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## **Western Dressage Association® Of America Introduces Musical Freestyles**

**Parker, Colorado** – The Western Dressage Association® of America will add Musical Freestyles to its Western Dressage Test offerings beginning at the WDAA World Championship Show in Tulsa, Oklahoma November 2-3, 2013. The WDAA will offer Freestyles in Basic Level, Level 1 and Level 2 with additional offerings to follow as the discipline grows.

Freestyles offer riders another way to explore the discipline while expressing additional creativity. Horses and riders are required to showcase a particular set of compulsory elements but the pattern, consequently and difficulties of the design of the test are up to the exhibitor. The harmony between horse and rider is essential and that partnership is a highlight of Freestyles.

Equestrians interested in discovering more about Musical Freestyles, the recommended experience for riding them and the compulsory elements for each test level are encouraged to visit the WDAA Education Center on the website at:

<http://www.westerndressageassociation.org/western-dressage-rules-tests/>

**About the Western Dressage Association® of America:** The Western Dressage Association® of America is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization focused on providing a model of horsemanship which optimizes the partnership of horse and rider for their mutual benefit. The mission of the Western Dressage Association® is “to honor the horse, to value the partnership between horse and rider and to celebrate the legacy of the American West” which it focuses on through its offerings of educational opportunities and events to the equestrian community.