

Horses & Dreams meets Russia

17.-21. April 2013 Hagen a.T.W.
HOF KASSELMANN



PRESS RELEASE

HORSES & DREAMS meets Russia

Hof Kasselmann Hagen a.T.W./ GER • 17th – 21st April 2013

A truly fabulous start to the season – participants from all over the world at Horses & Dreams meets Russia

(Hagen a.T.W.) Each year there is a good-humoured “contest“ amongst the organisers at Horses & Dreams – who has the most countries competing: dressage or show-jumping. At the moment it's one all between show-jumping chief Francois Kasselmann and dressage manager Dr. Ulf Möller. Weeks before the start of the CDI4*/CSI4* Horses & Dreams in Hagen a.T.W., from 17th to 21st April, both disciplines could already boast enquiries from 20 different countries. Organiser Ullrich Kasselmann looks upon this undeniably fruitful internal “dual“ with great delight. One week before the World Cup Final in Göteborg, Horses & Dreams meets Russia promises an international start to the outdoor season packed with outstanding names.

This international event at Hof Kasselmann, boasting prize money totalling 335,000 Euros, attracts Olympic, European and World Championship medal winners to the show-jumping and Almased dressage stadiums, cementing its exceptionally strong sporting reputation. The dressage field will be headed by British Team Olympic Champion and individual bronze medal winner Laura Tomlinson. She won these accolades when she was still Laura Bechtolsheimer; the “Amazon“ took the name Tomlinson back at the start of March when she married British polo player Mark Tomlinson in Arosa.

Three German dressage Olympians will be taking their places at Horses & Dreams meets Russia, silver medal-winning team members Kristina Sprehe, Dorothee Schneider and Helen Langehanenberg. In addition, the German colours will also be represented in the Almased Dressage Stadium by five-time Olympic champion Isabell Werth (Rheinberg),

Horses & Dreams meets Russia

17.-21. April 2013 Hagen a.T.W.
HOF KASSELMANN



Team Olympic Champion Nadine Capellmann (Würselen), Christoph Koschel from Hagen a.T.W., who was part of the 2011 European Championship team (silver), and Master Horseman Hubertus Schmidt from Borchten.

The field of participants includes competitors from literally all four corners of the globe, from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Russia, Switzerland, Sweden, Germany and the USA. US rider Steffen Peters will be travelling over from America for the competition. In 2009 he won the World Cup Final and in 2010 he secured bronze at the World Championships. Peters was born in Wesel in the Rheinland and has lived in the USA for decades. His top horse Legolas knows Hof Kasselmann like the back of his hand, having once been a P.S.I. horse.

Show-jumping at Horses & Dreams meets Russia

The CSI in Hagen a.T.W is set to be a real eye-catcher too. The opening leg of the DKB Riders' Tour sparkles with around 210,000 Euros in prize money, 80,000 Euros of which is set aside for the Grand Prix, the first competition in the DKB Riders' Tour.

Amongst the celebrities in the arena will be outstanding rider Marcus Ehning, top French rider Kevin Staut – European Champion in 2009 and silver medal winner with the tricolour team at the 2010 World Championships. Peter Charles will be flying the British flag in the arena – he won Olympic gold with the British team in 2012 and was decorated with an MBE (Member of the British Empire) by the Queen. Show-jumping fans can also look forward to seeing the legendary Whitaker family with John, Michael and Robert, outstanding Swedish rider Henrik von Eckermann and his colleague from the Riesenbeck stables Philipp Weishaupt, who came fourth in the 2012 World Cup. European Championship runner-up Carsten-Otto Nagel from Wedel announced his participation in Hagen a.T.W. especially early.

A formidable contingent of Amazon women will be lining up at Horses & Dreams meets Russia: Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum (Thedinghausen), who has just won the one-million-

Horses & Dreams meets Russia

17.-21. April 2013 Hagen a.T.W.
HOF KASSELMANN



dollar Grand Prix in Thermal, California, is hoping to continue her success at Hof Kasselmann.

Defending her title in the Grand Prix will be Katrin Eckermann from Münster and Luciana Diniz (Portugal) will be defending her DKB Riders' Tour title. The competition is fierce: Team World and European Champion Janne Friederike Meyer (Schenefeld), Clarissa Crotta, 2009 Team European Champion and her compatriot Janika Sprunger, and Belgian Judy-Ann Melchior. And there are two women amongst the five Russian competitors: 41 year-old Natalia Simonia, a show-jumper with European-Championship experience, and Maria Bibikova.

Horses & Dreams meets Russia – a feast for the senses

One thing that makes the equestrian sport festival at Hof Kasselmann so special is the grand lifestyle exhibition in the grounds. Right at its heart, the Russian Village will bring an irresistible flair to proceedings. The village will boast Russian cuisine, art and culture, and incorporate decoration, lifestyle, tradition and folklore. All of this will combine with the exhibition's classic themes of gardening, garden life, fashion and art, as well as antiques and gastronomy. A stroll through the exhibition in the festival grounds is one of the highlights of Horses & Dreams at Hof Kasselmann.

This year's guest country, Russia, will also play its part in the children's zone Kids & Dreams, presented by Kohl Recycling. Russian dolls will feature, as will bungee jumping on a trampoline and the Rummenigge Soccer Park for budding football stars.

Colour and music will fill the festival grounds and will be integrated into the programme. There will be plenty to see and hear at the opening celebration, which traditionally begins with an ecumenical service. The organisers have managed to secure the famed Kremlin Equestrian Riding School, with 14 riders and 15 horses, for the grand show at Horses & Dreams meets Russia.

Horses & Dreams meets Russia

17.-21. April 2013 Hagen a.T.W.
HOF KASSELMANN



Advance ticket sales for Horses & Dreams meets Russia are now available

This international equestrian sport festival from 17th to 21st April is not to be missed.

Advance ticket sales have started already. There are three ways to buy tickets for Horses & Dreams.

From the online box office at www.horsesanddreams.de,

at www.nordwest-ticket.de Tel. +49 421 363636 and

at www.eventim.de Tel. +49 1805 57007;

as well as at all CTS box offices.

Admission is free for children under 12 and a discount is available for young people (12 to 18 years of age).

Results, information and pictures are available at www.horses-and-dreams.de.

Hagen a.T.W on 5th April 2013

Press Contact in general:

Comtainment Gesellschaft für vitale Kommunikation mbH

Roenner Weg 29; D-24223 Raisdorf; www.comtainment.de

Phone: +49 (0)4307-827970; Fax: +49 (0)4307-827979; info@comtainment.de

Regional Press Contact:

Anna Baden, P.S.I.-GmbH – Horses & Dreams Office, Am Borgberg 3, 49170 D-Hagen a.T.W.

Phone: +49 (0)5401 896238 * Fax: +49 (0) 5401 364543 *

e-mail: anna.baden@psi-sporthorses.de