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#### “SPORT AND SHOW” EVENINGS TOURNENT LES CHEVAUX PERFORMED BY THE COMPAGNIE ALEXIS GRÜSS - SIGNATURE -

The name of this family is featured in the French equestrian performing arts' hall of fame! The Compagnie Alexis Grüss is back in the Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International's huge ring, for two exceptional "Sport and Show" evenings on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 October.

Every year, the Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International plays host to a unique major show, created for the Lyon event, to bring the "Sport and Show" evenings to a close on Friday and Saturday evening after the leading show jumping classes, the Longines Grand Prix and the Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier. This year, the public will enjoy the tradition of great equestrian performing arts and the Compagnie Alexis Grüss, directed by the founder's son, Firmin. The Compagnie Alexis Grüss will win the public over on Friday and Saturday night in a rare show, in Eurexpo's vast ring. It will be directed by Firmin's older brother Stephan, and has some surprises in store for spectators. For the first time in its history, the Compagnie Alexis Grüss will for example be performing some additional numbers outside the traditional 13-m diameter ring. For this performance, around forty horses will be present, as will the whole family:

The founders, Alexis and Gypsy Grüss, Stephan, Firmin and Maud, as well as the following generations. "Signature" showcases the company's know-how and heritage, which has been passed down for almost six generations and is unique in the world. A live orchestra will play during the performance and Candice Parise, who has been accompanying the shows for three years, will sing. A totally new performance, a timeless, hour-long interlude, in sync with the horses.

#### The horse as a legacy

"The particularity of our family is that we are all performers", explains Firmin Grüss. "We inherited riding training, based on the three foundations: acrobatics on horseback, liberty work and Haute École exercises, i.e., dressage, from my father, and acrobatic disciplines such as trapeze, juggling, acrobatics, etc. from my mother. Another specific feature of the company: performing in a 13-m diameter ring, a legacy of the English horseman, Philip Astley, the founder of equestrian shows in the 18th century. "We follow in the tradition of his work and continue to perform in this ring, which is also legacy of François Baucher. This motivates us and is our daily challenge and our identity."

Since 1974, the Compagnie Alexis Grüss has been performing original shows, drawing inspiration from the tradition of genre.

"Our repertoire of equestrian acts was developed by my father based on engravings, books, stories and figures. We draw inspiration from this to create new things, based on this heritage." Discover this show on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 October.

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- . From 27 to 31 October 2021 at Lyon-Eurexpo.
- . Open every day from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm., except:
  - on Thursday 28 October: access to the international arena's stands from 8am for the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Grand Prix presented by CREAARA,
  - . on Saturday 30 October, from 8.30am to 10.30pm (late-night opening),
  - . and on Sunday 31 October from 8.30am to 7pm

#### “SPORT AND SHOW” EVENING TICKETS

- . On Friday 29 October, at 7.30pm\*, show jumping: from €36\*\*, the Longines Grand Prix followed by the equestrian show “Signature”
  - . on Saturday 30 October, at 8pm\*, show jumping: from €36\*\*
- The Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, followed by the equestrian show “Signature”
- . on Sunday 31 October, at 1pm\*, the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ leg: from €36 \*\*

*\*Times likely to be modified.*

*\*\* Admission to the exhibition on the ticket holder's day of visit is offered with this ticket.*

#### LYON WESTERN HORSE SHOW TICKETING

- . On Saturday 30 October, in the evening\*, the NRHA European Open Derby Section 2 Final: € 36\*\*

*\*Times likely to be modified.*

*\*\* Admission to the exhibition on the ticket holder's day of visit is offered with this ticket.*

#### THE EQUITA APP WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE!

Available on Apple Store and Play Store soon.

An app whose functionalities will allow the competition schedule, or the different types of entertainment to be selected in a few clicks or the location of specific stands to be found rapidly will be launched in several days.

INFORMATION, COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND BOOKINGS ON [EQUITALYON.COM](http://EQUITALYON.COM)

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