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Welcome to the National Convention 2021

The concept

Whether aiming for gold at your first Quest show, or working towards a podium finish at Grand Prix, we're Making Medallists at all levels.

With the Olympic and European titles back in the hands of a talented German team, we aim to uncover what makes this nation so good at dressage with three of the nation's brightest talents, Christoph Hess, Philipp Hess and FEI 5* and President of the Ground Jury at Tokyo 2020 Katrina Wuest. We look at how best to develop horses and riders for career long success, producing not only quality, but healthy and happy athletes.

Whilst we look towards those representing the sport on the world's stage, the National Convention is for everyday riders, giving you all accessible tips to improve your training and competition success at every level, for every individual goal.

Our thanks go to British Dressage Legal Partners Harrison Clark Rickerbys who proudly present the National Convention.

Get involved

If you're watching live and want to know more about something you've seen you'll be able to submit any questions throughout the weekend through our social media channels. Send your question in on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) and we'll do our best to answer as many as we can during the live stream.



Saturday 6 November

Making Medallists: Tests for tens

FEI 5* and Olympic judge Katrina Wuest is joined by rider and coach Philipp Hess and Tom Hunt, the man behind many Freestyle to Music medals for Team GB, to help you improve your test riding in standard and freestyle competition.

Time	Session	What to expect
10.00	Welcome to the National Convention	
10.02	Test riding Elementary 53	Judge feedback and test riding tips to improve at Elementary.
10.50	Test riding FEI Prix St Georges	Small Tour test riding advice and understanding what judges want.
11.37	Test riding FEI Intermediate I	Intermediate I test riding with judge and coach commentary.
12.25	Making Medallists panel discussion	With Caroline Griffith, Alex Van Tuyl and Andre Buthe.
12.50	Lunch break	
13.35	Freestyle to Music Novice	Tom Hunt works on how to improve your Novice freestyles.
14.30	Freestyle to Music Advanced Medium	Advanced Medium freestyle demonstration and feedback.
15.25	Freestyle to Music Grand Prix	Grand Prix Freestyle display with presenter feedback and coaching.

Elementary Rebecca Lock

Rebecca has enjoyed a great 2021 competing at the LeMieux Nationals and Petplan Equine Area Festivals. The duo are former RIHS champions and have ridden at HOYS.

Brickell Mr Pickwick
12YO | 13.2hh | Gelding
TGCA
Owner: Rider



Prix St Georges Sophie Taylor

Former Pony team medallist Sophie is based with Gareth Hughes and made her Young Rider CDI debut this season, both she and Jerry are new to the level.

Jerrydale
7YO | 16.1hh | Gelding
Everdale x Havidoff
Owner: Rider



Intermediate I Lucinda Elliot

Lucinda and Soave have enjoyed a stellar year at Small Tour level, including a recent appearance at HOYS in the Future Elite Championship.

Hawtins Soave
10YO | 17hh | Mare
Sir Donnerhall x Belissimo
Owner: Judith Davis



Novice Freestyle Craig Messenger

Former NH jockey Craig joins us after recently winning the Petplan Equine AF Novice Silver Freestyle Championships earlier this summer.

Treliver De La Creme
8YO | 16hh | Stallion
Treliver Decanter
Owner: Neil Highams



AM Freestyle Elice Willett

Elice and 'Gerry' have been to Regional Championships at every level from Prelim to Medium and have stepped up to AM this summer.

Gerento
9YO | Gelding
Sorento x Don Primaire
Owner: Rider



GP Freestyle Louise Bell

With success from showing to Nations Cup dressage flying the flag for Great Britain, Louise and Dynamo need no introduction.

Into the Blue
15YO | 16.2hh | Gelding
Ublesco x Calvaro Z
Owner: Rider, W&T Wood and J & A Walton



Meet the hosts

Part one

Katrina Wuest

German Katrina Wuest is a 5* dressage judge, and key developer of the Degree of Difficulty (DOD) changes in Freestyle to Music judging. She has been a major influence on the FEI scene for many years, judging at high profile competitions across the world as well as working behind the scenes as part of the consultation process considering the design for the shortened Grand Prix test. As a judge, “Riders rely on the judges comments, we really want to give them long comments – we care about them.” Recently was the President of the Ground Jury at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the ultimate achievement in judging.



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I began judging on the lower level in the 1970s because as a rider I was annoyed with the very old way of judging at that time, especially on regional shows. I liked and understood the good judging, but not the bad judging and I wanted to make things better.

Katrina Wuest on judging

Tom Hunt

Tom Hunt is a British composer specialising in creating original music for dressage freestyles. Continuing his work with top dressage riders such as Charlotte Dujardin, Charlotte Fry and Carl Hester, Tom has composed and produced some of the most notable and world renowned freestyles of the past decade, achieving World, Olympic and National records throughout all levels of the equestrian discipline.



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Sunday 7 November

Making Medallists: Back to basics

Training is at the core of success; building on the learnings and judge feedback from Saturday's session, we go back to the training arena to address common issues. Christoph and Philipp Hess bring it back to basics, showing the process between competition and training.

Time	Session	What to expect
10.00	Welcome to the National Convention	
10.02	Novice Riding for better rhythm	Christoph and Philipp show how rhythm affects way of going.
10.49	Elementary Exercises for suppleness	Discussion on how suppleness can be improved at this level.
11.37	Medium Seeking straightness	How to improve your straightness with techniques and tips.
12.20	Making Medallists panel discussion	With Sophie Wells MBE, Sir Lee Pearson and Ferdi Eilberg.
13.00	Lunch break	
13.46	Prix St Georges Improving impulsion	How impulsion affects the small tour work.
14.33	Intermediate I The ideal connection	Discussion and demonstration of achieving good connection.
15.20	Grand Prix Achieving collection	How the most advanced scale of training is achieved at Grand Prix.

Novice Sophie Wells MBE

With no less than 34 championship medals to her name, three time Paralympian Sophie Wells is a renowned rider, coach and mentor in both Para and able-bodied dressage.

LJT Egebjerggards Samoa
5YO | 16.2hh | Mare
Blue Hors St Schufro
Owner: Lady Joseph Trust



Elementary Jonathan Sutton

Apple Tree Stud groom Jonathan trains with Rebecca Hughes and Henry Boswell and placed at the 2021 LeMieux National Championships at Elementary level.

Ferrara Torres
9YO | 16.3hh | Mare
Fernando Torres x Gribaldi
Owner: Rider



Medium Rebecca Edwards

Former U25 European Championship team medallist Rebecca aims to produce 'Lark' towards a PSG debut in 2022 whilst running Bexley Stud.

Laerke Stensvang
9YO | 16.1hh | Mare
Blue Hors Zack
Owner: Rider



Prix St Georges Lucinda Elliot

Lucinda Elliot and the Hawthins Stud team present former Young Horse Champion Duchess, a recent winner at CDI Small Tour level.

Hawtins Duchess
10YO | 16.2hh | Mare
Decamerone x Don Frederico
Owner: Judith Davis



Intermediate I Sarah Rogers

Sarah rides for Olympic medallist Laura Tomlinson and has enjoyed a summer of success with homebred mare Viva Lotta at Small Tour level.

Viva Lotta
10YO | 16.3hh | Mare
Vivaldi x Landadel
Owner: Mrs Bechtolsheimer



Grand Prix Hayley Watson-Greaves

From National Champion titles to Nations Cup starts and the most memorable extended trot, our final combination is an inspiration to all.

Rubins Nite
17YO | 17.2hh | Gelding
Rubin Royal x Limbo
Owner: Rider



Meet the hosts

Part two

Christoph Hess

Christoph Hess is an FEI 4* judge and has been a key player within the German Equestrian Federation (FN) since 1980. His valued contribution as a coach led to a leading role as head of the training department until 2016. As a judge, Christoph was a ground jury member at the World Championships for Young Dressage Horses in Ermelo 2019, just one of many notable competitions in an official capacity. To commend his achievements in the equestrian sphere, Hess was awarded the German Golden Reiterkreuz at the Bundeschampionate in 2019.



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I have been actively involved in the equestrian sport for over 30 years. My wife, Ilsa previously taught riding as a school sport, Philipp in Dressage up to Grand Prix level (Hof Bettenrode), Christian in International Show Jumping (Hess Showjumping) and Friederike in the area of marketing by the Westfälischen Pferdestammbuch e.V.”



Philipp Hess

A talented rider and coach, Philipp presents alongside his father. Noted as a German young horse specialist, Hess is a regular booking as a guest rider at young horse championships across Europe, including the Pavo Cup Finals in Holland for two years running. Philipp Hess was invited as guest judge rider for the Pavo Cup finals in 2019 and his expert commentary and riding skills were highly liked and praised by the audience. This prompted the KWPN society to re-invite Philipp as test rider for the 2020 Pavo Cup Finals. This professional rider has gained much respect and acclaim as a test rider at the Bundeschampionate as well as at the German stallion performance tests.



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