

EQUESTRIAN SPORT PRODUCTIONS HOSTS VIRTUAL OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE



Lucy Deslauriers, Havens Schatt, Steffen Peters, Michael Stone, and Thomas Baur were panelists for the 2021 WEF/AGDF Virtual Opening Press Conference. Photos © Elena Lusenti.

Equestrian Sport Productions (ESP) welcomed media to the first-ever virtual opening press conference for the 2021 show season on Monday, January 4. The press conference was held via Zoom and included panelists representing both the Adequan[®] Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) and the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF).

WEF, held at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC), will offer 13 weeks of top hunter, jumper, and equitation competition, beginning on January 6 and continuing through April 4. Elite dressage competition will take place at Equestrian Village at PBIEC for AGDF, starting on January 13 and running through April 4.

The panel at the opening press conference consisted of ESP President Michael Stone, AGDF Director of Sport Thomas Baur, U.S. Show Jumping Pan American Games team bronze medalist Lucy Deslauriers, U.S. Dressage Olympic team bronze medalist Steffen Peters, and top hunter rider and trainer Havens Schatt.

Although this year will look different due to COVID rules and guidelines, Stone is confident that it will be a successful season of competition. "There will be no spectators at WEF or AGDF this year, which is going to be very different for the competitors because the atmosphere in the past for the night classes was fantastic and unfortunately, we are not going to be able to do that," Stone said. "While we are maintaining no public spectators and limited guests at the facility, we do look forward to hosting all of our usual top sport."

ESP will offer fully-produced live streams for "Saturday Night Lights,"

grand prix classes, and major events free of charge for people watching from home. "We are going to work with Olympic and World Equestrian Games announcer Steven Wilde to make it a full presentation," he said, "with interviews and more to make the live stream fun and interesting to watch."

AGDF is looking forward to opening competition for both national and international dressage riders. The season will showcase two "Friday Night Stars" freestyle events during AGDF 7 and 10, for the Grand Prix Freestyle CDI5* and Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations Cup Grand Prix Freestyle and

Intermediaire-1 Freestyle CDIO3*; the 2021 Lövsta Future Challenge/ Young Horse Grand Prix Series; the Florida International Youth Dressage Championships in AGDF 8; as well as three World Cup Qualifiers. Five-star competition will take place AGDF 7, starting February 24. AGDF 1 will highlight the 2020 Lövsta Future Challenge Finals, which was canceled last March.

Live streaming of major events from AGDF will also be available free of charge for fans.

"The finals of the 2020 Summit Farm Future Challenge/Young Horse Prix St. Georges Series and the Lövsta Future Challenge/Young Horse Grand Prix Series will take place in AGDF 1. Then we start with the 2021 season in AGDF 3, and the final will be in AGDF 12. We have 11 of the 16 qualified in the Prix St. Georges and eight of the 10 qualified in the Grand Prix [returning this year for the Finals], so it looks quite promising," said Baur.

Olympic dressage rider Peters is ready to return to AGDF after a summer of light competition. Peters plans to bring three horses: Suppenkasper, Boreas FRF, and a client's horse.

"Our first CDI will probably be early February, the five-star, maybe another one the middle of February, and then the last one, the CDIO, in early March," Steffen commented of his plan for the season. "The goal is to requalify and hopefully get a spot on the team for the Olympics that hopefully will happen this year."

After a full 2020 winter circuit with Suppenkasper, Peters rested his top horse. "It was, for me, really good

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WELCOME TO THE 2021 ADEQUAN[•] GLOBAL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL!



On behalf of Equestrian Sport Productions and Wellington Equestrian Partners, welcome to the 2021 Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF). We know that this year looks very different than the past nine years of AGDF. We are excited to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival in 2021 and look forward to continuing the circuit's excellence for another 10 years and beyond.

While it is disappointing that the local community and spectators won't be able to attend, we are proud to be able to still safely host one of the world's top equestrian competitions and provide a way for those in the sport to continue their livelihood. With competitors and their families and teams returning to Wellington, AGDF and equestrian sport will continue to have a substantial economic impact on the Village of Wellington and Palm Beach County.

Our team has been working hard in order to make the in-person and virtual experience safe and special for AGDF, whether you are at Equestrian Village at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center or will be joining us remotely. As an industry leader, we brought horse shows back in June at the Equestrian Village facility with comprehensive COVID-19 guidelines, and those competitions paved the way for others to follow around the country.

Knowing that spectators and fans would not be able to attend in person, we worked with the Village of Wellington and the Wellington Chamber of Commerce to offer our live streaming and online production of the shows available for anyone to watch, either at our website at GlobalDressageFestival. com or through the Village's public television station. Through the Chamber, we have teamed up with local restaurants that will show our equestrian events to their patrons, including the major classes at AGDF.

The 2021 season will once again offer lots of competitive highlights. We are pleased to still be able to host three "Friday Night Stars" events - the Para Dressage Freestyle CPEDI3* classes on Saturday, January 30; the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI5* on Friday, February 26; and the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDIO3* on Friday, March 19. With three CDIWs, two four-star shows, the five-star event, and the FEI Nations Cup Series CDIO3*, AGDF offers unparalleled international dressage competition and will be imperative for combinations who need qualifying scores for this year's postponed Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Upcoming horses and riders will have a chance to be featured, with weekly classes in the \$15,000 Lövsta Future Challenge/Young Horse Grand Prix series and \$10,000 Summit Farm Future Challenge/ Young Horse Prix St. Georges series, as well as the Florida International Youth Dressage Championships, held during the Palm Beach Dressage Derby at AGDF 8.

Over at the Winter Equestrian Festival, The Great Charity Challenge (GCC), presented by Fidelity Investments® will be held on February 6 at 7 p.m. In its 12year history, the GCC has raised and distributed \$14.8 million to 256 charities. It is the hallmark and enduring legacy of equestrian sport in Wellington, and we hope you can find a way to help support our local charities that are assisting those who need it most in our community.

Based on a community needs assessment with the county, in partnership with local agencies and in direct response to the unique setting surrounding the pandemic, this year's edition of GCC committed to shifting a majority of its funding priorities towards local non-profits

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AGDF WELCOMES BACK LÖVSTA FUTURE CHALLENGE SERIES

The Adequan[®] Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) is pleased to announce that the \$15,000 Lövsta Future Challenge/Young Horse Grand Prix Series is returning in 2021. The highly successful series debuted in 2020 with 10 gualifying weeks of competition. The Final of the 2020 series, originally scheduled for week 12, will be held during AGDF 1 on Sunday, January 17. The 2021 series begins in AGDF 3, held January 28-31.



Tinne Vilhelmson Silfvén and Antonia Ax:son Johnson. © Roland Thunholm "While we were disappointed to have to cancel the last two weeks of AGDF and postpone the series final, we are eager to host the final as a kick-off to the 2021 AGDF," said AGDF Director of Sport Thomas Baur. "We were thrilled to see how popular it was and that so many riders, trainers, and owners appreciated the opportunity afforded to their up-and-coming grand prix horses."

The \$15,000 Lövsta Future Challenge/Young Horse Grand Prix series idea, originally set up by Tinne Vilhelmson Silfvén and Louise Nathhorst in its home country of Sweden as a talent development program, is for horses age eight to ten years old at the Grand Prix level. They competed in the FEI Intermediate II test, and the qualifiers for the final included:

AGDF 1: Pablo Gomez Molina (ESP) and Ulises De Ymas - 68.383% AGDF 3: Michael Klimke (GER) and Harmony's Diabolo - 73.456% AGDF 5: Susan Dutta (USA) and Don Design DC - 69.411% AGDF 6: Jan Ebeling (USA) and Status Royal OLD - 72.353%

AGDF 7: Diane Creech (CAN) and Dublin L - 69.118%

AGDF 8: Michelle Gibson (USA) and Barland I.M. - 66.618%

AGDF 9: Alice Tarjan (USA) and Donatella M - 74.022%

AGDF 10: Ashley Holzer (USA) and Valentine - 74.044%

Wild Card: Pia Fortmuller (CAN) and Kartsevo Goldfinch - 68.162% Wild Card: Nancy Smith (USA) and Damon's Design HW - 66.102%

"We are absolutely thrilled to have seen such wonderful results throughout this season, with an average percent reaching over 70% for a win in each qualification," said Antonia Ax:son Johnson, owner of Lövsta Stuteri and sponsor of Lövsta Future Challenge. "We are also proud to have connected our passion for the environment and sustainability with the Lövsta Future Challenge Tour. Through a new charitable initiative, we donated \$250USD for every entry in the series to the local charity Friends of Palm Beach, reaching a total amount of \$8,500USD for the 2020 season."

Friends of Palm Beach is a 501(c)3 organization that cleans the beaches of Palm Beach regularly to remove incoming plastics, trash, and unnatural debris and to educate the community on the effects

of this on our environment and marine life. They partner with other non-profit job placement programs to help end the cycle of homelessness while also helping to end the cycle of trash in our ocean. Ax:son Johnson explained, "Lövsta Future Challenge is all about searching for knowledge and reaching for perfection, embracing the joy of partnership between the horse and rider, and leaving a sustainable footprint within the equestrian sport."

She continued, "Seeing such a great outcome of the first season of Lövsta Future Challenge, we are proud to be able to announce that the tour will continue in 2021. As we all know, 2020 was a strange and difficult year. In hard times, hope, inspiration, and support are more important than ever. With that in mind, we feel very strongly about renewing our support to the ADGF and Lövsta Future Challenge, making it possible for the beautiful young Grand Prix horses and their superb teams to prepare themselves for the highest level of international dressage.

"Together with the ADGF, we look forward to a new season filled with new talents and great competitions that will shine a light towards a brighter future. With love for the horse and passion for the sport, we believe that almost anything is possible. From the bottom of our hearts, we hope to see you in Wellington this season," Ax:son Johnson concluded.

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PBIEC UPCOMING EVENTS FOR WEF/AGDF1 AND BEYOND

ADEQUAN[®] GLOBAL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL

The opening week of the Adeguan[®] Global Dressage Festival (AGDF 1) begins on Thursday, January 14, with CDI-W and national competition. Large Tour classes include Thursday's Grand Prix CDI3*, Prix St. Georges CDI3*, and Prix St. Georges CDI1*; Friday's Grand Prix CDI-W, presented by Lövsta and I-1 CDI3*; Saturday's Grand Prix Special CDI3* and Intermediate A CDI3*; and Sunday's Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Lövsta, I-1 Freestyle CDI3*, and I-2 CDI3*. The Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Lövsta will be livestreamed free of charge on Sunday, January 17, on www.GlobalDressageFestival.com. CDI judges for the week include Gabriel Armando (ARG), Janet Foy (USA), Agnieszka Majewskas (POL), Debbie Rodriguez (USA), and Cesar Torrente (COL).

PBIEC EDUCATIONAL SERIES, PRESENTED BY ADEQUAN®

The PBIEC Educational Series, presented by Adequan®, is hosted weekly during the annual Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). The series provides an educational platform for horse enthusiasts to expand their knowledge on a variety of equine- and rider-related topics including management and maintenance, horsemanship and care, emerging technologies and treatment methods available in the equine veterinary industry, and more. Admission is free, and pre-registration is required. Participants will automatically be entered to win a luxury item from Karina Brez Jewelry as the grand prize giveaway. The first session, hosted on Zoom, will be Thursday, January 14, from 6-7 p.m. EST. The topic of "Ouch, My Aching Feet! With podiatrist Dr. Elizabeth Davis," is sponsored by Wellington Regional Medical Center.

WEF 1 LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

WEF 1, which runs January 13-17, will feature live streaming of the main FEI jumper classes from the International Arena free of charge, including the \$6,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Jumpers and \$1,000 Bainbridge 1.40m Jumpers on Wednesday, the \$37,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 1 on Thursday, the \$37,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50 Classic on Friday, the \$137,000 Wellington Regional Medical Center Grand Prix CSI3* on Saturday night at 7 p.m., and the \$30,000 National Grand Prix on Sunday. Visit PBIEC.com, click on the "Video Streaming" tab on the left, and then click on "Live Stream-Featured Classes" to view.



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PLEASE NOTE

General spectators will not be allowed at PBIEC for WEF or AGDF competition. We encourage everyone to view major events online from the comfort of their homes. For those horse show participants and staff that have credentials and are allowed on-site for show purposes, you must have your credential in order to watch the class live and in-person.

Those watching the event live must have a seat. No loitering will be allowed.

WEF 2 JUMPER CLASSES AT EQUESTRIAN VILLAGE

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Saturday, February 6, 2021

~ COVID-19 RELIEF & RECOVERY EDITION ~

Based on a community needs assessment with the county, in partnership with local agencies and in direct response to the unique setting surrounding COVID-19, the event's 12th edition is committed to shifting a majority of its funding priorities towards local non-profits who are directly supporting and assisting the most vulnerable and affected populations in Palm Beach County

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because it was the first time in 26 years that we didn't go to Europe, and enjoyed the heck out of the summer," said Peters.

After Suppenkasper's training resumed in October, Peters competed in California in November and hopes to continue that level into the 2021 winter season.

Show jumping riders will have 12 weeks of FEI competition, including four CSI5* events taking place weeks 5, 7, 9, and 11, WEF 11 will feature the highlight class, the \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI5*. The FEI Nations Cup CSIO4*, presented by Premier Equestrian will take place on Friday evening, March 5, 2021, during WEF 8.

Jumper riders can look forward to more opportunities to show on the Derby Field this season. The \$401,000 Fidelity Investments® Grand Prix CSI5* during Medium, and Large pony divisions. The sixth week will continue to be a WCHR WEF 9 will be held on Sunday, March 14, on the grass Derby Field at Equestrian (World Championship Hunter Rider) qualifying week and highlight the \$50,000 Village along with all other FEI jumper classes, while the other three five-star USHJA/WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular. New this year is grand prix classes will be held under the lights on Saturday evenings on the a second week of WCHR qualifying during WEF 12. main show grounds. "The grass was such a success during the summertime that Well-known hunter rider Schatt is happy to be back competing at PBIEC and we have actually put the WEF 9 five-star show out there on the grass, which has already noticed some of the improvements done to hunter rings for the will be a first," Stone explained. "We also added a grass week for the jumpers 2021 WEF season. during week 2."

Deslauriers is excited to have the opportunity to spend the whole season at WEF while her classes through the University of Pennsylvania are still online. She is aiming to gear up her top horse, Hester, for the four-star and five-star events taking place this season.

"I'm really looking forward to using the time to establish a bit of a routine centered around riding in a way that I haven't ever really been able to do before, so that's super exciting for me," said the 21-year-old Deslauriers of her schedule for the upcoming season. "I feel really fortunate that we all are in an industry that is still running right now, and we are able to do what we love and compete, so that's the basis for what the next few months look like because so much is unknown right now for everyone."

For the 12th year in a row, WEF 4 will showcase the Great Charity Challenge, presented by Fidelity Investments[®]. In the past 11 years, this event has distributed \$14.8 million to 256 Palm Beach County non-profit organizations.

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"We are continuing to host the Great Charity Challenge even though we won't be able to have crowds. It's just such a major fundraiser for the community," Stone said of the relay-style event where riders are put in teams and dress in costume. "There's a huge problem nationwide on food shortages so we are going to concentrate on that area and helping people who are suffering because of COVID. We thought this would not be the year to cancel; this is the year we should double down and raise even more money for people who are less fortunate."

Hunter riders also have several important classes to count on during WEF, including five USHJA International Hunter Derbies, two USHJA National Hunter Derbies, a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby, 12 weeks of USHJA incentive programs for the 3'-3'9" Green Hunters, and 13 weeks of Hunter Classics for the Small,

"One thing is we got new footing in the Grand and the Rost hunter rings and that seems to be amazing," Schatt commented. "They have added a few derbies this year which is great. It's just so nice to be in Florida, the weather [and] the facility is so nice, and you can get into a consistent routine with all of your horses. We have young horses, adult hunters, and derby horses, so there's a path for everybody here."

The team at Equestrian Sport Productions looks forward to welcoming the best in equestrian sport to both the 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival and 2021 Adequan® Global Dressage Festival. For more information and a full schedule of events, please visit www.PBIEC.com and www.GlobalDressageFestival.com.

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who are directly supporting and assisting the most vulnerable and affected populations in Palm Beach County.

While those at the top of the sport are important, we also want to acknowledge all of the exhibitors who compete at every level that join us in Wellington each year. We thank you for joining us after such a challenging 2020 season.

The Winter Equestrian Festival wouldn't be possible without the support and dedication of our First Founding Sponsors, Founding Sponsors, title sponsor Adequan®, and annual sponsors who make AGDF one of the most renowned equestrian competitions in the world. We hope that all of the athletes, sponsors, and partners have a successful, safe, and wonderful show season this year at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center.

Sincerely.

Mark Bellissimo and the Wellington Equestrian Partners: Georgina Bloomberg, David Burton, Jr. and Julie Burton, Marsha Dammerman, Howard Dvorkin and Gwen Dvorkin, S. Craig Lindner and Frances Lindner, Lisa Lourie, Caroline Moran, Justin Sadrian and Lee Kellogg Sadrian, Ludwig Sollak and Carol Sollak, and Kimberly van Kampen.





AGDF WEEKLY SCHEDULE

January 13-17: AGDF 1

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Lövsta Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI3*, presented by Harmony Sporthorses Small Tour CDI3* Small Tour CDI1* 2020 Lövsta Future Challenge/Young Horse Grand Prix Series

Final 2020 Summit Farms Future Challenge/Young Horse Prix St.

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January 27-31: AGDF 3

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI4*, presented by US P.R.E. Association Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI4*, presented by Havensafe Farm Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI3*, presented by Horseware Ireland Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI3*, presented by ProElite Small Tour CDI3* Small Tour CDI1* CPEDI3*, presented by Adequan® and Nutrena Schedule includes National Show

February 10-14: AGDF 5

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI3*, presented by CabanaCoast Small Tour CDI3* Small Tour CDI1* Schedule includes National Show

February 19-21: AGDF 6 National Show

February 24-28: AGDF 7

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI5*, presented by CaptiveOne Advisors Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI5*, presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI3*, presented by Premier Equestrian Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI3*, presented by Hygain Feeds Small Tour CDI3*, presented by Donato Farms Small Tour CDI1* Schedule includes National Show

March 3-7: AGDF 8 - Palm Beach Dressage Derby

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Wellington Agricultural Services Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI 3*, presented by The Dutta Corp. Small Tour CDI 3* Small Tour CDI 1* 2021 Florida International Youth Dressage Championships, supported by Sarah Davis Kessler, Terri Kane, USEF Dressage Owners Task Force, Hampton Green Farm, and Dressage4Kids Schedule includes National Show

March 12-14: AGDF 9 National Show

March 16-21: AGDF 10 - Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations Cup CDIO3* Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI3*, presented by Wellington Regional Medical Center Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI3*, presented by Iron Spring Farm Small Tour CDI3^{*}, presented by Horseware Ireland Small Tour CDI1* CDIO U25, presented by Diamante Farms Schedule includes National Show

March 26-28: AGDF 11 National Show

March 31-April 4: AGDF 12

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI4*, presented by Douglas Elliman Real Estate Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI4*, presented by Adequan[®] Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI3*, presented by Wellington Equestrian Realty Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI3*, presented by Peacock Ridae Small Tour CDI 3* Small Tour CDI 1* Schedule includes National Show

**Tentative schedule, subject to change.