

Ottawa Dressage Festival

Ottawa set to host international equestrian competition

Ottawa, 10 May 2018 - The Ottawa Dressage Festival kicks off Thursday, May 17, and continues through to Sunday, May 20, at beautiful Wesley Clover Parks in the west end of the City. This is an opportunity to see magnificent horses and top riders and para-riders compete for international standing in dressage. The ODF also features amateur classes and special classes for young riders as part of the new Rising Stars Program.

The ODF will welcome over 200 horse and rider entries from the Ottawa area, Toronto, and Quebec, as well as competitors representing the US and Central and South America. Scores and results are determined by an international panel of judges from Great Britain, France, Germany the US and Canada.

Competition will take place in five show rings throughout the weekend. Says show president, Paul Teeple: "Entries are now closed. We've received overwhelming support and interest in this show. We are pleased to offer an annual venue for dressage riders of all levels, and welcome all participants and spectators."

Admission is FREE and parking is available in designated areas



Christilot Boylen

In addition to watching the competition, spectators are welcome to browse among many vendors selling equestrian tack, clothing and gifts. Food and beverages will be available from several food trucks on site.

The Ottawa Dressage Festival is proud to count the Brookstreet Hotel as its title sponsor. The Festival also welcomes the Government of Canada as a sponsor this year.

Fast Facts

What:

The ODF is organized by National Capital Dressage Inc. which is a private, not-for-profit group of volunteers formed in 2003 to promote the equestrian discipline of dressage in the National Capital region.

Dressage is a French term meaning “training”. Horse and rider work harmoniously and elegantly to perform choreographed tests, at times set to music, demonstrating skill and agility at various gaits and movements.

The Festival is:

- An international dressage competition accredited by the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) in Switzerland;
- A national dressage competition licensed by Equine Canada
- A para-equestrian event with classes at all levels, and
- An opportunity to earn qualifying scores for:
 - 2018 World Equestrian Games
 - 2018 World Breeding Dressage Championships For Young Horses
 - 2018 FEI North American Junior & Young Riders Championships
 - Equestrian Canada National Team Program (National, Development and Talent ID Squad)
 - 2018 Para Riders Program (National, Development and Talent ID Squad).

When: May 17 - May 20, 2018, 8:30 to 4:30 each day

Where:

Wesley Clover Parks
401 Corkstown Road, Nepean, Ontario

Prize List: <http://www.nationalcapitaldressage.ca>

Spectators:

Admission and parking is free. Follow the signs to the designated area, and bring a lawn chair!

Sponsorship Opportunities: <http://www.nationalcapitaldressage.ca/sponsors>

Vendors:

Many well known vendors of equestrian tack and equipment, and equestrian services will attend.

For more information and directions, see our Website:

<http://www.nationalcapitaldressage.ca>

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