

presented for auction at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Park in Wellington, Florida on February 19 and 20, 2009.

"The animals offered here cannot be found anywhere else in the world," said Cecilia Gonzaga, manger of Interagro Lusitanos, the largest breeder of the Lusitano horse worldwide and one of the main contributors of horses to The Lusitano Collection, alongside partner Roucas do Vouga.

The 2009 Lusitano Collection includes breeding prospects and horses under saddle for both amateurs and professionals. Among the hand-picked horses from the extensive Interagro breeding program in Brazil, prospective buyers and existing clients will find Xenocrates Interagro - a majestic grey six-year-old stallion who has already shown

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promise in second level dressage under the tutelage of Swedish Grand Prix dressage rider Pia Aragão and who is ready to move up to third level.

In order to ensure each guest is given proper attention, the 2009 Collection has elected to limit the event capacity to 400 attendees. Interested buyers may view, examine and test-ride over two dozen horses during the week prior to the auction. Veterinarian records, including x-rays and tests completed prior to the event will be available for guests' viewing. At the end of the testing period, guests will enjoy cocktail receptions, entertainment and networking events culminating with the gala dinner and auction.

"It becomes more than just an auction," said Interagro's US representative, Peter Van Borst. "It provides a chance for clients to meet the breeders of their horses and be secure in the knowledge that the horses have come directly from the breeder - not from an agent. Clients are also able to learn about the horse's background and history and to experience firsthand the great international relationship that comes from buying a horse from The Lusitano Collection."

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