



TWO YEARS IS LONG ...FIFTY YEARS IS AMAZING!

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Return of the Jumping International de Bordeaux February 2-5, at Parc des Expositions de Bordeaux to find, after two too long years, the best riders and leaders of the international circuit. 2023 will be a special year. Indeed, it was in 1973 that the first Jumping de Bordeaux was held outdoors... 50 years later, the event has grown, evolved and innovated while keeping its personality and conviviality and remaining faithful to its DNA: high level sport. But Jumping International de Bordeaux is also about equestrian passion for all, with its Salon du Cheval and the arrival of new equestrian disciplines, its new opening show, which will associate one of the greatest liberty horse trainers, Jean-François Pignon, and an intense dressage battle... and other new surprises!

THROW BACK

The Jumping International de Bordeaux, which became an indoor event in 1974, really took off in 1978 when it became one of the very first historical stages of the World Cup that journalist Max Amann had just created with the kindness of Prince Philippe of Edinburgh, then president of the FEI. The first winner was a Belgian named Christian Huysegoms with a very expressive chestnut mare named Katapulte. Since then, the list of winners of this World Cup Grand Prix tells the history of show jumping: World Champions, European Champions and Olympic Champions appear in this Bordeaux hall of fame. 2023 will obviously continue this legacy of excellence!

BORDEAUX DECISIVE STEP BEFORE THE FEI LONGINES WORLD CUP FINAL



venue in France (7 900 places) has been sold out for years.

The Jumping International de Bordeaux is always a decisive turning point in the season being this year the penultimate European leg before the final in Omaha, USA (April 4-8, 2023). The top ranked riders generally come here to get the last points they need to reach the final. It's a bit of a Hare and Tortoise game, as these great champions are often slightly... relaxed in the first qualifiers, which they don't necessarily play. The Bordeaux public has understood this highly sporting challenge and the largest horse show

This FEI Longines World Cup qualifying Grand Prix, in prime time on Saturday evening, is not the only highlight of the program. Another key class in the show jumping program is the Grand Prix on Sunday, a sort of rematch - a catch-up session for some - of the World Cup class of the previous day. Among other things...

GREAT MOMENTS OF SPORT ON THE ARENA

The Jumping International de Bordeaux has also become a major driving venue with the spectacular FEI World Cup. This year it will again have the privilege of hosting the final of the 2022-2023 season. A venue that the drivers particularly appreciate. Two sessions, featuring the six best international drivers, who thrill the public with the incredible speed of these four-horse carriages slaloming between the technical difficulties laid out by the course designer.



The Devoucoux Indoor Derby, an indoor cross-country class that takes place on the main arena as well as the warm-up arena over a distance of about 1,000 meters. A sporting show whose list of winners includes Olympic champions like Karim Laghouag, winner on four occasions, and German Michael Jung, the best eventer of all time who also participates in the 5* jumping classes, a discipline in which he excels as well!

AN OPENING NIGHT: LIBERTY AND DRESSAGE BATTLE!



Event within the event is the Great Evening on Thursday (2th of February) with dressage (sport always!) and the show of Jean-François Pignon and his incredible fourteen horses in total liberty. For years, the Frenchman has amazed us with his free roaming horses, each time more numerous in the arena. To obtain this remarkable complicity, the truth is that he does not "train" his horses, but lives with them, plays and integrates himself into his herd by trying to understand each one of them. Absolutely amazing!

But this performance will not mark the end of this fabulous Thursday evening. Indeed, Jumping International de Bordeaux innovates and after this absolute magical moment, the sport will be back with a new kind of competition-show: the battle. On the arena, two teams of three international French riders, including one from the "Young Rider" category (U21), will compete in all three gaits and haute école airs (piaffe, passage, change of leg), judged both by professional judges and by the public, but also remotely, through an online vote. A revisited, interactive dressage class that promises some more sporting emotions!

SALON DU CHEVAL: SHOW AND PASSION FOR ALL!



information as well as relax, discover or learn and have fun!

NEW

The BALOUBET* arena, initially dedicated to demonstrations, has become a real competition arena open to amateur riders and pony riders. This is a great opportunity to "be part of the party" and to take part in a competition tailored to their needs within the setting of an international sport event, and for visitors of the Salon du Cheval who do not have an entry to the international classes to discover show jumping.

The program will include, the Top ten of the Regional Amateur Show Jumping Circuit and a competition of equestrian shows proposed by the clubs and judged by the public.

*Named after the 2004 Olympic champion horse, Baloubet du Rouet, ridden by Brazilian Rodrigo Pessoa. Triple winner of the World Cup in 1998, 1999 and 2000, Baloubet won in Bordeaux in February 2004, a few months before his Olympic title.

Not forgetting the privileged show that is the warming-up arena where you can watch the world's best riders prepare their horses before the international classes - a unique riding lesson accessible to all!

The Forum Santé (equine health forum) is also a highly anticipated event for professionals in the equestrian industry and for all riders, both professional and amateur. The speakers at this crossroads of ideas and exchanges will offer their audiences different conferences on themes relating to well-being and performance on Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th of February. On Thursday 2 February, a forum will be more specifically dedicated to equestrian structures with conferences on professional training within the equestrian industry on recruitment, management, training, security and job dating sessions.

PRATICAL INFORMATION

Bookings : www.jumping-bordeaux.com

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