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MORE NEWS FROM THE LIPIZZANERS!

Hi everyone!

Mothers Day at the Lipizzaner Centre

As predicted, we were bursting at the seams! So much so, that many people said 'please can we have two performances next year!' Shares in Kleenex tissues rose in the magnificent finale, the School Quadrille with 8 stallions performing to the rousing Mama Mia music! The Pas de Trois in side saddle, with three stallions with the same mother, was elegance personified. It was altogether a wonderful morning!

Royal Show, Pietermaritzburg

The team returned earlier this week after a great evening's performance at the Royal Show in Pietermaritzburg on Monday 31 May! It is always special for us to perform at the Royal Show, because it was in these very show grounds that Count Jankovich Besan, who brought the Lipizzaners to South Africa, first met Major George Iwanowski in 1951, and the idea of having a Lipizzaner team in South Africa, similar to that of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, was first conceived.

Monday's show was even more special as the team performed with two exciting guest artists Nedine Blom and Jannie Moolman. We shall be performing with Nedine and Jannie later on in the year at the Lipizzaner Centre. (see 'Dates for your Diary' below)

Nedine Blom is South Africa's latest soprano discovery! Hailed by the press as the Sarah Brightman of South Africa, her powerful voice conquers opera, classics and the musicals.

Jannie Moolman is a well known and widely acclaimed South African tenor opera singer and has played the leading role in La Boheme, La Traviata and Rigoletto to name but a few.

Midweek Performance: Wednesday 16 June 6.30pm at the Lipizzaner Centre. Ticket price R50

Special Performance for all the competitors, families, supporters and friends who are up in Gauteng for the South African Pony Rider Championships to be held right next door to the Lipizzaner Centre at Kyalami Equestrian Park. And indeed everyone is welcome to join us that evening! After the performance, keep warm around the bonfire, and enjoy boerwors rolls, pizzas, hot chips. Cash bar. Tickets at the door (ticket office opens at 5.30pm)

Father's Day Performance: Sunday 20 June 10.30am at the Lipizzaner Centre

We are planning a wonderful morning for all the Dads! Lots of horsepower (besides the Lipizzaners!) will be on display. Landrover Sandton will be bringing a range of their latest vehicles,

the Range Rover, the Range Rover Sport and the Discovery 4. Pretoria North Toyota will also be there with the Toyota Prada, Toyota Fortuna and the Toyota Double Cab!

Join us in the courtyard after the performance for Sean O'Grady's Espresso, Capuccino, Hot Chocolate and Lattes, as well as Andrew's renowned Strawberry Daiquiris. Anusha from Bhakti's Delight will be there with a selection of spring rolls, chillie bites, samoosas and curry and rice. Browse through our Lipizzaner shop before the performance (open from 9.30am) and stock up on the latest warm clothing for winter, fleecy sweaters, beanies and quilted body warmers. And don't forget to come and see our large range of second hand books. Tickets through Computicket or at the door.

An African Experience

Saturday 10 July at 5pm at the Lipizzaner Centre

Don't forget to book for our special 'African Experience' performance! A 'must see' for all visitors to South Africa (as well as all our Lipizzaner fans, of course!) We shall be performing with the Welsh Male Voice Choir of South Africa, who will be singing not only in English and Welsh, but also, in keeping with the theme, in Zulu! This performance is the day before the final of the YOU KNOW WHAT, and there is a rumour that the Lipizzaners (and maybe some of the riders) are practising kicking that round black and white YOU KNOW WHAT in preparation for the performance. As usual, we hope to bring you an entertaining experience! Join us before the show for wine tasting of some lovely South African wines and snacks. Bookings through Computicket.

Lipizzaners in National Competition!

Two of our Lipizzaners competed in the prestigious SANEF National Dressage Competition at Novice level, Maestoso Odina I (sponsored by DSM Nutritional) ridden by Siobhan Records, and Neapolitano Nanczi (sponsored by Lynette and Michael Taylor) ridden by Kerry Plumstead. Out of a field of three qualifying pools (59 horses) in the Gauteng Leg, Neapolitano Nanczi came 2nd in Pool 1, and Maestoso Odina 1 came 5th. Both horses qualified for the final (top 12 horses). In the final competition (Gauteng Leg), Maestoso Odina 1 came 2nd and Neapolitano Nanczi 7th. National results (62 novice horses qualified countrywide) - Maestoso Odina 1 came 4th and Neapolitano Nanczi came 17th. We are so proud of their achievements!

Adriaan van Wyk in Europe

As we write this newflash, Lipizzaner Director, Adriaan van Wyk, is in Germany, riding in a further qualifying competition where we hope he will achieve his required second qualifying score to go the World Equestrian Games. We shall bring you up to date news as soon as we can!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

In addition to our regular Sunday morning performances at 10h30 at the Lipizzaner Centre, make a note of the following special events:

Unless otherwise stated, tickets for performances at the Lipizzaner Centre, No 1 Dahlia Road, Kyalami (please see our website, www.lipizzaners.co.za for map and GPS co-ordinates) may be purchased at the door on the day (ticket office opens one hour before performance) or beforehand through Computicket.

Sunday 20 June, 10h30 at the Centre. Fathers Day Performance.

Saturday 10 July, 17h00 at the Centre. An African Experience. Bookings only through Computicket. Tickets R150

Saturday 7 August, 11h00 at the Centre. A special performance to raise funds for Ride for Life. Guest artist: Renowned South African tenor, Jannie Moolman. Bookings only through Computicket. Tickets R120.

Saturday 18 September, 19h00 at the Centre. Celebrating the 62nd Anniversary of the Lipizzaners arrival in South Africa. With guest artist Nedine Blom. Tickets R150. Bookings only through Computicket!

Saturday 6 November at the Centre. The Annual Lipizzaner Ball - a glittering evening! A fund raising event for the safety and welfare of the Lipizzaner stallions. More about this very soon!

Carols by Candlelight Christmas Performances at the Centre

We shall be opening bookings (only through Computicket) even earlier this year, as we were full over a week before our final performance last year and many people were disappointed! Dates are as follows:

Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15, Friday 17, Saturday 18, Sunday 19, Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 December at 7pm.

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