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Hannover celebrates champion mares

Magnificent start of Verden International

Verden. At the Herwart von der Decken-Show, a splendid vintage 2016 was presented. The circle was closed: Both champion mares found a new owner at a Verden Foal Auction three years ago. Hann.Pr.A. Starena won the oak wreath of the best show jumping mare. With great applause Hann.Pr.A. Flora was celebrated as the best dressage mare. For the first time the Friedrich Jahncke Prize was awarded. This price went to the mare family of St.Pr.St. Beautiful Lady II.

First Lady of the Hanoverian jumping mares was Hann.Pr.A. Starena by Stalypso/Acord II (breeder: Gerd Lücking, Oyten, exhibitor: Hengsthaltung Kemper GmbH, Heiden). The typey bay, who belonged to the lot of the Elite Foal Auction three years ago, impressed with her energetic free jumping and powerful movements. The reserve champion, Hann.Pr.A. Picarda by Perigueux/Contendro (breeder and exhibitor: Diedrich Meyer, Köhlen), was barely inferior to her. She embodied the prototype of the modern show jumper and showed great ability over the jumps. "Congratulations to Hanover's breeders", said the internationally successful show jumping rider Markus Beerbaum, who judged together with board member Jörn Wedermann and breeding manager Ulrich Hahne the show jumping talents. "Today we have seen multi-faceted pedigrees and high jumping ability." A total of 21 mares with the best jumping genes competed, all of them from successful dam lines.

Among the applause of the numerous spectators, the champion dressage mare was chosen. Hann.Pr.A. Flora by Fürst Belissaro/Don Crusador (breeder: Janina Tamke, Ahlerstedt, exhibitor: Heinz-Walter Pferdmeniges, Jüchen), who belonged to the lot of

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the foals of the elite auction in autumn 2016, moved with unbelievable elasticity and did not only win over the judges due to her wonderful type. "Everything is just right with her," enthused Germany's top dressage rider Matthias Alexander Rath, who completed the commission. "We have seen an excellent final round of the class winners". Second place went to Hann.Pr.A. Bon Bon by Bon Coeur/St. Moritz (breeder: Gerhard Dustmann, Melle, exhibitor: Johannes Westendarp, Wallenhorst). She presented an impressive sequence of movements, paired with a lot of rhythm and great charisma. The 48 dressage mares from dam lines, whose successes in sport fill volumes, were judged in five classes.

The Friedrich Jahncke Prize was awarded for the first time. With this award, named after the honorary chairman of the Hannoveraner Verband, the best mare family of the past show season was honoured. The highest rating of over 40 families presented in the entire breeding area was given to the family of Hann.Pr.St. Beautiful Lady II by Benetton Dream/Royal Highness with her two daughters Hann.Pr.A. Diamond Lady I and II by Dimaggio. The top-class family was shown by their breeder Axel Windeler from Verden-Walle.