



FIONA BIGWOOD

D.O.B: 24 April 1976

Resides: Horsham, West Sussex

Current top rides: Atterupgaards Orthilia: 'Tillie' 16.2hh dark bay mare foaled 2005 by Gribaldi.
Owner: Fiona Bigwood

Major achievements at a glance:

- Represented Britain at Junior (1993) and Young Rider (1994/5/6) European Championship level with Pablo Picasso.
- Youngest ever rider selected to represent Britain on a senior team – 21 in 1997 with Dance & Fly at the Europeans.
- Short-listed for the World Championships in 1998.
- Won a team silver medal on her World Championship debut in 2010 with Wie Atlantico.
- Part of the silver medal European Championship team in 2015.

About Fiona:

Fiona started riding aged seven at a local riding school and was given her cousin's naughty 11.2hh Welsh pony to ride not long after. Fiona's mum, Penny, was having weekly riding lessons from Marion Larrigan and with plenty of persuasion, eventually got her to break her strict rule of not teaching children.

It's now down to Marion that Fiona owes her passion for dressage to. Aged 10, Fiona was given the ride on Marion's daughters grand prix horse, Salute who was due to retire at the end of the season. He taught her the basics of the advanced movements just by playing.

At 19, Fiona ventured to Denmark to train with Hasse Hoffmann for three years, going from caring for a few horses at home to being part of a team at a large dealing yard. Here she met

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Anders Dahl. She then moved to Germany and trained with Jan Bemelmans and latterly Dieter Laugks.

She got together with Anders and in 1998 they set up their own German base with 54 boxes where they stayed for 13 years.

In 2006, Fiona returned home and the couple purchased Bourne Hill Stables, just outside the historical town of Horsham in West Sussex. The property was very neglected but over five years, they've transformed it into one of the most spectacular competition bases in Britain.

The couple have three children, Mette (2006), Morten and Lars who love helping out on the yard and are starting riding. After 18 years together and a seven year engagement, they got married in July 2014.

Major Competition Record:

Current form with Atterupgaards Orthilia		
July 2016	Hartpury CDI ₃ *	GP 4 th 75.14%
June 2016	Roosendaal CDI ₄ *	GP 3 rd 75.78%, GPS 1 st 77.05%
April 2016	Saumur CDI ₃ *	GP 1 st 77.60%, GPS 1 st 79.19%
April 2016	Nieuw en St Joosland CDI ₃ *	GP 1 st 75.64%, GPS 1 st 76.25
July 2015	Hartpury CDI ₃ *	GP 3 rd 76.8%, GPS 2 nd 75.922%
May 2015	Windsor CDI ₃ *	GP 2 nd 74.06%, GPFS 2 nd 76.5%
May 2015	Saumur CDI ₃ *	GP 1 st 72.72%, GPS W/D due to knock
World Championships		
Aug 2010	World Equestrian Games, Lexington, Kentucky, USA (Horse: Wie Atlantico de Ymas)	Team Silver : GP 70.128% 14 th , GPS 69.708% 16 th , GPFS 73.4% 12 th
European Championships		
2015	European Championships, Aachen, GER (Horse: Atterupgaards Orthilia)	Team Silver : GP 75.80%, GPS 74.51% 9 th , GPFS W/D with sore skin
2007	European Championships, Turin, ITA (Horse: Mr G De Lully)	Team 5 th : GP 65.16% 29 th , GPS 67.36% 18 th
2005	European Championships, Hagen, GER (Horse: Mr G De Lully)	Team 5 th : GP 17 th 69.7%, GPS 20 th 67.84%
1999	European Championships, Arnhem, NED (Horse: Macho)	Team 5 th : GP 64.12% 27 th
1997	European Championships, Verden, GER (Horse: Dance & Fly)	Team 8 th : GP 61.16% 42 nd
National Championships		
Sept 2012	British Dressage Winter Championships (Horse: Cashmir)	Advanced Medium Open Champion
Sept 1996	British Dressage National Championships (Horse: Afrikka)	Elementary Champion

Personal bests with Atterupgaards Orthilia

Grand Prix: 77.60%, Saumur CDI3* 2016

Grand Prix Special: 79.19%, Saumur CDI 2016

Grand Prix Freestyle: 76.50%, Windsor CDI 2015

