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Olympic horse Mount St John Freestyle was discovered at the foal auction in Verden

50th Elite Foal and Broodmare Auction

Verden. On Friday, August 9, the 50th Elite Foal and Broodmare Auction of the Hannoveraner Verband will take place as an OnLive Auction in the Niedersachsenhalle. The auction will feature 118 foals born on or after April 10. The foals will be presented on the show grounds from 10 a.m., before it's time to say "First, second, third – sold!" in the Niedersachsenhalle from 3 p.m. onwards.

Foals arrived in Verden with the first Elite Foal Auction in 1975. This established itself as a permanent fixture every August. Many successful sport horses found their way to their new owners via the foal auction. Currently the most famous Verden auction foal is Mount St John Freestyle by Fidermark/Donnerhall (breeder: Stephan Kurz, Zöbingen), who thrilled spectators at the Olympic Games in Paris as winner of the Grand Prix Special and fifth in the Freestyle with Danish rider Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour. She was discovered by the British stud Mount St John in the Niedersachsenhalle in 2009.

The 50th Elite Foal and Broodmare Auction will take place as an OnLive Auction in the Niedersachsenhalle. Customers can place their bids on site or bid for their favourite foal online – all from the comfort of their own home. Breeders, riders and horse lovers from all over the world are invited to purchase the most promising foals of the next generation.

The showcase of breeding with highly interesting fillies and colts by various sires from a wide range of dam lines will be presented for the 50th time this year. The collection is rounded off by broodmares in foal with the best dressage and jumping pedigrees that will make breeders' hearts beat faster. Because breeding and sport are closely linked, the auction is embedded in the Verden Championships, where former Verden auction foals also compete year after year. The selected foals and broodmares will be presented in the outdoor area on Friday, August 9, and auctioned off in the afternoon in the Niedersachsenhalle. Admission is free.

Caption: Discovered at the Elite Foal Auction and successful at the Olympics: Mount St John Freestyle with Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour (Photo: Hannoveraner Verband/Lafrentz)

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