Last year they took part in the Festival of Champions at Gladstone and are really excited to return this year. Sophia and Thor love to work and train hard with trainer, Barbara Ebner, who gives them great instruction. Sophia goes to school at the Ranney School in Tinton Falls, NJ and is the pitcher on the high school softball team.





**MELANIE DOUGHTY // 12 // COCOA BEACH, FL**

Command Performance // 11-year-old American Warmblood/Welsh gelding // Melanie Doughty

Melanie first rode as a two-year-old in Chichester, England. After moving with her family to Florida in 2005 she began hunter/jumpers with a good old mare named Misty. When Misty was too old to jump, Melanie found a new pony Command Performance, "Kane", and was introduced to dressage. They have been riding dressage for three years and are now training with Tamra Brown of Knoll Dressage in Chuluota, FL. Melanie also enjoys volleyball, basketball, and swimming in addition to riding.

**ABIGAIL FLEISCHLI // 14 // DALLAS, TX**

Giorgio // 18-year-old Welsh Cross Pony gelding // Abigail Fleischli

Abigail has been riding Giorgio in dressage for five years. Abigail trains at Las Colinas Equestrian Center under the instruction of her trainer Jody Wilson. Abigail and Giorgio have attended multiple clinics with David Blake, Anne Gribbons and Lendon Grey. In addition, Abigail was able to audit the Robert Dover Horsemastership Clinic in January 2013. The pair has also competed in local recognized shows through Third level as well as the annual regional championships. Abigail was fortunate to have a couple of international experiences as she has been awarded her Big Bronze medal from Pferdesportverband Weser-Ems in Vechta, Germany. Abigail is also an avid student and is a freshman at The Hockaday School. She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and has received the National Service Award. Abigail's future goals include acquiring her USDF Bronze medal and eventually competing in NAJYRC.

**SAVANNAH FRANKLUND // 14 // BOULDER, CO**

CF Godiva Chocolate // 13 year-old American Quarter Pony gelding // Savannah Rose Franklund

Savannah was born to be an equestrian. At the early age of three, it was nearly impossible for her parents to keep her off of a horse's back. Savannah began her career riding Western due to her mom's passion for the sport, but soon showed strong interest in English. For her eighth birthday, her parents gave her the gift of dressage lessons. Three months later her new best friend came home, CF Godiva Chocolate, aka "Coco". The blue ribbons and trophies almost immediately began to grace her bedroom. Horse and rider are so inter-connected they even share the same birthday, April 1st! Savannah is a freshman at Alexander Dawson School in Boulder, CO. She is under the esteemed guidance of Jenny Baldwin of Royal Crown Dressage. Savannah has a deep love for the art of dressage and she has high hopes of competing as an FEI Junior, Young Rider and beyond.

**MADELYN "MADDY" GUTHRIE // 14 // WESTMONT, IL**

Jordy // 15-year-old Welsh Pony gelding // Madelyn Guthrie

Maddy has been riding dressage since she was 10-years-old and trains with Agata Rekucka at High Five Dressage based out of Cranewood Farms in St. Charles, IL. Maddy and her Welsh pony, Jordy, have been together for three years. Jordy was a former hunter pony and they have climbed the ranks of dressage together, starting at Training Level and are currently competing in the FEI Pony division. Maddy participated in the first Emerging Dressage Athlete Program clinic at Hampton Green Farm in Michigan in 2011 and was selected as one of the riders in the first Robert Dover Horsemastership Week in Wellington, FL in 2011. Maddy was a working student at Hampton Green Farm in Michigan and was the USPRE High Point Champion at the Lendon Youth Dressage Festival Midwest in 2012. She recently rode in the Courtney King-Dye Horsemastership Week at Riveredge Farm in Maryland. Maddy has had the privilege of riding with Lendon Gray in numerous EDAP clinics. Other interests include working out, reading and hanging with friends.







**MAGDALENE MANN // 16 // BUZZARDS BAY, MA**  
 Madison // 13-year-old Welsh Pony gelding // Magdalene Mann

Maggie has been riding since she was a young child and has formed friendships with a wonderful mix of ponies that taught her the fundamentals of riding, determination, but most of all, the love of horses. She was successful in both FEI Pony Dressage and Pony Jumpers through 2013. Madison has been Maggie's dressage partner for several years. Together they have wins at Children of the Americas Dressage International, Dressage for Kids and NEDA. The pair were also highly successful in Prix Caprilli (dressage over fences), winning several high point awards in 2013. Maggie hopes to compete in dressage through Young Riders, and earn her USDF Gold medal. Madison is looking for his next child rider or petite adult – a schoolmaster and friend to bring through the dressage ranks with confidence, fun, and love of the sport!

**MEGAN MCCRACKEN // 15 // GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO**  
 Orrwood Madison Bay // 16-year-old Morgan mare // Caroline Fernalld

Megan began riding at TYL Sport Horses when she was seven-years-old. She has always been involved in Pony Club, but only began showing dressage last year in the FEI Junior division. This year, Megan has been given the opportunity to compete in the FEI Pony division by Caroline Fernalld, owner of Orrwood Madison Bay (Missy). Caroline previously competed with Missy at USDF Regionals, Morgan Nationals, and placed third at the 2012 Festival of Champions. Now, Missy is giving Megan valuable show experience and developing her skills for future opportunities. With trainer Katie Johnson, Megan is currently developing a six-year-old Hanoverian as a Young Rider prospect. She is thankful for all of the support she has from her fellow Young Riders at TYL Sport Horses, and the generosity that allowed her this exciting opportunity to show among great riders she has long admired.



**NADINE ORRISS // 13 // BELLEVUE, WA**  
 Allegria // 14-year-old Welsh/Dutch Warmblood mare // Nadine Orriss

A little over a decade ago a dark bay pony mare was born in British Columbia, Canada. After her first three years under the "Red Maple Leaf" she immigrated to the United States to start her career as a dressage pony. Ever since, not a day passes by where she doesn't try to push her rider's limits in the arena. At the barn she is a sweetheart and has her heart set on turnout and treats. When her rider calls her name down the alley she always whinnies. She loves shows, moves like one of those big warmbloods in the show ring and enjoys all the extra attention. She is a special pony with a mind of her own!

**EMMA PATTERSON // 15 // HOUSTON, TX**  
 Wynshire's Valiant // 14-year-old Welsh Cob gelding // Emma Patterson

Emma started riding in dressage schooling shows when she was 10-years-old. Her first dressage pony was a 12-hand Welsh Pony named Blue Sprinkle. After many fun years of riding him, Emma received her current dressage pony, Wynshire's Valiant, two years ago. Emma trains with Nikki Taylor Smith in Fulshear, TX at her family's farm and is a member of the Houston Dressage Society. The highlight of Emma's dressage career thus far has been winning the 13 and Under Dressage USEF Dressage Seat Medal Final in 2012 while riding her pony "Vali". This year, Emma came in fourth in the 14-18 USEF Dressage Seat Medal Final. Emma is very pleased to be able to participate in the USEF Pony Rider National Championship and help promote pony dressage.



**ALISON REDSTON // 14 // NEEDHAM, MA**

Tony 47 // 13-year-old German Riding Pony gelding // Alison Redston

Ali has been riding at Sage Farm in Dover, MA since the age of five. She has spent several years working with neglected ponies and has helped them rebuild their trust in rider relationships. She has a strong passion for dressage, and in December 2011, became the proud owner of a German Riding Pony, Tony 47. Ali and Tony are a great pair, taking dressage very seriously, and challenging each other for their best performance. They have been active with Dressage4Kids and the Emerging Dressage Athletes Program, and participated in the Children of the Americas Dressage Invitational in 2012. Ali has the privilege to train with Angela Rice and former Olympian Dottie Morkis. Ali is a rising freshman at Needham High School, an honor student and an accomplished jazz saxophonist. Ali is proud to represent Region 8, and would like to thank her family and trainers, as well as Brian Russell and the rest of her Sage Farm supporters.

**ASIA ONDAATJE RUPERT // 13 // GREENWICH, CT**

Otino // 15-year-old New Forest gelding // Asia Ondaatje Rupert

USDF Bronze medalist Asia has been training with Mica Mabragana in Bedford, NY, since 2011. This past winter, Asia and her German-born, New Forest Pony, Otinio, trained at Stillpoint Farm in Wellington, FL before moving to Lendon Gray's Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive Training program at Hampton Green Farm for the month of March. Asia is an honors student in seventh grade at Greenwich Academy. When she is not riding she enjoys playing lacrosse, field hockey and the saxophone.



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# AGCO/USEF JUNIOR DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The National Championship for FEI Juniors is open to riders between the ages of 14 and 18. Athletes and horses will compete in two tests, the FEI Junior Team Test and the FEI Junior Individual Test, with each counting towards 50% of the overall results.



**KALIE BECKERS // 18 // INDEPENDENCE, LA**  
Carush // 10-year-old Swedish Warmblood stallion // Kalie Beckers

Kalie attends Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA. She is an honor roll student and is majoring in Biology. She shows poultry in 4-H and in 2012 was the overall showmanship Champion of the 4-H district livestock show. Kalie has earned her USDF Bronze and Silver medals, and is working toward her Gold. In 2011, Kalie won SW Dressage Training Level, First Level, Pony Open, and Jr/YR Championship titles, as well as the Region 9 Junior Rider Prix St Georges Championship and Junior Rider Training Level Championship. She was also the UDSF All-Breed APHA First Level Champion and KWPN Training Level Champion. In 2012, she was member of the Region 9 Bronze medal winning Junior team at the NAJYRC. She also had a top ten finish at the USEF Festival of Champions, and a top five finish at the USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals. This year at the NAJYRC, Kalie again represented Region 9 on the Junior team, where she finished 13th overall individually.

**ANNA CAMPBELL // 17 // WYLIE, TX**  
Mai // 12-year-old Danish Warmblood mare // Anna Campbell

In 2010, Anna was the USEF Dressage Seat Medal Final Champion in the 13 and under division. In 2011, Anna and Mai represented Region 9 on the Junior rider team at the NAJYRC, and also earned an invitation to the USEF National Junior Dressage Championships. Anna, while paired with Rachel Campbell's Wandango, earned her second invitation to the USEF National Junior Dressage Championships in 2012. Later that summer, Anna and Wandango competed at the NAJYRC and earned a Team Bronze medal. Also in 2012, Anna and Mai were the USDF regional Champions at Prix St. Georges in the Junior division. Anna is a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist and a Bronze Freestyle Bar recipient.



**GIULIA COHEN // 17 // HUDSON, NY**

Lassarre // 11-year-old Danish Warmblood gelding // Giulia Cohen

Giulia attends The Calhoun School in New York City. In 2012 and 2013, she competed at NAJYRC on the Region 8 Junior Team. Also in 2012, she earned her USDF Bronze medal. Giulia currently trains with Emily Wyman in Hudson, NY and previously trained with Jane Rodd. This past summer and years before, she was a working student at Cricket Hill Academy in Ancramdale, NY. Other than riding, Giulia enjoys skiing, photography, and volleyball.

**HOPE COOPER // 17 // CONCORD, MA**

Don Diamond // 8-year-old Oldenburg gelding // Jane Karol

Hope works intensively with Lendon Grey and Jane Karol. Hope and Diamond have been together for six months. They have had a successful summer competing in the Juniors and qualified for the number one spot on the Region 8 NAJYRC team. The pair placed eighth in the freestyle at NAJYRC. They are currently ranked second in the country with an average of 68.21%. In August Hope and Diamond attended Lendon Grey and Courtney King Dye's EDAP clinic at Hassler Dressage at Riveredge. They learned so much from that experience and it further developed their bond. Hope and Diamond are best friends and do everything together. They are both extremely excited to compete in the Festival of Champions.

**BARBARA DAVIS // 15 // BEDMINSTER, NJ**

Rotano // 12-year-old Hanoverian gelding // Michael and Sarah Davis

Bebe has been riding since the age of four. For the past three years she has been trained full time by Dr. Cesar Parra and Katie Riley of Performance Farms. Bebe is currently entering her sophomore year at the Palm Beach International Academy in Wellington, FL. Bebe found recent success in the FEI Pony division in 2011, when she was the USEF Pony Rider Reserve National Champion aboard Bohdjan. In 2012, she was the National Champion aboard Poldy 10, and the Reserve National Champion aboard Bohdjan. In early 2013 Bebe began to make the transition from ponies to the Junior ranks with Rotano. Bebe successfully competed Rotano at the Global Dressage Festival this winter. She won the Florida Youth Dressage Championships in the FEI Junior division, as well as in the FEI Pony division. She was also victorious at the Nations Cup CDI in April 2013. Bebe and Rotano made their NAJYRC debut this summer, bringing home the Bronze Junior Freestyle medal. In her free time, Bebe enjoys volunteering at Mane Stream and is an active member of JustWorld International.

**LINDSEY HOLLEGER // 17 // WHIGHAM, GA**

Friedensfürst // 11-year-old Trakehner gelding // Lindsey Holleger

Lindsey has been riding since the age of 18 months. In 2009, she began her journey on her current superstar, Friedensfürst, and the pair have come up the levels together. Lindsey has ridden "Fenway" from Training level all the way up to their first Intermediaire I this past year, earning a score of 68%. The pair has earned many regional titles and this year helped the Region 3 Junior Team capture the Bronze medal at NAJYRC. Lindsey and Friedensfürst went on to secure the Gold Junior Individual title with a 70.9%. She was the only Junior at the NAJYRC to receive three scores above 70% from the judging panel.







**MALLORY KENT // 16 // BIRMINGHAM, AL**  
Okidokie // 17-year-old Royal Dutch Warmblood gelding // Mallory Kent

Mallory is a straight-"A", 10th grade student at Briarwood Christian School. She and her horse, Okidokie, presently train with Wolfgang Scherzer, a certified Bereiter, from Germany. She has participated in clinics with Axel Steiner, Jeremy Steinberg, Conrad Schumacher, and Courtney King Dye, among others. Mallory also trained under Lilo Fore for five weeks last summer. Mallory has been a member of the Region 3 NAJYRC team in 2011, 2012, and 2013, and placed ninth in the Individual and fifth in the Freestyle last year. She has also earned her USDF Bronze and Silver medals and is currently showing Intermediaire I. When Mallory isn't riding, she enjoys running track and placed fifth in the high jump in the Alabama state meet.

**REBEKAH MINGARI // 17 // CRESTWOOD, KY**  
Unico // 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding // Rebekah Mingari

In May of this year, Rebekah graduated from Christian Academy of Louisville, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Latin Club and Varsity Swim Captain for the last two years. This fall she plans to attend the University of Louisville majoring in Equine Business, and minoring in International Business and Latin. With riding lessons beginning when she was eight-years-old, it quickly became the true passion and drive in her life. Six years ago Rebekah began to focus all her attention on dressage with mentor and trainer Angela Jackson, at Rhine River Farm in Henderson, KY. Unico has been Rebekah's partner and best friend for the last several years, in 2012 and 2013 the pair represented Region 2 on the Junior team at the NAJRYC. Rebekah is very blessed to have the love and support of her family, trainer, and friends, who are helping her focus on accomplishing her dreams and goals.



**KEEGAN O'BRIEN // 18 // EAST TROY, WI**  
Donatello // 13-year-old Rheinlander gelding // Lakeview Farm

Keegan is currently a full-time working student for her trainer Amanda Johnson. Keegan and Donatello aka "Niko" have been a team for only about one year. Niko's personality and ability have only recently come to the surface and everyone is excited for the future, including Niko. Keegan has been riding horses since she was five-years-old, and plans to continue training and showing horses, in hopes of someday riding in the Olympic Games. Keegan has earned her USDF Bronze medal and has competed through Fourth Level. In her free time she enjoys going to movies, swimming and spending time with her friends and family.

**CASSIE SCHMIDT // 17 // ALEDO, TX**  
Velasquer // 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding // Leslie Schmidt

Cassie trains with Bre Dorsett. She began riding at age eight, taking combined training and jumping lessons for four years before narrowing her focus to dressage. This is her first year at the Festival of Champions and she will be riding Velasquer, nicknamed Valencio. Valencio was imported from Holland last October and the pair have bonded over the past year. Cassie is a USDF Bronze medalist and she was one of 12 riders invited to attend the Robert Dover Horsemastership Clinic in Wellington, FL last winter. She enjoys playing golf and piano when she is not riding her horses.





**ELIZABETH SCHRAM** // 16 // SAINT PAUL, MN  
Marius // 17-year-old KWPN gelding // Elizabeth Schram

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**KAITLIN BLYTHE** // 21 // ROUGEMONT, NC  
Daverden // 14-year-old Hanoverian gelding // Kaitlin Blythe

Kaitlin is from Rougemont, NC, where her family owns and operates Legend Hill Farm. Currently, she is a working student for JJ Tate of Team Tate Dressage in Wellington, FL, and Chesapeake City, MD. Kaitlin has been riding since she was five, and doing dressage since she was 12. She started her riding career competing in APHA breed shows, and even had the opportunity to compete at the World Championship Paint Horse Show with Willy B Cool in 2006, 2007, and 2009, before deciding to fully dedicate herself to dressage. Since beginning her dressage career, Kaitlin has successfully competed on multiple horses up to the Prix St. Georges level, won multiple Regional Championships, earned a spot on the 2009, 2010, and 2012 Region 1 NAJYRC teams, placed seventh in the USEF Junior National Championship in 2010, and placed ninth in the 2012 USEF Young Rider National Championship. At present, she is actively campaigning her two horses - Daverden, in the Young Rider division, and Willy B Cool, at Third and Fourth Level.

**NICOLE CHIAPPETTI** // 20 // LAKE VILLA, IL  
Pip // 19-year-old American Hanoverian gelding // Amanda Johnson

Nicole and Pip have been a team since the winter of 2012. Nicole is a college student enrolled in the Columbia College online BS degree program. This allows her the freedom to train and show. Pip is owned by Amanda Johnson, Nicole's trainer and mentor for the past four years. Nicole and Pip competed on the Region 2 team at NAJYRC in 2012 and 2013. Pip has helped Nicole achieve her USDF Bronze and Silver medals and they were third in the Adequan All-Breed American Hanoverian category in 2012. This is their first time together at the USEF Festival of Champions. Pip is an amazing horse and it has been a rewarding experience to be able to ride him.





**RACHEL CHOWANEC // 19 // COLUMBIA, CT**  
Embrujado XI // 15-year-old PRE gelding // Lendon Gray

Rachel has been riding since she was about nine months old and could wear a helmet and sit upright. Her first word was “up” as she pointed at the horses. Rachel has shown hunters, jumpers, evented, and done western games, but she has loved dressage since she first began schooling her pony independently. Rachel trained her homebred pony, Hakunamatata, through Fourth level and has placed at the Regional Championships with him through Third level. Currently, she rides, trains, and shows Embrujado XI (a.k.a. Mouse) on loan from Lendon Gray and Hampton Green Farm. In 2011 the pair was the Reserve Champion in the USEF Junior National Championship, and last year they placed fourth in the USEF Young Rider National Championship.

**ALEXA DERR // 18 // REINHOLDS, PA**  
Just Livingston // 11-year-old Hanoverian/Thoroughbred gelding // Caroline Stearns

Alexa's competitive dressage career started in 2012 when she competed in the FEI Junior and Third Level divisions on a mare she was leasing. Alexa and Just Livingston began their journey together in November 2012 and shortly after left to spend the winter in Florida with Lendon Gray. Alexa was one of 15 riders chosen to be a part of Dressage4Kids' Winter Intensive Training Program. While in Florida, Livingston helped teach Alexa the ropes of the upper levels. She earned her scores towards her USDF Silver medal and was named the Florida Youth Championship FEI Young Rider Champion. This pair also represented Region 1 on the Young Rider NAJYRC team this summer.



**JENNIFER FOULON // 19 // POTOMAC, MD**  
Little Granny // 12-year-old Oldenburg mare // Jennifer Foulon

Jennifer and Granny are absolutely thrilled to be here this weekend! In 2012, they were very successful at the FEI Junior level, competing at both the NAJYRC and the Festival of Champions as well as winning the Region 8 FEI Junior Team Test Championship. In 2013, they made the jump to the FEI Young Rider level, where they once again had much success, helping the Region 1 Young Rider team earn fifth place at the NAJYRC. They would not be here today without Chris von Martels, who paired Jennifer and Granny; Equichord Music, who showed them how to use music to improve their partnership; Jeremy Steinberg, who encouraged them to make the jump to the FEI Jr/YR levels; and Jennifer's parents, who have been unwavering in supporting her goals and dreams. Jennifer, a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist, is currently a student at Princeton University. The pair trains with Marcus Orlob of Elite Expression Dressage.

**GRACE GOODBY // 20 // MARBLEHEAD, MA**  
SCHABOS Waitongo // 15-year-old Hanoverian gelding // Grace Goodby

Grace grew up in Oakland, CA and began riding jumpers when she was seven-years-old and started focusing more on dressage at age 12. In 2011, Grace took a year off after high school in order to train with and work for Günter Zach in Graz, Austria and while in Europe, had the opportunity to compete in national and international shows before returning to the U.S. It was in October 2011 in Austria that Grace began working with her horse, SCHABOS Waitongo, and they were an immediate match. The pair finished fifth at the 2012 Festival of Champions and attended the 2013 NAJYRC on the Region 8 Young Rider team after an extremely successful qualifying season in New England. In 2012, Grace and Waitongo moved to Boston where she is now a sophomore at Harvard University studying economics and psychology and maintains an intense training schedule with Waitongo at Cutler Farm in Medfield, MA.







**ROSEMARY JULIAN-SIMOES // 17 // BARRINGTON HILLS, IL**  
**Proteus // 9-year-old Danish Warmblood // Julie Julian**

Rosie is a senior at Barrington High School in Illinois, where she is a member of the National Honors Society, maintains a 4.0, and enjoys participating in UNICEF and tutoring students in Spanish. She has been riding since a very young age, under the watchful eye of her mother and FEI trainer, Julie Julian. Now 17, Rosie has become an active member of the dressage community through volunteering and competing. Rosie is a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist and has won multiple regional championships. In 2011, Rosie competed as a Junior at the NAJYRC and was invited to compete at the USEF Festival of Champions. In 2013, she competed as a Young Rider at the NAJYRC, finishing in the top 15. The last two years Rosie has participated in Lendon Grey's Emerging Dressage Athlete Program and has ridden in the Robert Dover Horsemastership Clinic and the Courtney King-Dye Horsemanship Clinic. Her current mount, Proteus, has been with Rosie and her mother since he was just turning three, giving them time to develop a deep relationship and understanding while training him up the levels.

**KATELYN KOK // 20 // NORTON, MA**  
**Morgan Enshoj // 12-year-old Danish Warmblood gelding // Katelyn Kok**

Katelyn is an Emerging Dressage Athlete rider and USDF Bronze and Silver medalist. She is studying Zoology at the University of New Hampshire and working for Lendon Gray as her assistant. In the past few years, Katelyn and her horse, Morgan Enshoj, have had a successful career in the FEI Junior/Young Rider levels. At the 2011 NAJYRC she helped earn Region 8 a Team Bronze medal and also finished fifth individually. This year they moved up to FEI Young Rider division and once again made the Region 8 team for NAJYRC. With Morgan, and also past horses, Katelyn has collected many wins throughout the New England dressage shows and USDF Regional Championships. She is looking forward to a career in horses that has an emphasis on true horsemanship, continual growth in education and ethics. You can learn more about Katelyn at [KVDressage.com](http://KVDressage.com)



**CLARE KRSKA // 21 // OLATHE, KS**  
**Romincka // 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare // Carol Krska**

Clare is a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist who is currently campaigning her two Dutch Warmblood mares. Her primary mount for the past five years has been Romincka. From 2009-2013, Clare has trained her from Second Level to Intermediaire I. They have represented Region 4 at the NAJYRC three times, bringing home a Team Bronze medal in 2010. Also in 2010, Clare won the USEF Dressage Seat Medal Final in the 14-18-year-old division. Clare hopes to compete Romincka at Grand Prix level in 2014. Clare's newest mare is five year-old D'Amore. Full of talent, Clare hopes to compete her in the FEI Young Horse classes. Long-term goals for D'Amore include the Developing Prix St. Georges division and open international competition. Outside of horses, Clare is a student at University of Kansas majoring in Cell Biology. Upon graduation in fall of 2013, Clare hopes to continue her education at a medical university to specialize in radiology.



**AYDEN UHLIR // 18 // KIRKLAND, WA**  
**Sjapoer // 14-year-old KWPN gelding // Ayden Uhlir**

Ayden is a senior in high school and rides with Jeremy Steinberg and Shauntel Bryant. She moved to Kirkland, WA last fall after a very successful year. In 2012 at NAJYRC Ayden helped her Region 9 Junior team to their first ever medal, a Team Bronze and she additionally won Individual Gold and Freestyle Bronze. She went on to become the 2012 USEF Junior National Champion. She is most proud, however, of being awarded the Dressage Style Award at the NAJYRC and winning the USDF Youth Sportsman of the Year nomination for the USEF Youth Sportsman of the Year. This year Ayden and Sjapoer returned to NAJYRC competing for the Region 6 Young Rider team; the pair brought home a Team Silver and Individual and Freestyle Gold medals. Her horse Sjapoer is by Contango out of Jenna. He was bred and trained for the first 11 years of his life by Anna Maria Von Essen of Holland.





**BENJAMIN WINGER // 18 // MONTGOMERY, TX**  
Ytzen // 14-year-old Friesian gelding // Beth Butler

Ben started riding 15 years ago on Welsh ponies because he wanted to be like his sister, who also rode. He rode various school ponies so he could gain experience riding many different kinds of horses. Ben was showing Welsh ponies in flat, hunter, and western classes until five years ago when he started dressage. He was given the amazing opportunity to ride Nancy Hinz's horse, Madoc Dylan, for a season. Then another great opportunity came his way when one of the clients at Nancy's barn allowed him to ride one of her horses for a season both of these times Ben tried for the NAJYRC team but just missed. He was able to earn his USDF Bronze medal with these two horses. In 2011, Ben made the NAJYRC Region 9 Junior team. About a year ago Ben started riding Ytzen and won the GAIG Fourth Level Championships, and was Reserve Champion in the Prix St. Georges. He also received his USEDf Silver medal on Ytzen this year.

**DEVON WYCOFF // 19 // BOULDER, CO**  
Power Play // 16-year-old Oldenburg gelding // Devon Wycoff

Devon has been riding for 17 years at her parent's barn in Boulder, CO. Devon purchased her partner in crime, Power Play, or "Player," from Jan Ebling in March 2011. Under the guidance of her trainer, Jenny Baldwin, the duo has won Team Silver and Gold medals at NAJYRC, as well as many regional championships and year end awards. Devon says Player, "the ladies man," is treated like a regular horse. "He gets grass turnout every day and is ridden out on the trails as much as possible. I feel it is mentally important for both the horse and rider to get out of the arena every now and then, it keeps us both fresh." When Devon is not riding she is either writing the script for her next film, as she is in her second year as a film studies major at the University of Colorado, or enforcing the law as a Boulder County Sheriff's Office Cadet.



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**KRISTEN BECKER** // 23 // ATHENS, GA  
Ramses // 15-year-old Royal Dutch Warmblood gelding // Kristen Becker

Kristen and Ruben have been a team for eight years from Training Level through Grand Prix. They had very successful years representing Region 2 at NAJYRC, resulting in five Silver medals and a Bronze medal. This will be the third year at the Grand Prix for the pair, as well as the third trip to the Brentina Cup. The pair moved from Chicago, IL to Athens, GA after Gladstone last year and have settled in at Brookwood Equestrian Center.



**CASSANDRA HUMMERT-JOHNSON** // 20 // CLEVELAND, OH  
Plato Carlos // 16-year-old KWPN gelding // Cassandra Hummert-Johnson

Cassandra is a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medalist. She is currently a full time business student and trains with Reese Koffler-Stanfield of Maplecrest Farm in Lexington, KY. Cassandra has been involved with horses her entire life, and began by riding ponies on her family's farm. In 2011 she attended the USEF Festival of Champions, competing in the Junior division with Tizayo. In 2012, Cassandra found a new mount, Plato Carlos. Cassandra competed on the 2012 Region 2 team at the NAYRC where she and Plato helped the team to a fifth place finish. After a successful year at the PSG/I-I level, Cassandra and Plato moved up to the Grand Prix level, and enjoyed many successes during the 2013 Florida season. Cassandra is thankful to have been blessed with such a supportive family, as well as wonderful chances for furthering her dressage education and can't wait to continue on the path towards a high performance career!

**KATIE JOHNSON // 25 // GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO**  
**Amazing // 13-year-old Danish Warmblood // Kylee Lourie**

With her mom, Elizabeth, as a dressage trainer, horses were in Katie's life from the beginning. In 2007 Katie was lucky enough to start in a working student program with Debbie McDonald. In 2008 she earned NAJYRC Team and Individual Gold medals with Millenium, having only ridden the gelding for three months. After aging out of the Young Rider division, she chose to expand her dressage education and spent all of 2010 working at "Gestüt Nymphenburg" with Johanna von Fircks and Oliver Oelrich. During that year Katie gained experience riding and showing many different horses at a various levels. In 2012 Katie moved to Denver, CO to train five Junior and Young Riders and TYL Dressage was created. During 2012 she had one student compete on the Gold medal winning Young Rider team at NAJYRC and one student place third at the USEF Festival of Champions in the Pony Rider division. Katie and Amazing are a new pair that came together in January of this year. In 2012, Amazing took his rider to NAJYRC and earned a Team Gold medal. Katie hopes to compete Amazing in Open Grand Prix next year and to one day represent the US in an international team competition.



**LAUREN KNOPP // 22 // WELLINGTON, FL**  
**Rantaro // 17-year-old Holsteiner gelding // Lauren Knopp**

Lauren is currently a senior studying psychology at Palm Beach Atlantic University. In 2009 she was the USEF Junior National Reserve Champion and was a Team and Individual Silver medalist at NAJYRC. After taking a few years off from showing due to school, she purchased her current mount, Rantaro. After representing Region 3 at NAJYRC as a Young Rider in 2012, she started working with Oded Shimoni. She has since moved up to the Brentina Cup division and this is her first time qualifying for the Brentina Cup.

**GENAY VAUGHN // 19 // ELK GROVE, CA**  
**Donarweiss GGF // 12-year-old Hanoverian stallion // Starr Vaughn Equestrian, Inc**

Genay is a freshmen at UC Davis, and is aspiring to become a small animal veterinarian. Genay acquired her most recent mount, Donarweiss GGF, two years ago. This year the pair graduated from the Young Rider ranks and has had multiple wins in Brentina Cup qualifying classes. In 2012, Genay and Donarweiss were the anchor combination for Team Silver medal winning Region 7 at NAJYRC. This was Genay's second Team Silver at NAJYRC, having represented Region 7 with Waranja in 2010, as well. Genay has competed at these Championships multiple times, both as a Junior and as a Young Rider.



**EMILY WAGNER // 25 // LA CYGNE, KS**  
**Weltdorff // 11 year-old Hanoverian gelding // Emily Wagner**

Emily bought Weltdorff as an unbroken three-year-old in Germany. Together they have progressed through the levels, continuously learning. They were the Region 4 Prix St. Georges and Fourth Level Open Champions in 2010. As a 10-year-old, Weltdorff was seventh at the USEF Developing Horse Grand Prix National Championship. He also helped Emily earn her USDF Gold medal. They are excited to be here at these championships.



## THE DUTTA CORP/USEF INTERMEDIAIRE I DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Athletes and horses will compete in three tests: the FEI Prix St. Georges Test, the FEI Intermediaire I Test and the FEI Intermediaire I Freestyle Test. Placings will be determined by overall average, Prix St. Georges (40%), Intermediaire I (45%) and Intermediaire I Freestyle (15%).



**CLAIRE DARNELL // 27 // GEORGETOWN, TX**  
Calimar // 11-year-old Oldenburg gelding // Claire Darnell

Claire is a USDF Silver and Bronze medalist, and has earned Regional Championship titles through Intermediaire II. Claire has owned Calimar since he was 18 months old. Together, they have competed in the USEF Young Horse Dressage Championships in the 4-, 5-, and 6-year-old divisions as well as the USEF Developing Horse Dressage Championships in both the Prix St. Georges and Grand Prix divisions. In 2011, the pair also competed in the Intermediaire I division at the USEF Festival of Champions/Pan American Games Selection Trials. Claire completed both her undergraduate and graduate studies at Baylor University, receiving her Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing in 2009 and her Masters of Science in Sport Management in 2011. Since graduation, Claire has been riding and training full time in the Austin area.

**SHELLY FRANCIS // 53 // LOXAHATCHEE, FL**  
Danilo // 9-year-old Hanoverian gelding // Patricia Stempel

Shelly has competed at nearly every USEF Dressage Festival of Champions since 1992, many times in the Grand Prix and in the Intermediaire I division as well. She is the resident trainer at Roundabout Farm, owned by Patricia Stempel. Danilo began his international career this March and has since amassed an impressive record both in the US and in Europe. Shelly and Danilo finished in the top three in all of their outings in Florida and then traveled to Europe, competing at the CDIs at Arnhem, Aachen, Lingen and Hickstead.





**BRIAN HAFNER // 25 // PENNGROVE, CA**  
 California Chablis // 14-year-old Oldenburg stallion // Julie Anne Young

Brian has been a competitive dressage rider from a very young age. Originally from Minnesota he relocated to San Diego in 2006 with his horse Lombardo with dreams to compete at the NA-JYRC. In 2009 that dream became a reality when he represented Region 7 at the NAJYRC and led his team to a Gold medal, being the top scoring combination of the day. Lombardo and Brian went on to win the Individual Bronze and Freestyle Silver medals. Since then Brian and Lombardo have won the Champion title in the USEF Brentina Cup "Young Adult" National Championship and now compete at the international grand prix level. Brian has earned his USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals. Brian recently acquired the ride on California Chablis, a horse that previously competed extensively in the hunter and jumper rings. The pair competed in their first CDI in June, winning both small tour classes at the Golden State Dressage Classic.

**JUSTIN HARDIN // 34 // LONG VALLEY, NJ**  
 Wyatt Star // 10-year-old KWPN gelding // Judith Cardella

Justin and Wyatt Star began competing at the international level in late 2012 and have rarely been out of the top placings. The pair was part of the Silver medal winning US team at the CDIO3\* Wellington in April. Justin is an assistant trainer at Michael Barisone's farm in Long Valley, NJ and Wellington, FL.



**KIM HERSLOW // 42 // CITY, STATE**  
 Rosmarin // 8-year-old Hanoverian gelding // Kiroli Enterprises Inc.

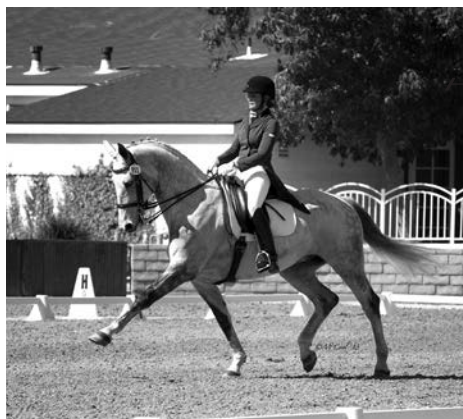
Kim, a USDF Silver medalist, has been riding since she was nine-years-old and competed extensively in the hunter/jumper arenas before dressage became her main focus. A graduate from Delaware Valley College with a degree in Equine Sciences, Kim continued her education by training with noted professionals such as Lars Petersen, Robert Dover, Guenter Seidel, Debbie McDonald, Scott Hassler, and Ann Gribbons. Kim's ability to spot raw talent is clearly evident by her current mount, Rosmarin, aka Reno (Rosen-tanz/Weltmeyer) that she imported from Germany in 2008 as a three-year-old. This partnership has earned many blue ribbons for Kim and Upper Creek Farm, from Regional Championships and CDI3\* competitions to Team Gold at the 2013 CDIO Nation's Cup this past April in Wellington, FL. Currently, she is participating in the USEF's Developing Horse Program with Reno and this pair will continue their Grand Prix training this winter in Wellington with trainer, Lars Petersen. During the off season Kim maintains a busy schedule with her clients at her Upper Creek Farm training facility in New Jersey.

**JAMI KMENT // 36 // PALMYRA, NE**  
 Zania // 9-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare // Jami Kment

Jami and Zania have been a team since Zania was three-year-old and the pair has risen to the top in competition together, having placed in the top five every year in USDF year end awards. This spring started Zania's CDI's career where she rose to the top in both competitions. Jami teaches and trains out of Providence Farm in Palmyra, NE and is a USDF Gold, Silver and Bronze medalist. She is a mother of three fantastic kids, and a wife to the world's best husband.







**SARAH LOCKMAN // 25 // RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA**  
Vinterpol // 11-year-old KWPN stallion // Pamela Munson

Sarah began riding before she could walk, entering her first competition in her Nevada home state at the age of three; she feels right at home in the show ring. With limited funding, riding retired off-the-track Thoroughbreds kept Sarah in the saddle. With hard work and lot of gumption, she competed in three-day eventing through the Intermediate and CCI\*\* level. In 2004 Sarah moved to California and found that the strength, rhythm and cadence of dressage was her calling. She also found that the challenge of developing young horses to the FEI levels very rewarding. Sarah opened Sarah Lockman Dressage at Shadow Ridge Equestrian Center in Highland, CA in 2011. Sarah's current small tour partner, Vinterpol, was bred by Natalie Bryant with DG Bar Ranch. He is the offspring of 00 Seven and Muziek by Uniform. The dapple gray was first spied by owner, Pamela Munson of Burbank, CA, when he was just three. Vinterpol has been trained by Sarah since he was four, progressing successfully through the ranks and achieving various championships.

**CAROLINE ROFFMAN // 25 // WELLINGTON, FL**  
Her Highness O // Age & Breed // Caroline Roffman

Named the 2010 FEI Rising Star, Caroline has multiple USEF National and Reserve National Champion titles to her name. In 2011, Caroline earned the Reserve Champion titles in the Markel/USEF Young Horse (5-year-old) Dressage National Championship with San City and in the USEF Developing Horse Dressage National Championship with Pie, and tied for Champion in the Markel/USEF Young Horse (6-year-old) Dressage National Championship on Bon Chance (who had earned the Championship title in 2010). Caroline then traveled to Gladstone with Beemer and won the USEF Young Adult "Brentina Cup" Dressage National Championship. In 2012 Caroline returned to the USEF National Championships, this time winning the Intermediaire I division with Pie. Her Highness O, known as Hannah, spent the majority of her life as a broodmare before being purchased by Caroline in early 2012. The pair earned the 2012 National Champion title in the USEF Developing Horse Prix St. Georges National Championship and won in their first CDI outing in January of this year. After a very successful season in Florida the pair traveled to Europe where they were Reserve Champions at the CDI3\* Compiègne and seventh in the CDI4\* Aachen Prix St. Georges.



**JESSICA JO TATE // 35 // WELLINGTON, FL**  
Faberge // 10-year-old Westphalian gelding // Elizabeth Guarisco

JJ started riding at the age of seven, and by 16 she had earned her USDF Bronze and Silver medals. When JJ was 18, she moved to Budapest, Hungary for almost three years with two horses to train with Gyula Dallos, Hungary's World Cup and Olympic rider. JJ is a graduate of the USEF Young Riders program, competing on three different horses and leading Region 2 to a Team Silver medal at the NAJYRC in 1999. JJ earned her USDF Gold medal at age 21 and has since competed 19 horses at the FEI level, four of which were at the Grand Prix. JJ is most proud of her accomplishment of competing internationally and representing the US in Verden, Germany at the FEI World Breeding Championships for Dressage Young Horses with her horse, Donnermuth in 2007; where she was the top placing American rider. Team Tate Dressage is based at Riveredge West in Chesapeake City, MD during the summer months, she spends the winters at Yellowbird Farm in Wellington, FL. JJ would like to thank Elizabeth Guarisco, her sponsor and owner of Faberge.

**EMILY WAGNER // 25 // LACYGNE, KS**  
WakeUp // /8-year-old AWR stallion // Emily Wagner

WakeUp is by Wagnis (Weltmeyer) out of Maiden Montreal (Macho). He was born and bred in Kansas by Bev McLean Tetrick and he and Emily have been a team since the start. As a five-year-old, WakeUp represented the U.S. in the FEI World Breeding Championships in Aachen, Germany. In 2011 he was the Markel/USEF Young Horse (six-year-old) National Champion; in 2012 he was the Markel/USEF Developing Horse Prix St. Georges Reserve National Champion and this August he was the Markel/USEF Developing Horse Prix St. Georges National Champion. WakeUp is approved for breeding with the AWR, RPSI and ISR/OLD registries and has his first foals beginning to show. After graduating from the University of Kansas in 2011, Emily now trains with her mother, Jana, at Wally Woo Farm in LaCygne, KS.





**GEORGE WILLIAMS // 58 // WELLINGTON, FL**  
 Cleopatra // 11-year-old Oldenburg mare // Elizabeth Juliano

George has successfully trained and competed several horses for Betsy Juliano and her Havensafe Farm of Middlefield, OH and Wellington, FL. He started competing Cleopatra in 2009 at Second Level and they have consistently placed well as she has moved through the levels. This year they had a good Florida season, highlighted by their win in both the Prix St. Georges and Intermediaire I in February at the West Palm Beach CDI3\*. George may be best known for his partnership with Joann and Chuck Smith's grand prix mare, Rocher. Their successes include: three-time Dressage at Devon Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle Champion, 2005 USEF/Collecting Gaits Grand Prix National Champion, team bronze at CHIO Aachen, fifth at the 2003 World Cup in Sweden, USDF Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle Horse of the Year as well as being named Dressage Horse of the Year by the Chronicle of the Horse. George is currently active as the President of USDF, a member of the USEF Dressage Committee, Chair of the USEF High Performance Eligible Athlete Committee, and is a member of the USEF High Performance Dressage Committee. In addition he continues to teach and coach with Williams Dressage LLC.



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**SHELLY FRANCIS // 53 // LOXAHATCHEE, FL**  
Doktor // 10-year-old Oldenburg gelding // Patricia Stempel

Shelly has competed at nearly every USEF Dressage Festival of Champions since 1992, many times in the Grand Prix and in the Intermediaire I division as well. She is the resident trainer at Roundabout Farm, owned by Patricia Stempel. She has been training Doktor, a gelding by Diamond Hit and owned by Stempel, for three years. It has been a challenge to work through his fear issues, but he has been gaining confidence steadily. Doktor moved up to the grand prix after last year's USEF Intermediaire I National Championship. After multiple top placings over the winter in Florida, Shelly and Doktor travelled to Europe where they were part of the Bronze medal winning US team at the CHIO Aachen.

**BRIAN HAFNER // 25 // PENNGROVE, CA**  
Lombardo LHF // 14-year-old Hanoverian gelding // Brian & Rebecca Hafner

Brian has been a competitive dressage rider from a very young age. Originally from Minnesota, he relocated to San Diego in 2006 with his horse, Lombardo, with dreams to compete at the NAJYRC. In 2009 that dream became a reality, when he represented Region 7 at the NAJYRC and led his team to a Gold medal, being the top scoring horse and rider combo of the day. Lombardo and Brian went on to win the Individual Bronze and Freestyle Silver medals. Since then Brian and Lombardo have been moving up the levels, last year the pair earned the National Champion title in the USEF Brentina Cup "Young Adult" National Championship. Brian has trained Lombardo up to Grand Prix from a four-year-old and has earned his USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals.



**JIM KOFORD // 51 // LEXINGTON, KY****Rhett // 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding // Shirley McQuillan**

Jim will be riding Rhett, who was bred by his owner, Shirley McQuillan of Versailles, KY. In 2008, Rhett finished seventh in the USEF Developing Horse National Championship and was the highest-placed U.S.-bred horse. In 2009, Jim and Rhett were awarded the Anne Barlow Ramsay grant from The Dressage Foundation to train and compete in Germany. They trained with Michael Klimke and competed in the small tour at national shows in Germany. In 2010, the pair again travelled to Germany to train and show. Rhett successfully competed in the Medien Cup classes for young grand prix horses and in open grand prix classes at national shows. In 2011, they debuted at the CDI grand prix level. They enjoyed a successful season in Wellington, capped off with a win in the Champions Cup Grand Prix. The pair has continued to grow in 2012 and 2013, garnering a successful seasons in Florida, placing in the top ten in nearly every outing. Rhett has a huge personality and is the resident escape artist. He can find a way out from virtually any stall. Jim is hoping that he will demonstrate his considerable skill in the ring and leave his talent for escape in check.

**SHARON MCCUSKER // 51 // CITY, STATE****Wrigley // 10-year-old Dutch gelding // Sharon McCusker**

Sharon has been an active FEI trainer and competitor for over 20 years. She owns and operates Souhegan Farm, a dressage training facility in Ashby, MA. She has trained with many of the top European and US trainers throughout her career and has trained several horses up to Grand Prix. In 2010 she was long listed for the FEI World Equestrian Games with her horse, Juli Sherif. Currently Sharon is campaigning Wrigley, which she has owned for four years. Wrigley has had a very successful dressage career and has won at every level from First through Grand Prix with scores over 70%. In 2011 Wrigley was third in the USEF Developing Horse Prix St Georges National Championship, and won the NEDA Fall CDI Prix St. Georges with 70%. In 2012, he was undefeated in all Young Horse Grand Prix classes and was put on the USEF elite training list. In 2013, Sharon and Wrigley were awarded the USDF Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize. This season at Grand Prix, Wrigley won the Allentown CDI and was the highest placed US horse at the HITS CDI in August. Sharon and Wrigley are currently training at Pineland Farm Equestrian Center in Maine with Michael Poulin.

**CESAR PARRA // 50 // WHITEHOUSE STATION, NJ****Van the Man // 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding // Michael & Sarah Davis**

Cesar has competed at world-class competitions all over the world, including the Olympics, World Championships, and the FEI World Cup Final. Riding for his native Colombia, Cesar achieved top acclaim for his country. In 1999, Cesar led Colombia to a historic Team Silver medal at the Pan American Games. In 2000, Cesar moved with his family to the U.S., where he immediately continued his success. In 2009, Cesar fulfilled his dream and began competing for the U.S. He was thrilled to be the winner of the 2010 USEF Intermediaire I National Championships riding Oylmpia. In 2011, he returned to the USEF Dressage Festival of Champions and collected third place in the USEF Intermediaire I National Championship with Grandioso. Parra and Grandioso finished out the year earning a Team Gold medal as part of the U.S. team at the 2011 Pan American Games. Cesar has qualified and competed in two FEI World Equestrian Games, finished fourth individually in the 2003 Pan American Games and went on to the 2004 Athens Olympics and the 2005 FEI World Cup Finals. Van the Man was purchased and imported from Germany in late 2011 by Cesar's sponsors, Michael and Sarah Davis. In 2012, Cesar qualified for the Olympic Games Selection Trials with Van the Man. Later in the year, he won Reserve National Champion at the Markel/USEF Young Horse Championships in the 6-year-old division with Simply Nymphenburg and then followed up by winning the 6-year-old championship at Dressage at Devon. A New Jersey local, Cesar owns and operates Piaffe Performance Farm.





**STEFFEN PETERS // 49 // SAN DIEGO, CA**  
 Legolas 92 // 11-year-old Westphalian gelding // Four Winds Farm

Born in Germany, Steffen Peters has been in the U.S. since 1985 and became a U.S. citizen in 1992. In 1996, Peters captured his first Olympic medal, a Team Bronze, at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games aboard Udon. Ten years later Peters earned his first FEI World Equestrian Games medal, winning team Bronze with Floriano. Legolas 92 was purchased by Akiko Yamazaki/Four Winds Farm LLC in late 2011. Trained to the grand prix level by previous owner, Ulrich Kasselmann (GER), Legolas has shown great potential to be Peters next international superstar, having won nearly every outing in the US since his arrival and was a part of the Bronze medal winning US team at this summer's CHIO Aachen. Peters is best known for his successes with Ravel, who has amassed a remarkable record. The pairs accomplishments include a fourth place finish at the 2008 Olympic Games in Hong Kong, four consecutive victories in the grand prix at the World Dressage Masters in Wellington, FL; sweeps at the 2009 Rolex FEI World Cup Finals and CDIO Aachen, as well as Bronze medals in the Grand Prix Special and Freestyle at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. In the fall of 2011, Steffen partnered with Weltino's Magic to represent the U.S. at the 2011 Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. The pair performed beautifully, bringing home Team and Individual Gold medals for the U.S. Peters and his wife, Shannon, operate Arroyo Del Mar, a busy training facility in the San Diego area.

**KATHLEEN RAINE // 48 // MURRIETA, CA**  
 Breanna // 13-year-old Hanoverian mare // Jennifer Mason, Kathleen Raine & David Wightman

Kathleen began her riding career as an eventer in her local Pony Club, earning the elite A level. She discovered dressage when, in an effort to improve her dressage scores in three-day eventing, she became a working student with dressage Olympian Hilda Gurney and has never looked back. Kathleen has represented the U.S. in international competitions many times, competed in the sport's most prestigious events, and won numerous championships at all levels. In 1994, Kathleen and Avontuur were members of the U.S. Bronze medal winning team at the FEI World Equestrian Games, were the U.S. League Final Champions and attended the FEI World Cup Final, placing fifth. Kathleen also was an alternate for the U.S. Dressage Team at both the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games. In 2006, Kathleen and Breanna, won the six-year-old division at the Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Western Selection Trials for the FEI World Breeding Championships. In January 2011, Breanna made her first grand prix appearances at Dressage Getaway, winning in two classes. This summer the pair competed in Europe, placing third in the Grand Prix Special at the CDI4\* Lingen, and going on to earn a Team Silver medal at the CDIO3\* Hickstead where they also placed third in the Grand Prix Freestyle. An accomplished trainer, Kathleen also is in demand for clinics all over the U.S. Her students have won numerous championships at every level and some have gone on to start their own training businesses. Kathleen and her husband, David Wightman, own and operate Adventure Farms Training Facility in Murrieta, CA.



**GUENTER SEIDEL // 53 // CARDIFF, CA**  
 Coral Reef Wylea // 13-year-old Westphalian mare // Coral Reef Ranch

Guenter Seidel is a native of Germany who moved to the U.S. in 1985 and has contributed greatly to U.S. Dressage. Seidel aided the U.S. in winning the Team Bronze medal at three consecutive Olympic Games with three different horses: at the 1996 Atlanta Games with Graf George; the 2000 Sydney Games with Foltair and the 2004 Athens Games with Aragon. He was also on the Silver medal team at the 2002 FEI World Equestrian Games with Nikolaus, and the Bronze medal team at the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games squad on Aragon. After multiple years of success at the grand prix level with U II, Guenter has found a new partner in Coral Reef Wylea. Guenter and Wylea traveled to Europe this summer, taking Reserve Champion honors in the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special at the Lingen CDI4\*. They wrapped up the tour at the CDIO3\* Hickstead as part of the Silver medal winning U.S. team. The pair took third in the Grand Prix on a 73.043%, just behind famed British dressage horses Valegro and Uthopia. Guenter is very active in the dressage community training and giving clinics across the country. He also serves on the USEF Eligible Athlete Committee.



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