



**Manfred & Hilde
Swarovski**
Gedächtnisturnier
CDI Schindlhof

**23rd Manfred & Hilde Swarovski
Memorial Show**
CDI4* Schindlhof
30 June to 2. July 2017
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Media Release

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3 days until the 23rd Manfred & Hilde Swarovski Memorial Show

The 23rd Manfred & Hilde Swarovski Memorial Show from 30 June to 2 July is sporting inclusion at the highest level. Pepo Puch, gold medalist at the Paralympics in Rio 2016 and London 2012, will join the final sighting for the European Championships with the Austrian para-team.

"The fact that we are allowed to return after our premiere last year is a great honor. Riding at Schindlhof next to top stars like Isabell Werth is a special motivation for para-athletes," says the reigning European champion Puch.

Austria's para-team led by Theres Rantner, the Tyrolean Chef d'Equipe, will use the national championships at Schindlhof as the last major test before the European Championships in Gothenburg (21-27 August).

"We are extremely looking forward to our dress rehearsal at Evelyn and Klaus Haim-Swarovski's Schindlhof before the European Championships. The two are perfect hosts. The show is full of strong athletes, and for us para-athletes it is something special to present what we and our horses can do next to Isabell Werth, Victoria Max-Theurer and other able-bodied riders," says Austria's Disabled Sportsman of the Year 2016, who recently celebrated his comeback after some injury misfortune at Somma Lombardo, Italy, with his Olympic black horse Fontainenoir and three victories.

Bernd Brugger, Thomas Haller, Michael Knauder, Katrin Öhner and Julia Sciancalepore will ride for the three remaining spots, next to Pepo Buch, in the para-team for Gothenburg: "For many of my colleagues, it is a new feeling to deal with this pressure. But this is a good preparation for the European Championships, because there is a lot of pressure."

**23rd Manfred & Hilde Swarovski Memorial Show
Concours de Dressage International, CDI4* Schindlhof
Timetable**

Friday, 30 June 2017

8 a.m., #1 FEI Prix St. Georges

12 noon, Team Test, Austrian Championships (AC) Para-Dressage, all grades

1.30 p.m., #2 FEI Grand Prix de Dressage – Qualifier for Special

Saturday, 1 July 2017

8 a.m., #3 FEI Intermediaire I

12 noon, Individual Test, 1st part of AC Para-Dressage, all grades

1.30 p.m., #4 FEI Grand Prix de Dressage – Qualifier for Music Freestyle

Sunday, 2 July 2017

7.30 a.m., #5 FEI Grand Prix Consolation for non-qualified pairs

9 a.m., #6 FEI Grand Prix Special (with the top-15 of #2)

12 noon, Music Freestyle, 2nd part of AC Para-Dressage, all grades, followed by a show program and the award "Who wears the most beautiful hat?", moderated by Mirjam Weichselbraun

2.30 p.m., #7 FEI Grand Prix Music Freestyle (with the top-15 of #4)

Admission (100% in favor of charitable purposes — for the associations "Therapeutic Riding and Vaulting & Riding for People with Disabilities" and "Tugende Together":

Friday € 7,-

Saturday € 10,-

Sunday € 12,-

3-day-pass € 20,-

Free admission for children up 15 years.

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Info, pictures, videos, start and result lists here: schindlhof.at and facebook.com/Schindlhof and instagram.com/schindlhof and youtube.com/user/SchindlhofPresse

Winner List Manfred & Hilde Swarovski Challenge Cup

1995 Bianca Kassermann, GER

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1998 Christilot Boylen, CAN

1999 Markus Gribbe, GER

2000 Thorsten Dietz, GER

2001 Günther Seidel, USA

2002 Austrian Championships Dressage – no CDI

2003 Anja Plönzke, GER

2004 Rafael Soto Andrade, ESP

2005 Silvia Iklé, SUI

2006 Victoria Max-Theurer, AUT

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2008 no overall winner, Music Freestyle was canceled due to bad weather

2009 Austrian Championships Dressage – no CDI

2010 Ulla Salzgeber, GER

2011 Carl Hester, GBR

2012 Carl Hester, GBR

2013 Valentina Truppa, ITA

2014 Victoria Max-Theurer, AUT

2015 Victoria Max-Theurer, AUT

2016 Isabell Werth, GER

The Manfred & Hilde Swarovski Challenge Cup is awarded to the most successful pair (percentage of GP and GP Special will be added, the highest score of the Special Tour respectively Freestyle Tour wins) of the CDI4* Schindlhof. The winner may keep the precious Swarovski crystal trophy for a year. He/she is allowed to keep the beautiful piece for good after winning three times with the same horse. In the year 2014, for the first time, Austria's now 13-time state champion Victoria Max-Theurer achieved this.