



## Olympic Dream Trip Winner Rides Arabians

**M**imi Stanley is a 20 year old North Dakota Native with a passion for Dressage. She and her family own and operate Prairie Rose Farm and Training Center in Bismarck where she trains, teaches, and shows professionally. She was selected by the Dressage Foundation for an Olympic Dream Trip to Germany in June, 2010.

During the past 10 years, The Dressage Foundation has awarded more than \$925,000 in scholarships and grants. This year, they had the largest number of applicants for the Olympic Dream Trip ever (37), and the applications were from some of the top dressage Young Riders in the country. The Selection Committee had a tough time only choosing four kids! The program is funded by donors to The Dressage Foundation, who believe that giving Young Riders an opportunity to experience European dressage will help them in their future dressage careers.

"These are kids who want to be top dressage riders, trainers, instructors, judges... and giving them a chance to spend time with the world's best is incredibly inspiring for them," says Karla Stanley, Mimi's mother. "I don't know if any previous participants have ridden Arabians, but in

a world dominated by Warmbloods, any other breed that rises to the top (like Mimi's horse) is very special."

All of the funding for these grants and scholarships was provided by significant contributions from donors. This funding allows the Foundation to provide monetary assistance to hundreds of young dressage riders, adult amateurs, freestyle riders, high-performance riders, instructors and judges to advance their knowledge and experience in the sport of dressage.

With her mother Karla Stanley as her coach and trainer, and an occasional clinic, she has worked on her dressage education.

In 2003 Mimi won three Top Tens at the Arabian Youth Nationals in dressage with two horses that were raised and trained at Prairie Rose Training Center, PR Merrylegs and PR Stephanite. In 2005 she purchased Grand Prix Arabian gelding EA Cygnus+// (Hayel Orion x Coranette) as a schoolmaster and began a successful partnership. Together they completed "Cyg's" United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Horse Achievement Awards at Prix Saint George and Grand Prix. Mimi competed her USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals on Cygnus and Merrylegs. In 2008 she was a working



student at Tempel Farms for the spring and had the opportunity to ride in some of the performances. In 2008 Mimi won seven USDF All-Breed Awards and was Junior/Young Rider Horse of The Year at Grand Prix. She was also an alternate for the Olympic Dream Trip. In 2009 Mimi won two National Championships at Intermediate II and Grand Prix Freestyle at the Arabian Sport Horse Nationals.

She is currently training at Prairie Rose Training Center and will be competing her own and client's horses throughout the season. She has competed the first four sessions of the "L" Judges Program with intentions of judging in the future. She also completed her Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration from Bismarck State College and will be continuing on to pursue a Major in Agribusiness at North Dakota State College.

## Dressage Test Riding Goes Virtual on Perfectworlddressage.com

**I**n a perfect world, a rider invites a judge to the rider's private dressage arena to evaluate a test, ridden under the rider's own timetable and ideal conditions.

Such a perfect world exists in the virtual reality of Perfectworlddressage.com, the first and only website offering the online services of USEF-licensed dressage judges to judge, score and comment on test videos uploaded to the site.

Many of the same judges that riders face on centerline at "real" dressage shows are available to judge their videos in this virtual world.

At Perfectworlddressage.com, riders upload dressage test videos to the site, and designate a judge from PWD's stable of "R" and "S" judges to evaluate the test.

The resulting test sheets, complete with the judge's movement scores, collective marks and instructive comments, appear on riders' personal profile pages for riders to review while viewing the video.

"On our site, judges can spend extra time on your test without the constraints of a 'real' show," explains creator of Perfectworlddressage.com Sarah Jorgensen.

"I created the site because I myself wanted a way to practice a test and get feedback from a recognized judge without the pressures, expenses and time of a 'real' dressage show. Training Level through Grand Prix, and USDF Introductory A and B tests are available. The site will be adding the FEI five- and six- year-old tests in the near future.

