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Sign of Freedom Price Peak Strong auction year for Hanover

Verden. Sign of Freedom, number one of auction collection, trotted to the top of the price rankings with an auction sales price of Euro 57,000. The Verden November Auction finished with an average auction sales price of Euro 15,649 – some Euro 1,000 more than last year. 94 horses were sold at the end of a successful auction year.

It is a Verden tradition that the curtain of the Verden auction arena rises for a true jewel – also on November 11. The licensed and performance tested stallion Sign of Freedom by Sandro Hit/Hohenstein (breeder and exhibitor: Karlfried Rennegarbe, Brockum), born in 2009, presented fascinating performances in the Niedersachsenhalle. Auctioneer Frederik De Backer accepted the bid of Euro 57,000 of a Spanish group of buyers who already purchased two dressage horses and one foal this year.

The show jumping horses were as popular. The Casino/Grannus-son Camaro (breeder and exhibitor: Sven Graefe, Heiligengrabe), already decorated with placements achieved in elementary level jumper horse classes, was sold at Euro 44,000 to a show stable in Lower Saxony. Shortly after the grey had left the auction ring, Verden almost resembled Verona. It was a great surprise for the some 2,000 spectators when Matteo Barca entered the arena to sing Puccini's "Nessun Dorma" after having purchased the Stanley/Graf Top-daughter Sunshine (breeder and exhibitor: Alfred Janssen, Spahnharrenstätte) at Euro 22,000. The audience celebrated the tenor with enthusiastic applause.

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„Nessun Dorma – Nobody shall sleep“ – this also applied for the run of the auction.

There was busy activity in the Niedersachsenhalle this November Saturday with speedy bids. 34 horses will leave Germany. The biggest groups of buyers came from Spain and Switzerland (each five horses), followed by Finland and Sweden with each four purchased horses.

The November Auction was the final chord of the Verden auction year. “The price level was well-balanced. Many horses were exhibited by their breeders which is a sign of confidence in the auction venue Verden,” auction manager Jörg-Wilhelm Wegener said. “We are happy to conclude this successful auction year with another excellent result!”