

Lovely Evening At The 2009 Lusitano Collection Horse Auction

The weather couldn't have been better, the horses lovelier or the people nicer for the 2009 Lusitano Collection Horse Auction. A selected group of buyers from all over the world were invited to visit the 34 horses housed at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center in February. These specially selected Lusitano horses — six mares, three geldings and 25 stallions — were this year's offerings, highlighting Lusitanos from two of the most important breeding farms in Brazil: Interagro Farms and Coudelaria Rocas do Vouga. The event culminated with a gala on Friday, Feb. 20 including cocktails, entertainment, dinner and the auction itself.



Dr. Paulo Gaviao Gonzaga with Samantha Charles and Tom Mikes.



Manuel Tavares de Almeida, Cecilia Gonzaga and Chris Harbach.



(Above) Lisa Hyslop, Noreen O'Sullivan, John Flanagan and Shelley Fadida. (Below) Thea and Peter Van Borst with Cherri Riber and Tooni Milici.





2008 Brazilian dressage Olympian Luiza Tavares de Almeida rides Samba.



(Above) Tim Luby and Amanda Simmons. (Below) Lisa Diersen and Jill McCrae.





Brazilian samba dancers provided entertainment.

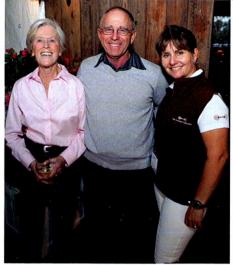


The de Almeida family with 2008 Spanish dressage Olympian Juan Matute.



(Above) Tara Jacobs with George and Sandi Cosman. (Below) Shelley Fadida, Carol Lavell and Linda Pinto.





(Above) Carol Lavell, Michael Poulin and Heather Bender. (Below) Millie & David McCoy.





(Above) Timothy Mellott and Charan Ireland. (Below) Denise La Malfa and Fred Fragosa.

