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SECRET OF ETERNITY

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PRESS RELEASE

CAVALLUNA – “Secret of Eternity”: The story of success continues

Due to the months of uncertainty in the context of the global pandemic, various programs of Europe’s most popular horse show CAVALLUNA had to be postponed, including the show “The Secret of Eternity”. But with a lot of organizational effort, a new start date could be found: CAVALLUNA - “Secret of Eternity” will be guesting in more than 30 cities in Germany and Europe from October 2022! Unfortunately, the start of this program, which was actually planned for October 2020, had to be postponed to autumn 2022 due to the nationwide Corona measures. But now the whole team is already looking forward to astonish the audience with this new and breathtaking show.

The beautiful story arises from the pen of the Emmy-nominated composer and creative director Klaus Hillebrecht, who knows how to captivate the audience in an inimitable way. The symbiosis of the highest level of horsemanship, extraordinary artistic performances, beautiful scenes, colourful costumes and emotional music creates fantastic worlds that fascinate young and old alike and invite you to dream. The core of all CAVALLUNA shows is not lost sight of in “Secret of Eternity” and can be felt by the audience up to the last rows: the deep connection between man and horse.

The interaction of a total of 60 horses, their riders and an international dance ensemble will entertain the audience with a wide variety of riding skills and spectacular show acts: The popular trick riders of the Hasta Luego Academy from southern France inspire with daring stunts on, next to and under the horse, the cute mini Shettys by Bartolo Messina from Italy will melt the hearts of young and old within seconds and the teams around Luis Valença and Filipe Fernandes from Portugal shine with precise presentations of classical dressage. The team of Sebastián Fernández, a master of the Doma Vaquera, will skilfully showcase the traditional riding style of the cattle herders in the new show “Secret of Eternity”! You can also look forward to the talented freedom artist Sylvie Willms and her colorful herd of horses, the action-packed Hungarian Post by Laury Tisseur and many more surprising moments.

“Secret of Eternity” tells the adventure of the indigenous woman Mamey from the Guyavos tribe and the shepherd boy Joaquim, who lives at the other end of the country. Both of them go on an exciting journey through Central America, without being aware of each other’s mission: To bring the legendary Stone of Eternity back to its place of origin. On their way they meet Arturo, the power-obsessed leader of the Cocorochos, who wants to steal the mighty stone for his own purposes, and have to face many other dangers on their way through the wild land ... Will they be able to stand up to Arturo and to bring the Stone of Eternity back to the Guyavos in time? Immerse yourself in an exciting adventure with CAVALLUNA – “Secret of Eternity” and experience spectacular horsemanship against the backdrop of beautiful exotic landscapes with colorful villages, turquoise coasts, tropical forests and archaic temples.

Additional information and tickets at www.cavalluna.com.

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PRE-PRESS PICTURES

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Giulia Giona as the protagonist "Mamey"



Salto of trickrider Nabil Azzam



Equipe Fernandes as Dark Tribe



Martim Vassalo as Mexican rider



Rising Lusitano stallion



Bartolo Messina as Guyavo chief



Trickrider Sasá Importa in jumping



Diego Giona as villain "Arturo"



Ewelina Unger as Guyava

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Spanish step of the Equipe Fernandes



Sara Malatini as Cocorocho trickrider



Ivan Moreno as protagonist "Joaquim"

ARTWORK + LOGO

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Artwork portrait



Artwork landscape



CAVALLUNA logo as PNG

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STARS



Equipe Bartolo Messina

When Bartolo Messina and his horses enter the arena, there is something magical in the air: his animals follow him as if by invisible strings - the deep trust between him and his four-legged friends becomes immediately apparent. In the current show CAVALLUNA - "Secret of Eternity" the Italian takes on the role of the tribe leader of the Guyavos and the audience can look forward to the performance of a touching and cute liberty with one big horse and three dainty Mini Shetland ponies that present difficult lessons - a highlight for spectators all ages!



Equipe Luis Valença

Beautiful Lusitanos and dressage art at the highest level - that promises the team of Luis Valença from Portugal! The members of the highly trained equipe present the most demanding lessons in perfection and enchant the audience with their graceful animals and sophisticated quadrilles. Whether pirouettes, piaffe or the impressive capriole: no other team masters classic dressage lessons in such inimitable precision. In „Secret of Eternity“, the Portuguese team shows the most difficult lessons on and above the earth as well as impressive formations that invite you to dream.



Equipe Giona

The team Giona stands for versatility and equestrian quality! The Italian family has been thrilling audiences for years and will delight with breathtaking scenes at CAVALLUNA: Whether Giulia's and Diego's harmonious dressage skills or the liberty number of their father Alex with five beautiful white horses - the Italians know how to showcase their equestrian passion. In "Secret of Eternity" Giulia will take on the role of the tribal daughter Mamey while her brother will play the evil antagonist Arturo. Therefore they not only demonstrate their riding skills this year, but also skillfully show their acting talent.

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Sylvie Willms

Sylvie Willms grew up with the passion for horses from day one, since her family has been dedicated to the noble four-legged animals for more than 300 years. Although she was already sitting on a horse before she could even walk, Sylvie lost her heart to the liberty dressage as a child already. Whether on stage or at home - she likes to be surrounded by lots of animals: In „Secret of Eternity“, she lets 12 horses of different breeds perform incredible exercises... guided only by her voice and her body language. The audience will be thrilled to witness this close bond reflecting the trust that can develop between humans and animals.



Hasta Luego Academy

The Hasta Luego Academy also hosts an elite team of the best trick riders in Europe that is continually enhanced by new riders. This is why the equipe, which was created especially for CAVALLUNA, succeeds in captivating its audience with constantly new and bold tricks on, above and below the horses. The team is trained by Erik Hasta Luego, the French trick riding champion since 1978, who is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the fastest rider to circle beneath the belly of a galloping horse in only 12 seconds. He passes on his skills to the young riders of the Hasta Luego Academy in Nîmes in the South of France.



Equipe Sebastián Fernández

The family of the multiple Spanish master of the traditional herding method known as „Doma Vaquera“ dedicates itself entirely to their passion: the horses. Sebastián Fernández and his team show in CAVALLUNA - „Secret of Eternity“ how skillfully they know how to handle the „Garrocha“. It is a about three meters long wooden staff, which is integrated into the lessons with the horse and formerly used to drive the cattle. In the show, one of the team members plays the main character Joaquim: A shepherd boy who is entitled from one moment to another to succeed in a dangerous mission - of course accompanied by one of the beautiful horses of Equipe Fernández!

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Equipe Filipe Fernandes

For more than ten years the Portuguese and talented dressage rider Filipe Fernandes has enriched the team of Europe's most popular horse show. Trained and apprenticed by the master of haute école Luis Valença, this is the third time now that Filipe presents himself with his own team at CAVALLUNA - "Secret of Eternity": With his beautiful friesians, her flowing manes, powerful gears and her fairytale appearance, he and his team are taking the hearts of the audience by storm! In addition, the team fascinates with difficult lessons of classical dressage and beautiful quadrilles in complete harmony.



Laury Tisseur

He performs daring maneuvers and shines with unique talent! It is Laury Tisseur, star of the Hungarian Post. In this way of riding, the Frenchman stands on the backs of two grey Lusitano horses, accompanied by four more horses, with reigns but also in liberty. Traditionally, the shepherds of the Puszta used the foresight thus gained to be able to observe their animals on the huge pastures and to be mobile at the same time. In addition to the highly complex movements that the dynamic team performs, the Frenchman also inspires the audience with harmonious performances of classic dressage.

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HORSE BREEDS



In the show:

Doma Vaquera –
Sebastián Fernández

Pura Raza Española (P.R.E.)

The Iberian Pura Raza Española (P.R.E.) is a very noble breed. These horses are one of the oldest European breeds with a long-standing, pure pedigree, and the Spanish riders' pride and joy. Due to their versatility and good nature, P.R.E. horses are excellently suited for classical dressage. They are extremely intelligent and reliable and have a very good memory. This makes it possible to train them in a short amount of time, however it also requires particular care. Riders appreciate their passionate but even temper. P.R.E.s are known for their harmonious appearance that is similar to the Andalusian horse. They have a very elegant head, a thick mane and triangularly shaped eyes.

Thanks to their magnificent coat and their gentle and sleek gaits, these Spaniards are proud and beautiful creatures. What is more, they are very eager to learn, obedient and pleasant-natured – the perfect condition for a real highlight of the CAVALLUNA show, the skilful art of Doma Vaquera, the traditional riding style of the Spanish cattle herders.



In the show:

Comedy number –
Equipe Francesco Nobile

Donkey

Donkeys like to be close to humans, and have been their loyal companions for millennia. These special representatives of the horse family are very intelligent and empathetic. The distinguishing characteristics of don-keys include their very loud braying – which allows them to communicate with their fellow donkeys across distances of up to three kilometres and their large ears. Donkeys are considerably more cautious and headstrong than horses, which has given them the reputation of being lazy. Yet once you have gained their trust, they show great motivation and willingness to learn. In “Secret of Eternity” the audience can look forward to see one cute and well trained donkey doing his „Coconut-job“ and thereby makes old and young visitors smile.



HORSE BREEDS



In the show:
Dressage –
Equipe Filipe Fernandes

Friesian

Friesian horses, also known as the “black pearls of Friesland”, have a long-standing history. They were first mentioned in the times of Ancient Rome and have since evolved into a popular European breed. The distinctive type known today emerged in the 16th century, when they were crossbred with Iberian horses. The fascination with the Friesian horse is in part owed to its beautiful, mystical appearance straight from a fairy tale with its long, lush mane and its similarly striking feathering. Thanks to its Spanish heritage, this breed, which was often used for work on the fields, performs bold and expressive gaits, which makes it predestined for dressage. Whether for classical or circensic dressage, these intelligent and sensitive black giants are all-round talents and often used as show acts because of their impressive appearance. Of course, CAVALLUNA is thrilled to have these Dutch show stars perform in the arena, because there aren’t many horses this majestic!



In the show:
Liberty with Mini ponys –
Equipe Bartolo Messina

Mini Shetlandpony

Among all of the breeds, Shetland ponies are known as the “ants among horses”. They originate from the Shetlands, a group of islands belonging to Scotland. Due to the rough weathers on the islands, they have evolved into very resilient and sturdy ponies. These little all-rounders are considered to be one of the most powerful horse breeds, even capable of pulling twice their own weight. Shetland ponies are very sociable and eager to learn, they are diligent and frugal. These powerful horses even worked underground as so-called pit ponies in coal mining, and they were sought after as packhorses or carthorses. Later they also became popular for children to ride on. Just like donkeys, “shetties” are known to have a stubborn streak. However, they are much more sociable than people think! With a little patience, these little strongheaded creatures turn out to be really loving and trainable companions that are very smart when it comes to learning new tricks, and who enjoy showing off their skills. Just like their big siblings in the horse family, they are able to learn the most difficult exercises in classical dressage, with many surprises in store. The audience won’t believe their eyes seeing these cute dwarfs demonstrate their abilities in the CAVALLUNA arena.



HORSE BREEDS



In the show:
High School –
Equipe Luis Valença

Lusitano

Lusitano horses are close relatives of the Andalusian horse. However, the breeding business in Portugal developed very differently than in Spain and their independent stud book was not introduced until 1942. Due to its compact and brawny build, the Iberian horse breed is perfectly suited for dressage, even the classical discipline. The Lusitano's expressive, noble head with its big eyes is set on an optimally curved neck that emerges from muscular shoulders. Lusitano horses are characterised by their courage, their great strength of nerve and their reliability. They are very eager to work and fast learners. Their brisk temper is easily balanced out by their sensitive nature. More than other horse breeds, the Lusitano is quick to bond with humans and has a close relationship with its owner – a lifelong friendship. The horses' temper and willingness to learn make them predestined for various tasks, for example cattle herding.

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THE CAVALLUNA STABLES

Home of the CAVALLUNA horses

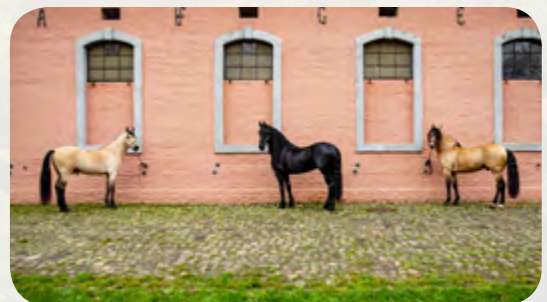
The name CAVALLUNA stands for sophisticated choreographies, intoxicating music, magnificent scenery and of course impressive horse dressings. What also distinguishes CAVALLUNA is the affection between man and horse, from which their perfect interaction emerges. The CAVALLUNA horses are not only undisputed crowd pleasers - they are also in the center of attention for their riders and supervisors. That's why her well-being goes over everything, during the show and beyond from it!

The tour, which takes place between October and June in different cities in Germany and other European countries, is organized in a star shape. This means that the horses are not brought from one show city to the next, but stay in the centrally located „Interim stables“. This way, travel times can be kept as short as possible.

One of the two stables is the Horse Center Schloss Wickrath near Mönchengladbach. Here the horses are offered an ideal place of rest also during the tour. During the week, the four-legged friends spend their free time on the spacious grounds: grazing on paddocks, on idyllic horseback rides and light, tailored to the needs of the horse training - just a normal horse life!

From the wooded riding area and the beautiful boxes and paddocks benefit the CAVALLUNA horses, whose home is partly thousands of miles away. The estate is also their home during the tour „Secret of Eternity“.

From here it is now, during the show time, in the individual tour cities. In this way, the animals have plenty of time off during the week, with walks in the countryside and grazing, and the distances in the van are kept short. The relaxed mood is also noticeable during the show. The horses are relaxed as well as behind the scenes, but also motivated.



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DATES - SECRET OF ETERNITY 2022/2023

City	Date	Time	Venue	City	Date	Time	Venue
Riesa	Sat., Sun., 22.10.2022 23.10.2022	14 + 19 14	SACHSENarena	Frankfurt	Fr., Sat., Sun., 24.02.2023 25.02.2023 26.02.2023	20 15 + 20 14 + 18.30	Festhalle Messe Frankfurt
Schwerin	Sat., Sun., 29.10.2022 30.10.2022	14 + 18.30 14	Sport- und Kongresshalle	Stuttgart	Sat., Sun., 04.03.2023 05.03.2023	15 + 20 13 + 17.30	Hanns-Martin- Schleyer-Halle
Neubrandenburg	Sat., Sun., 05.11.2022 06.11.2022	14 + 19 14	Jahnsportforum	Erfurt	Sat., Sun., 11.03.2023 12.03.2023	14 + 19.30 13 + 17.30	Messe Erfurt
Oberhausen	Sat., Sun., 12.11.2022 13.11.2022	14 + 19 13	Rudolf Weber- ARENA	Saarbrücken	Sat., Sun., 18.03.2023 19.03.2023	14 + 19 14 + 18.30	Saarlandhalle
Innsbruck (A)	Sat., Sun., 19.11.2022 20.11.2022	14 + 19 13	Olympiahalle	Antwerp (B)	Sat., Sun., 25.03.2023 26.03.2023	14 + 19 15	Sportpaleis
Zurich (CH)	Sat, Sun., 03.12.2022 04.12.2022	15 + 19.30 14	Hallenstadion	Bielefeld	Fr., Sat., Sun., 31.03.2023 01.04.2023 02.04.2023	20 15 + 20 13 + 17.30	Seidensticker Halle
Magdeburg	Sat, Sun., 10.12.2022 11.12.2022	14 + 19 14	GETEC-Arena	Münster	Sat., Sun., Mo., 08.04.2023 09.04.2023 10.04.2023	15 + 20 14 + 18.30 14 + 18.30	MCC Halle Münsterland
Dortmund	Sat., Sun., 17.12.2022 18.12.2022	14 + 19 14	Westfalenhalle	Rostock	Sat., Sun., 15.04.2023 16.04.2023	15 + 20 13 + 17.30	StadtHalle Rostock
Bremen	Mo., Tue., 26.12.2022 27.12.2022	14 + 18.30 14 + 18.30	ÖVB-Arena	Göttingen	Sat., Sun., 22.04.2023 23.04.2023	15 + 20 13 + 17.30	LOKHALLE Göttingen
Leipzig	Fr., Sat., 30.12.2022 31.12.2022	14 + 19 14	QUARTERBACK Immobilien ARENA	Cologne	Sat., Sun., 29.04.2023 30.04.2023	14 + 19 13	LANXESS arena
Berlin	Sat., Sun., 07.01.2023 08.01.2023	15 + 20 14 + 18.30	Mercedes-Benz Arena	Chemnitz	Sat., Sun., 06.05.2023 07.05.2023	14 + 19.30 13 + 17.30	Messe Chemnitz
Hanover	Sat., Sun., 14.01.2023 15.01.2023	15 + 20 14 + 18.30	ZAG Arena	Salzburg (A)	Sat., Sun., 13.05.2023 14.05.2023	14 + 19.30 13 + 17.30	Salzburgarena
Munich	Sat., Sun., 21.01.2023 22.01.2023	15 + 20 14 + 18.30	Olympiahalle	Vienna (A)	Sat., Sun., 20.05.2023 21.05.2023	14 + 19.30 13	Wiener Stadthalle
Hamburg	Sat., Sun., 28.01.2023 29.01.2023	15 + 20 14 + 18.30	Barclays Arena	Graz (A)	Sat., Sun., 27.05.2023 28.05.2023	14 + 19.30 13 + 17.30	Stadthalle Graz
Nuremberg	Sat., Sun., 04.02.2023 05.02.2023	15 + 20 14 + 18.30	ARENA NÜRNBERGER Versicherung	Kiel	Sat., Sun., 03.06.2023 04.06.2023	15 + 20 13	Wunderino Arena
Mannheim	Sat., Sun., 11.02.2023 12.02.2023	14 + 19 14	SAP Arena	Rotterdam (NL)	Sat., Sun., 10.06.2023 11.06.2023	14 + 19 14	Rotterdam Ahoy
Basel (CH)	Sat., Sun., 18.02.2023 19.02.2023	14 + 19 14	St. Jakobshalle	Düsseldorf	Sat., Sun., 17.06.2023 18.06.2023	15 + 20 13	PSD BANK DOME

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