



The Lusitano Collection™



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THE MANE LINE

Capa do Vouga 2011 Collection



This grey stallion presented by Rocas do Vouga is sired by Oceano (MV), a stallion with a career at the Grand Prix level in Brazil. Oceano (MV) was champion of the 25th International as Manuel Viegas personal riding horse as well as the house's main breeding stallion. Quality of the mare Quebeleza HI, a daughter of Harpa IV, who was Champion of Champions in bloodlines are mirrored in his exceptional conformation and talent. Capa has three suspensors, and like his father promises to be an outstanding dressage horse and breeder.

2011 LUSITANO COLLECTION™ EVENT PROGRAM:

February 23-26th, 2011

Horse Tryouts: February 23-24, 2011

Showcase & Cocktail Reception: February 25, 2011

Dinner & Auction: February 26, 2011

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[Capa do Vouga](#)

[Oceano \(MV\)](#)
[Quebeleza \(HI\)](#)

[Danúbio III \(MV\)](#)

[Redonda II \(MV\)](#)

[Leão \(CFR\)](#)

[Harpa IV \(CFR\)](#)

ON THE SCENE

Dressage Training Online to provide live coverage of the 2011 Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction



Xerxes Interagro 2011 Collection



Lusitano enthusiasts who cannot make the trip to Florida for this year's event will still have a chance to glimpse the excitement and stunning equines presented at the Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction. This year's Collection will be documented by **Dressage Training Online** so that their viewers from across the world will be able to experience a part of the Collection. From the horse tryouts to the auction itself, equestrian enthusiasts will have the chance to watch the Collection horses, entertainment, and interviews with the trainers and breeders.

Dressage Training Online will film a few training sessions with Interagro's trainers, **Pia Arágo** and **Heather Bender**, in the weeks leading up to the event. This grants prospective buyers and interested dressage enthusiasts a behind the scenes look at how the horses at Interagro are trained, and what a typical day of riding young Lusitanos is like.

Bender and the Lusitano stallion, **Valete Interagro**, will be presenting a freestyle to music during the horse showcase. **Cherri Reiber** will also be performing during the showcase, driving her two Lusitanos, **Zerbino** and **Vistor Interagro**, in tandem. Both Reiber's and Bender's presentations will be filmed by Dressage Training Online.

DTO will also be conducting various interviews with the breeders, trainers, and hosts of the event, including the owner of Interagro Lusitanos, **Dr. Paulo Gonzaga** and his daughter, **Cecilia Gonzaga**. It was Dr. Gonzaga's vision and brilliant breeding strategies that helped to bring about a renaissance for the Lusitano. Cecilia Gonzaga, the Managing Director of Interagro, continues this tradition today. **Manuel Tavares de Almeida**, owner of Rocas do Vouga, will be presenting his Lusitanos alongside Interagro's during the Collection, and together they represent two of the most prestigious Lusitano breeders in the world. **Peter van Borst**, the United States Representative for Interagro, will provide insights on the breed's growing popularity in the States as well as its history as a bullfighting horse and dressage mount.

Dressage Training Online features trainers from across the world giving lessons at all levels of dressage, from Training Level to Grand Prix. Recent additions to the site allow users to upload videos of their rides and get feedback from internationally renowned trainers. The Lusitano Collection International Horse Auction will be another addition to Dressage Training Online's impressive line up of dressage videos, and will provide viewers with entertainment value as well as training expertise.

For more information and to view DTO's website, go to:

www.dressagetrainingonline.com



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An approved stallion already exhibiting excellent offspring at Interagro, Xerxes Interagro is a stunning bay sporting correct conformation, an impressive pedigree, and three uphill, elastic gaits. Xerxes' dam, Cigana III (MLC), is one of the most important foundation mares of the Interagro lineage. Quino Interagro, Xerxes' sire, is known for his extraordinary gaits, striking presence, and noble temperament. Xerxes is showing great talent for lateral work and collection, which shows in his pirouettes and half-steps. He is sensitive to the aids and naturally forward, and has been shown very successfully through Third Level in Brazil. Xerxes inherited the good looks, temperament, and dressage potential of his father, and is sure to become a force to be reckoned with in the competition arena.

[Xerxes Interagro](#)

[Quino Interagro](#)
[Cigana III](#)
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Xique-Xique (CI)	Quieto (CI)
	Nieta (CI)
	Vidago (SA)
Cyclope (SA)	Cybeles (SA)
	Boca-Negra (BN)
Maravilha (MV)	Tolerano (MV)
	Guizo (MV)
Odalisca (MMV)	Negra (MMV)

MAKING STRIDES



Kate Poulin and Belisário Interagro
Photograph by Liz Ritz.

Kate Poulin and Ann Yan Have Big Plan Interagro

When Kate Poulin first saw Belisário Interagro, she immediately noticed that he had a s drawn to his unique personality and presence from the very beginning. Upon Poulin's a horse, and from there the relationship has blossomed. After showing briefly over this that the look in his eye was more than just a look, but true talent. He and Poulin won a with scores over 70%, setting them on a winning path.

Poulin, who is the daughter of Sharon and Michael Poulin, comes from a family experienced competitor and trainer. Upon Poulin's advice, Yan purchased Belisário as a Belisário to be the complete package of beauty, intelligence, and talent. "He is excepti resides in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. "I could tell the barn staff were sorry to see him go when thought he was something special as well."

Yan also added, "He is just so sweet. He enjoys his work, is very well mannered, and obviously loves being around people." Bel of his many affable qualities. "He is very naturally uphill, with elastic gaits and a lovely walk and canter," said Poulin. "He was re for a competitive dressage mount. I hope to continue training him and with his talent I look to secure a spot on the US Team, a Olympics!"

Yan will be attending this year's auction, an event she said she wouldn't miss. "The auction was fantastic last year, and thi attending," said Yan. "I am looking forward to see the horses in this year's Collection and to a weekend of excitement and beautif

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Vhernier's Pan di Zucchero rings in various colors, one of which will be auctioned off on February 25th.

Italian jeweler, Vhernier, bring 2011 Lusitano Collection

The 2011 Lusitano Collection International Hors Vhernier, makers of handcrafted Italian jewelry, sponsors. Vhernier will be on hand Friday, Feb night, and Saturday February 26th, the night of t showcase on Friday, a beautiful Pan di Zucchero over US \$5,000, will be auctioned off to benefi partner, the Equestrian Aid Foundation. The ring a layering technique in which two or three ston enhance quality of the stone, creating spectacula ring will begin at 7:00pm, and will be followed by showcase.

Vhernier will be hosting the Cocktail Reception o will have cases of their stunning jewelry on dis Each piece of Vhernier's jewelry is unique and h rings, and brooches. Based on modern and contemporary art, the bracelets and rings ha a clean, elegant look. Their collections include the Disco line, which plays with light ancient traditional techniques to create this mirror effect, and the Animalier Collectio unique sculptures coveted by collectors the world over.

The Lusitano Collection is pleased to welcome Vhernier to the 2011 Auction, an contributions. The fashionable jewelry makes a fitting compliment to the beautiful during the 2011 Lusitano Collection. For more information on Vhernier, please visit their

Bon Orpheo wins High Score Lusitano Award



Above: Daphne Preece and Bon Orpheo at the Gold Coast Dressage Opener Festival CDI.

Daphne Preece's four-year-old Lusitano gelding, Bon Orpheo, showed the judges he has what it takes to be a champion when he rode away with the High Score Lusitano Award at the Gold Coast Dressage Opener Festival CDI. Sponsored by the Lusitano Collection™, hosts of The 2011 Lusitano Collection™ International Horse Auction, the High Score Lusitano Award is presented to the highest scoring Lusitano at select dressage shows during the Florida dressage circuit.

Ann-Christin Nöh, a 19-year-old rider from Germany who is a working student for dressage trainer Heather Bender, piloted Bon Orpheo to the High Score Award with a score of 70.6% in the USEF 4 Year Old Test. "Bon Orpheo was really great and stayed focused on my aids the entire time," Nöh said, adding that it was only her third time to ride the bay gelding. "He did such a good job, I was really proud of him."

Below: 19-year-old Ann-Christin Nöh, rider of Bon Orpheo.



Nöh spent the last two years riding jumpers but said she has returned to dressage. "I also had never ridden a Lusitano before I started working with Heather. I love the personality of the Lusitano, as well as their attitude, and the fact that they have fun when they work," Nöh said. "The Lusitano's also have fire and I like that. I had been riding Warmbloods before this." Nöh trains with Bender at Treasure Coast Dressage based at Martin Downs Equestrian Center in Palm City, Florida.

Bon Orpheo is descended from a long line of exceptional horses. He is the son of Rumbero and Pitomba Interagro; Pitomba is a stunning grey mare by the famous Coudelaria Nacional stallion Tuim (CN), out of the bay mare Kizil do Mirante. Kizil's sire, Apolo do Mirante, was a favorite stallion of Dr Paulo Gonzaga, the founder and owner of Interagro Lusitanos, and Apolo was the first stallion born at Interagro. Tuim (CN), a stunning grey stallion and Bon Orpheo's grandsire, was imported by Interagro in 1994 from Portugal and was a foundation breeding sire of the Lusitano breed due to his pedigree, exceptional conformation, and athletic prowess.