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## **Tremor in Verden: Record price 2,010,000 Euro Hannoveraner stallion sales with spectacular results**

**Verden. At the Hannoveraner stallion sales all boundaries broke. A premium stallion by Vivaldi/Dancier was auctioned off for the sensational top price of 2,010,000 Euro. The 2016 offsprings sparked a firework of prizes. An average price of 130,960 Euro had to be invested for the 50 licensed stallions.**

The spectators in the sold-out Niedersachsenhalle could no longer stand on their seats when auctioneer Frederik De Backer after a 20-minute bidding duel auctioned the premium stallion by Vivaldi/Dancier off to the stallion owners Schockemöhle/Helgstrand for a fabulous price of 2,010,000 Euro – a top price that has not yet been reached at any auction organized by a breeding society in Germany. The modern liver chestnut with breathtaking movements was bred by Ulrike Buurman, Greifenstein, and exhibited by Hengsthaltung Kemper, Heiden. Previously, the two stallion owners had already invested 800,000 Euro for a typey stallion by Lord Leatherdale/Boston (breeder: ZG Pleines, Uedem, exhibitor: Sabine Rüben, Würselen), the first premium stallion to enter the auction round. The premium stallion by Dimaggio/Sir Donnerhall showed how well the Verden marketing system works. As a foal, Ernst Kemper discovered the athletic liver chestnut bred by Dieter Hiltz, Spiegelau, in the same place. Two years later, the stallion caused his exhibitor cheers for the second time on this memorable day. A Norwegian stallion owner secured the exceptional talent for 570,000 Euro.

The show-jumping stallions were outstanding as well. After the convincing appearances at the free jumping, it was a premium stallion by Kannan/Stolzenberg bred and exhibited by Ulrich Heuer, Bienenbüttel, who was the best young stallion with a show jumping pedigree and flushed 150,000 Euros into his breeder's pockets. The dark bay with his enormous ability over the jumps moves into Olympic hands. As at the 135th Verden

Elite-Auction 14 days ago, Ireland's Cian O'Connor had acquired the top horse – now the Olympic bronze medallist from London has bought another Hanoverian at the Verden auction.

"This stallion licensing set new standards for breeding and marketing and is the result of the continuous development work in the Hannoveraner Verband", summarized breeding director Dr. Werner Schade. Even before the stallion sales, the outstanding quality of the 2016 vintage was evident at the licensing on the triangular track, during lunging and during free jumping and free-running. 93 high-calibre two-and-a-half-year-olds had faced the licensing commission. A total of 46 dressage stallions were licensed, twelve of which left the Niedersachsenhalle as premium stallions. Of the 14 licensed show-jumping stallions, seven were awarded a premium. "The quality was very high. The vintage presented itself with diverse bloodlines and very modern horses," Heike Kemmer, member of the licensing commission said. And Hans-Heinrich Meyer zu Strohen added: "The very high average quality has increased even more every day". The internationally successful show-jumper Jörg Münzner, also a member of the licensing commission, was also full of praise: "We can be very satisfied with the quality of the jumping stallions. The vintage were top class, but all the stallions showed themselves well!

The unlicensed stallions also aroused a lot of interest. Above all a brown stallion by Le Vivaldi/Rotspon (breeder: Elizabeth Kapp, Clüversborstel, exhibitor: Heiko Klausung, Eydelstedt). He was sold for 54.000 Euro to a Hanoverian breeder from the Lüneburger Heide – also a former Verden auction foal. The average price of the 32 horses was 18.758 Euro. This meant an increase of more than 1,000 Euros compared to the previous year.

The Golden Badge of Honour of the Hanoverian Verband was awarded three times during the show program before the stallion sales. For many years Klaus Bünger, Oetzen, Willi Koppelman, Freiburg/Elbe and Rudolf Rehkamp, Bersenbrück, have decisively shaped the image of the Verden stallion licensings as successful breeders

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and stallion exhibitors. A special highlight is the selection of Hanoverian stallion and mare of the year 2018. Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year is Belissimo M by Beltain/Romadour II (breeder: Dieter Niesar, Kranenburg). Dorina v. Drosselklang II/Grannus (breeder: Wilhelm Leymann, Bassum) can adorn herself with the title "Hannoveraner Mare of the Year".

Subtitle: Sensational prize for the premium stallion by Vivaldi/Dancier. Hans-Henning von der Decken, Ulrike Buurman, Rosemarie Kemper, Arnd Schwierking and Ernst Kemper (from left to right) were delighted to receive over 2,010,000 Euros.

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