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Dressage at Devon: What's Up for 2016

Devon, PA (June 29, 2016) – Dressage at Devon 2016 will take place from September 27th through October 2 at the Devon Horse Show Grounds in Devon PA. In addition to fine equine performances, the show offers some of the best food in the horse show circuit plus 90 vendors offering everything from clothing and jewelry to art and ceramics for equestrians and non-equestrians alike.

Here are just a few of the highlights of 2016.

Entries Now Open

Entries are now for both the breed and performance division. Please visit www.dressageatdevon.org and click on competitors. The prize list is also available online at <http://dressageatdevon.org/pdf/DADPrizeList.pdf>.

New Breed Class

Melanie Sloyer, Chair of the Breed Division announced that a Materiale championship will be held during the Finals. It will feature a 3-year-old and a 4-5-year-old class with combined genders. To qualify, the horse must earn

one score of 72% or better at a licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) or dressage competition.

Dressage Explorers

Building on the success of the Dressage Explorer's program last year, this year will feature new and expanded activities for young horse lovers. In addition to a meet and greet with the Temple Lipizzans, a selfie-scavenger hunt (take your picture with the found item), and, of course, the stick horse class – with the opportunity for “riders” to decorate your own!

USDF Youth Sport Horse Handler Symposium

DAD will again partner with the United States Dressage Foundation (USDF) in a new sport horse seminar created to familiarize the younger generation with the dressage sport horse industry. The seminar will be held over two days, September 26-27 at Dressage at Devon, and will consist of classroom and practical handling sessions, along with the opportunity to observe competition classes and practice judging.

The seminar is limited to twelve participants and participation is limited to USDF members between the ages of 14 and 23. Participants may bring a horse for the handling portion of this seminar. For those who are not able to bring a horse, one will be provided. Participants may also wish to enter the Handlers Class that will be held during the Dressage at Devon Sport Horse Competition. Information regarding this class can be found on the Dressage at Devon website (www.dressageatdevon.org).

For more information on the USDF Youth Dressage Sport Horse Breeder/Handler Seminar, or to access an application, please visit the USDF website at www.usdf.org, or contact the USDF Sport Horse Committee liaison at sporthorse@usdf.org. For a schedule, visit <http://www.usdf.org/education/other-programs/sport-horse-seminars/YouthHandlerSeminar/Schedule.pdf>.

Become a Part of DAD

It is not uncommon for volunteers to come year after year to enjoy the show and the camaraderie. But more hands are always better. To volunteer for one

or multiple shifts, sign up at

http://dressageatdevon.org/index.php/volunteers/volunteer-application?utm_source=Dressage+at+Devon+Newsletter+-+8%2F28%2F15&utm_campaign=August+2015+Newsletter&utm_medium=email.

Or, if you have questions, email Penny@thehorsewriter.com.

About Dressage at Devon

Dressage at Devon (www.dressageatdevon.org) has been a premier North American Equestrian event since its founding in 1975. 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 riders 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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