

Isabella Thorpe and Azul Menzi Batticani Earn Top Honor at Children of the Americas Dressage Invitational (CADI), hosted by Bear Spot Farm

International weeklong event brings dressage, cultural exchange and education to promising young dressage riders

August 17, 2015, Concord, MA - Bear Spot Farm in Concord, Massachusetts - CADI brings together the best young riders ages 12-14 from Central, South and North America. CADI gives riders a chance to represent their countries in an international event, develop and perform a freestyle and receive coaching from top dressage trainers over a full week of training and competing. CADI is not just a competition - It is also an opportunity for cultural exchange among all participants and their families using their shared love of the horse. Riders are selected from applicants from over 30 countries. CADI riders coming from more than 600 miles away have the option of riding borrowed horses. This year, 16 riders competed in CADI 2015 from Honduras, Barbados, Cayman Islands, Argentina and USA.

"This is our eighth year doing CADI and it's always such a pleasure to meet dressage riders and their families from around the world. We added some new elements this year including training on how to prepare and participate in an FEI jog. These young equestrian athletes continue to impress me and we look forward to tracking their success", said Jane Karol, Founder and Head Trainer, Bear Spot Farm and Foundation.

The riders spend two days training and preparing with top coaches and apprentices followed by two days of competition where they ride the Children's FEI test and perform their individual Freestyle.

2015 CADI Overall Results:

Results Section A: (Own Horses)

- 1st Place: Isabella Thorpe, USA, Reina, 73.94%
- 2nd Place: Charlotte Mallegol, USA, Lord Sterling, 69.69%
- 3rd Place: Elise Lesko, USA, Chateau WV, 67.69%

Results Section B: (Borrowed Horses)

- 1st Place: Azul Menzi Batticani, Argentina, Tusch, 75.79%
- 2nd Place: Olivia Cuaranta, Argentina, Tattoo, 72.31%
- 3rd Place: Ashley van den Bol, Cayman Islands, Tome, 71.54%

CADI Spirit Award – Kailey Hennessey

The CADI spirit award is voted on by peers and fellow riders. The award goes to the athlete who embodies all the things we look for in top horsemanship including empathy for the horse and the other competitors, a generosity of spirit, going above and beyond for her horse, her teammates and all those involved in CADI. The best word for it is "heart." This is the 2nd year Kailey Hennessey has received this honor.

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