

**Global Dressage Festival**  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**USA Captures Gold and Bronze, Europe Takes Silver  
At WEF Wellington Dressage Nations Cup CDIO-3\***

*Presented by Stillpoint Farm*

Wellington, FL - April 14, 2012- Team USA 1 bested the five teams battling for top honors in the \$35,000 WEF Wellington Dressage Nations Cup CDIO-3\*, presented by Stillpoint Farm, on Saturday evening. Team Europe took home the silver and Team USA 2 captured the bronze in an exciting FEI Intermediare Freestyle competition held under the lights at the Stadium show grounds of the Global Dressage Festival.



WEF Wellington Dressage Nations Cup Awards Ceremony

Christopher Hickey and Witness Hilltop led Team USA 1 with a score of 71.425%, Caroline Roffman on Pie scored 70.050%; Shelly Francis with Doktor garnered 68.650% and Devon Kane riding Destiny earned 67.525% for a total of 210.125 points. Hickey enjoyed the whole Nations Cup experience.

"Being on a team is a very special thing," said Hickey. "It's a great experience to go to the ring and support your teammates. It's also great to have someone help out like our Chef d'Equipe, Eva (Salomon) and then to have a team coach like Anne Gribbons. It's a wonderful feeling to have your owner and small group there for you as well as a chef and a coach."



Christopher Hickey and Witness Hilltop

Kevin Kohmann (GER) and Klouseau's score of 70.825% helped secure the silver for Team Europe, but the crowd needed to wait for the last rider, Mikala Gundersen, (DEN) and My Lady before the medals could be determined. The pair finished with 70.475%. The third team Europe member, Katharina Stumph, (AUT) and For My Love earned 68.075% for a team total of 209.375 points.

Stumph beamed as she spoke of the competition. "It was really amazing to fight for the team, to make friends, and to work together," said Stumph. "I never dreamed of something like this."



Kevin Kohmann and Klouseau

Team USA 2 was led by Laura Graves on Verdades scoring a 70.400%; Tom Noone and Fred Astair with 68.675%; and Jane Cleveland receiving 64.675% on Rodeo Queen. They finished with 203.750 points.



Laura Graves and Verdades

The Latin America I team was fourth with Marco Bernal (COL) on Farewell IV, Alejandro Gomez (VEN) riding Revenge and Irina Moleiro de Muro (VEN) on Sambuca finishing with 197.225 points. Fifth place went to Latin American 2

with Mica Mabragana (ARG) on Cuatrero IV, Jessica McTaggart (CAY) riding Ray of Light and Luis Reteguiz-Denizard (PUR) on Nalando scoring 186.425 points.

The final day of the Global Dressage Festival circuit takes place on Sunday, April 15 with the National Show.

For complete results please visit the Global Dressage Festival website at: [www.globaldressagefestival.com](http://www.globaldressagefestival.com) under the link of dressage show information and ride times on the main homepage.

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### **About the Global Dressage Festival**

*The GDF is one of the world's largest international and national dressage circuits. The remainder of the circuit features a CDI3\*, a CDI5\*, and the first non-championship CDIO Nations' Cup in the Western Hemisphere.*

*The GDF is offering more than \$275,000 in prize money for the five international competitions making it one of the richest circuits in the world. In addition to the CDIs with national competitions, the GDF will feature four separate national shows to be held at the newly constructed venue.*

*The GDF encompasses almost 60 acres of the former Palm Beach Polo Grounds. The facility includes four outdoor arenas with world class footing and 200 permanent stalls. Future planned improvements include a covered arena, permanent covered spectator seating for the central outdoor arena and a permanent Global Pavilion. There are also plans for another 100 permanent stalls.*

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