

SPANISH RIDING SCHOOL BEREITER CHRISTIAN BACHINGER CLINIC

November 5 & 6, 2024

West Olive, Michigan – Sandy Hill Farm
14924 Van Buren St, West Olive, MI 49460

TIME	Tuesday November 5	Time	Wednesday November 6
9:00 AM	Erika Petersen TL Oldenburg	9:00 AM	Kelly Hill 4 th Lev PRE
10:00 AM	Sarah Fogg 2 nd /3 rd Lev Friesian	9:40 AM	Erika Petersen 3 rd Lev Dutch Warmblood
10:40 AM	Melissa Smith TL Thoroughbred	10:20AM	Sarah Fogg 2 nd /3 rd Lev Friesian
11:20 AM	Jorie Sligh In-hand Lipizzaner	11:00 AM	Shawnda Jones Irish Sport Horse TL
12:00 PM	Kelly Hill 4 th Lev PRE	11:40 PM	Martina Johnson TL KWPN
12:40 PM	LUNCH	12:20 PM	LUNCH
1:10 PM	Meaghan Minkus TL Friesian	1:00 PM	Jordan Custer In-hand Lipizzaner
1:50 PM	Melissa Smith 1 st Lev Hanoverian/Appy	1:40 PM	Meaghan Minkus TL Friesian
2:30 PM	Martina Johnson TL KWPN	2:20 PM	Jorie Sligh In-hand Lipizzaner
3:10 PM	Elsa Fogg Friesian	3:00 PM	Brenda Bezinque Intro Quarter Horse
3:40 PM	X	3:40 PM	Leana Tank 3 rd Lev Norwegian Fjord

* Levels listed represent the levels the horse and rider are primarily schooling *

“We must live for the School. Offer our lives to it! Then, perhaps, little by little, the light will grow from the tiny candle we keep lit here, and the great art – of the haute école – will not be snuffed out.”

~ Alois Podhajsky, Director of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna
from 1939 – 1965

Christian Bachinger Clinic

Bereiter of the Spanish Riding School



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Christian Bachinger and the Spanish Riding School

The Spanish Riding School of Vienna, Austria, with its famous white Lipizzaner Stallions, has for over 460 years represented classical equitation at its finest. Both stallions and riders follow a careful classical training system that produces some of the best riders and dressage horses in the world.

Candidates – “Eleves” - usually enter the School in their teens to attempt to become Bereiters - a commitment that, if all goes well, will be their career for the majority of their lives.

Training is intense. They spend six months on the longe before even being allowed to pick up the reins. That's followed by several years, day in and day out, at least 40 hours a week, of intensive studying and schooling on highly trained Lipizzan stallions under the watchful and experienced eyes of SRS Bereiters.

After approximately 10 to 12 years, if the student survives the examinations and evaluations (85% do not), demonstrates that they can not only ride but can also teach others, and trains a young stallion to the Grand Prix/High School level, they earn the title of Bereiter – “Rider” – of the Spanish Riding School...and so the tradition of training stallions and new Eleves entering the School carries on.

Christian Bachinger joined the Spanish Riding School as an Eleve in 1981 and was awarded the title of Bereiter with his stallion, Conversano Nima, in 1991. He has several stallions at the SRS, and is the specialist at the Spanish Riding School for teaching the difficult airs movement, the courbette. Herr Bachinger is the 3rd generation of his family to achieve the Bereiter designation at the SRS.

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the clinic with Spanish Riding School Bereiter Christian Bachinger! We're glad that you're joining us for what is sure to be an inspirational and enlightening experience in dressage education.

Please take a moment to look over the Auditor Etiquette notes, which were compiled to help ensure a quality experience for all.

We hope that you have an enjoyable time at the clinic!

Jorie Sligh (Clinic Organizer; jorie@dressageclinics.org)
Christian Bachinger, Bereiter, Spanish Riding School of Vienna, Austria

Auditor Etiquette

- ◆ Sorry, no video or pictures of lessons (unless acting on behalf of the rider in the lesson)
- ◆ Quiet in auditor area; please save discussion or questions for breaks or outside.
- ◆ Please turn cell phones to **off** or **vibrate**.

Acknowledgments & Much Appreciation~

... to Sarah, Hannah, and the entire Sandy Hill team for their hospitality in hosting the clinic;

... to Christian, for sharing his talent and passion for dressage;

... to the riders, for sharing their learning experiences in what can be an intimidating and vulnerable situation;

... to the horses, for their giving, kind hearts.

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"There is no instant dressage. One should count in years, not in days. – Bengt Ljungquist, "Practical Dressage Manual"

"I will never forget Riding Master Eggert, the trainer of the horses from the Countess von Hessen in Schloss Kronberg in Taunus. When he was 82 years old, he still rode two Grand Prix horses every day. He had three. He let me ride one, because as he said, "I am no longer as strong as I used to be!" When he was in the hospital and we knew he was dying, he called me once more to his bedside. He said, "Walter, now I start to understand what riding is, and now I must die." – Walter Zettl, "Dressage in Harmony"