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Local Artist Creates Dressage at Devon 2014 Poster Artwork

Devon, PA (September 4, 2014) – Dressage at Devon has selected local artist, Phoebe Darlington, to create artwork for the 2014 show poster. Self taught, Darlington has been creating portraits in pencil for more than 20 years.

Inspiration for the Dressage at Devon 2014 poster artwork came from a photograph taken by Hoof Print Images. The scene features the committee stand in the background, and the rider and horse in the foreground having just received their award. Eyes focus on the rider's raised glove and the horse's proud expression while a ghosting effect created in the background appears like a watercolor. "Both horse and rider are such champions. I hope the viewer feels the excitement in the moment," describes Darlington.

Using graphite pencils and fine cotton paper, Darlington crafts her subject by working from photographs and creating a painterly style with hues ranging from hard silver leads to very soft dark black leads. Endeavoring to capture the mood and personalities of each subject, Darlington produces sensitive and unique works of art. "I like my pencil to look like a black and white image of a painting rather than of something airbrushed," explains Darlington.

Growing up in Berwyn, PA and going to the Devon Horse Show, Darlington is a long-time horse enthusiast. "I have loved horses since I was a little girl and rode in my teens," says Darlington. Additionally, her niece, Cara Klothe, is a dressage rider at Dressage at Devon and trainer for Rolling Stone Farm in Slatington, PA. "I started drawing horses in 2012 when I decided I wanted a collection of them for myself," says Darlington.

A large, private collection of Darlington's work is in Dublin, Ireland. Local corporate portraits of Darlington's can be found at Bentley Systems in Exton, PA, and CTDI in West Chester, PA.

The 2014 Dressage at Devon show will take place September 23 through September 28 at the Devon Horse Show in Devon, PA. For more information, please visit www.dressageatdevon.org.

To see more of Darlington's work, or to contact her directly for more information, please visit www.phoebedarlington.com.

About Dressage at Devon

Dressage at Devon, the largest CDI show in the US and the largest open breed show in the world, 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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