

2023 REGION 8 FEI YOUTH CLINIC BIOS

Brenna Donovan, Andover, MA – Brenna has shown through Prix St. George on two horses and competed at NAYC last summer on the Bronze Medal winning team for USDF Region 8. Her partnership with Scandal LWF commenced in 2020 and they started showing together at Third Level and have progressed to Intermediate 1 with the help of Pam Goodrich. She is a senior at Mount Holyoke College and a Sociology/English double major. In her very little free time, she enjoys painting and writing fiction.

Brenna will be riding her own Scandal LWF. Scandal LWF is a 10-year-old, Oldenburg, mare.

Leah Drew, Lincoln, MA – Leah and her horse Jazz Beat were ranked #1 in the US for the FEI Juniors with scores up to 74.6% in NAYC/Festival of Champions qualifying shows. They were selected for the 2023 Robert Dover Horsemastership Clinic. Leah trains with Hope Cooper and Jane Karol at Bear Spot Farm. This winter, she competed in Wellington with FEI Juniors scores in the upper 60's, and a win in the CDIJ. Her goals are to qualify for NAYC and Festival of Champions in 2023 and prepare to compete in the FEI Young Riders in 2024.

Leah will be riding JazzBeat. JazzBeat is a 12-year-old, Hanoverian, gelding, owned by Berryfield, LLC.

Maggie Elsbernd, Fleming, NJ– Maggie is 20 years old and was originally born and raised in Excelsior, Minnesota. In 2021, she moved to Wellington, FL and began working with trainers Suzy and Gabriel Armando. Today, she rides for them in Flemington, NJ for the summers, and in Wellington for the winters. Maggie is a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist and has competed at the NAYC, Festival of Champions, regional championships as well as AGDF in Wellington, FL. Her upcoming goals are to ride lots of horses including her own 5-year-old mare, Nova, that she is bringing up herself. She plans to continue to learn and develop her skills as a dressage rider and trainer.

Maggie will be riding Genius. Genius is an 11-year-old, Dutch Warmblood, gelding, owned by Hope Greenfield.

Gabriel Epstein, Chestnut Hill, MA –Gabriel first competed with his mom's little Lipizzaner gelding, starting at intro level in some local schooling shows. At the last regional championships, they tied for first place in their first fourth-level tests. Two seasons ago, in Florida, he qualified for the North American Youth Championships with his recently acquired mount, Bandito. Before coming to the U.S., Bandito stayed with close family friends in Germany, where Gabriel had the opportunity to train for two months and learn about equine life in Europe. Last season they qualified quickly and earned a place on the Region 8 NAYC Junior team. Today they train out of Bear Spot Farm with Hope Cooper and Jane Karol. Gabriel and Bandito are currently competing in the Young Riders tests and the PSG.

Gabriel will be riding Karen Bressler's Bandito. Bandito is a 16-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding.

Rosa Murphy, Cambridge, MA – Rosa is 16 years old and is from Cambridge Massachusetts. Rosa and her horse Ravnika FLF have been partners for one year and spent the winter in Wellington training and getting their feet wet at Juniors. Their greatest accomplishment has been qualifying for US Dressage Finals in their first six months together. Rosa has been riding since the age of 8, trying her hand at both dressage and hunter/jumpers. Today she exclusively focuses on dressage with the occasional jump day to change things up.

Rosa is riding her own Ravnika FLF. Ravnika FLF is an 8-year-old Hanoverian gelding.

Callie O'Connell, Wilmington, MA – Callie began riding at age 5 and has been a passionate student of dressage since she was 8 years old. She is currently the head trainer at Berryfield Dressage. She is a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold medalist. Prior to joining Berryfield, Callie was a working student and assistant trainer for Jane Karol at Bear Spot Farm, from 2015-2021. Callie's goal with every horse is to build a relationship based on trust, allowing each horse to develop at a pace that matches both their physical and mental readiness. Recent career highlights include being named to the 2023 FEI Dressage Nations Cup USA CDIOU25 Team with Eaton H, earning Team Gold, Individual GP Gold and Freestyle Silver.

Callie will be riding Eaton H. Eaton H is a 14-year-old, Dutch Warmblood, gelding, owned by Ruling Cortes, LLC.

Isabella Thorpe, Martha's Vineyard, MA – Isabella grew up on the Island of Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. She is a rising junior at the University of Vermont where she is studying biology. She started riding at age two and has been in love with horses ever since. Her dressage career started in 2013 at Dressage for Kids in the Intro B division. In the last decade she has partnered with three mares and is currently riding Bella Ymas. Isabella and her horse both go by Bella, making barn life a bit confusing at times. Their partnership started in 2019 competing Second Level. With the help of Tracey Olsen, Pam Goodrich, and Jamie Fell, they have progressed to the Young Rider level, and are currently schooling Intermediate 1 and starting some Grand Prix movements, with aspirations to compete in the U-25 division one day.

Isabella will be riding her own Bella Ymas. Bella Ymas is a 10-year-old, Hanoverian, mare.

Cameron Wyman, Kingston, NY – Cameron has owned and competed with her horse Thys for the last 8 years. They have competed twice at the Junior Level and once at the Young Rider Level during NAYC. Cameron's short-term goals are to compete at NAYC and the Festival of Champions, and her long-term goals are to become a team rider. She would like to be considered for the Emerging or Developing Pathway doing the U25 division this summer.

Cameron is riding her own Thys. Thys is a 16-year-old, Friesian, stallion.