



The Lusitano Collection

BRAZILIAN HORSE AUCTION RETURNS TO AREA FEB. 23-26

Mark your calendar for one of the equestrian community's top social events of the season, the annual Lusitano Collection International Horse Auction set for Feb. 23-26, 2011.

Held at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center near Wellington, the world-renowned auction attracts equestrian Lusitano fans from around the world for a weekend filled with excitement, ranging from an exquisite gala dinner to over-the-top Samba dancers. The majestic horses are simply magnificent, and the event is hosted with true panache.

Interagro Lusitanos, the largest Lusitano breeder and exporter in the world, said the auction gives Lusitano enthusiasts a chance to share a memorable experience with some of the world's finest horses. The auction also gives buyers the opportunity to purchase Lusitano horses well suited for driving, jumping, eventing and dressage without the hassle of import fees or quarantine periods.

Interested buyers can ride their dream horses in advance by taking part in the horse tryouts on Wednesday, Feb. 23 and Thursday, Feb. 24. Veterinarian checkups will take place on Friday, Feb. 25, followed by a horse showcase at 6 p.m. that evening featuring professionals riding the exquisite auction horses and showing their training, temperament and natural gaits.

The weekend will culminate with the gala dinner and auction on Saturday, Feb. 26, beginning at 5 p.m. On auction night, the air is filled with electricity as the bidding heats up and one lucky buyer after another becomes the proud owner of their dream horse.

The auction will offer something for everyone, including vendors and booths. Sho Clothes Boutique, Wellington's premier dressage boutique, will be on hand, as will the United States Dressage Federation and the Dressage Connection, offering finery for horses and riders. Dressage Training Online will be filming the event to air at a later date, but there is nothing better than being there. The Lusitano Collection International Horse Auction's charitable partner, the Equestrian Aid Foundation, will also have beautiful items available to bid on to raise money for their important cause. New this year, the high-selling horse at the auction will receive a custom-made saddle from Custom Saddlery.

The excitement is building. Now in its fourth year in the U.S., the Lusitano Collection International Horse Auction has been touted as "the most exciting sport horse auction in the United States." Visit www.lusitanocollection.com for tickets and additional information. 

