

140th Elite Festival in Verden

With Meet & Greet and Show programme

Verden. With the 140th Elite Auction, an absolute highlight in the auction calendar is coming up on Saturday, October 21. 68 first-class riding horses will be the centre of attention. The collection is completed by 24 foals and 19 two-year-old stallions. The riding horses and foals will be auctioned OnLive in the Niedersachsenhalle and the two-year-old stallions online on Sunday. With “meet & greet” and an exciting show programme, the Niedersachsenhalle will be the meeting place for horse enthusiasts from all over the world from 12 noon onwards. The show programme starts at 2 pm, the auction at 3 pm. The first online bids can be submitted as early as Sunday, 15 October.

The collection of the 140th Elite Auction includes 37 selected dressage horses and 31 show jumpers, which are distinguished by high demands on quality, rideability and temperament. The auction horses have moved into their boxes at the Niedersachsenhalle. They can be inspected in training and tried out by appointment until October 21. At the last moment, it was possible to place a very special horse in the auction showcase: the current Hannoveraner Champion of four-year-old mares and geldings, Silent Wings by Secret/Sandro Hit (breeder and exhibitor: Dr. Cord Gaus, Adelheidsdorf). The black dancer will be auctioned with head number 93 after head number 9.

24 elite foals with the best jumping and dressage pedigrees will come to the OnLive auction on Saturday, October 21, in four groups between the riding horses. The 19 two-

year-old stallions will be auctioned online one day later. The stallions presented themselves in the Niedersachsenhalle from Wednesday, 18 October.

The auction day starts at 12 noon with the presentation of the foals and the two-year-old stallions in the Niedersachsenhalle. At 1 p.m., the Hannoveraner Verband invites its breeders, customers and friends to a breeder's chat in the Forum. At the same time, the exhibition area including meet & greet and catering will open. From 2 p.m. Frederik de Backer and Bernd Hickert will present the show programme. Visitors can look forward to an exciting show block. Among others, the title hero of the Elite Auction, Carismo FRH, will present a freestyle at Grand Prix level with his rider Andrea Timpe, the vaulter and newly crowned German Junior Double Champion, Arne Heers, will show his acrobatics on horseback, and finalists of the World Championships and Bundeschampionate will be put in the spotlight on the catwalk. Of course, the awarding of the Hans Joachim Köhler Prize cannot be missing at such an event. The crowning finale of the show programme will be the horse trainer and show rider Matthes Röckener. He has been inspired by his sister Lisa to free ride. With two and more horsepower, he sets the pace and proves that he can direct his horses from the carriage seat without a harness and lead. Immediately after the auction, the bar in the so-called glass passage awaits visitors to enjoy "After Auction Beer & Cocktails" in a cosy atmosphere.

Further information: www.hannoveraner.com.

BU: Hannoveraner Champion Silent Wings will be the tenth horse to be auctioned. (Photo: Hannoveraner Verband)

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