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## **WESTERN DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION® of AMERICA CELEBRATES SECOND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW WITH 350 PERCENT GROWTH**

**Parker, Colorado** –The Western Dressage Association® of America (WDAA) celebrated another exciting landmark in its journey, hosting its second Western Dressage World Championship Show Nov. 1-2 in Tulsa, Oklahoma! The weekend was captivating as the two-day event experienced 350 percent growth from last year and filled four arenas with more than 430 scheduled rides featuring all aspects of the discipline. Riders came from 21 states, four Canadian provinces and two overseas countries and partnered with horses representing more than 20 breeds and types. The show was a testament to both the diversity and comradery that exist in the discipline.



Hundreds of riders and spectators celebrated on the show grounds in Tulsa, and more than 7,500 joined in worldwide, courtesy of free live streaming. Classes included all levels of Western Dressage from Introductory to Level 3 and also presented gaited horse offerings and freestyles. Buckles were awarded to high point by level and division: junior, amateur and open.

The fun continued late into the evening on Nov. 2 with the Saddle Up Party to honor the horses and riders, as well as generating excitement for what 2015 will bring. The exhibitors had a chance to mingle and swap stories at the festivity. The evening wrapped up with thank yous, farewells and fantastic door prizes – including a custom Harmony Western Dressage Saddle.

All of the amazement would not have been possible without the efforts of the WDAA's great partners, including the Pinto Horse Association, which handled logistics and administration for the World Show, the American Morgan Horse Association for sponsoring the Saddle Up Party and Western Dressage Riding Gear for donating the saddle! WDAA is also very grateful to the many volunteer and contract individuals and groups who so generously shared their time, talents and donations to ensure a wonderful show experience and quality event for exhibitors, spectators and horses!

The spectacular World Show experience was deeply focused in the WDAA's mission. Each horse had their bit and equipment checked for rule compliance. Exhibitors shared the wonderful stories of the horses in the arena through live-streamed video interviews, endearing them to their fellow competitors and spectators alike. A spirit of comradery and friendship flourished, and appreciation and honor for the horse were both bountiful and profoundly displayed. The opportunity to celebrate Western Dressage was educational and fun!



To share in the appreciation and magic of the second WDAA Western Dressage World Championship Show, please visit the WDAA website at [www.westerndressageassociation.org](http://www.westerndressageassociation.org) and on social media via <https://www.facebook.com/WesternDressageAssociationAmerica>

**About the Western Dressage Association<sup>®</sup> of America:** The Western Dressage Association<sup>®</sup> of America is a 501(c)3 educational nonprofit organization focused on providing a model of horsemanship that optimizes the partnership of horse and rider for their mutual benefit. The mission of the Western Dressage Association of America<sup>®</sup> 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.