

## **FLORIAN BACHER BIO**

The world-renowned Spanish Riding School of Vienna, Austria, with its famous white Lipizzaner Stallions, has represented the best of classical dressage for 450 years. Both stallions and riders follow a careful classical training system that produces some of the finest riders and dressage horses in the world.

Bereiter Florian Bacher's private students and horses in Europe benefit from his instruction using this time-tested system, successfully carrying this tradition into the competition arena. Florian is currently showing at the FEI International Level.

Florian began riding with former SRS First Chief Rider Arthur Kottas when he was 11 years old, and joined the SRS at age 15. He has been at the Spanish Riding School for over 16 years and is a beautiful rider as well as a fabulous instructor. He speaks excellent English and is an effective and clear communicator with a great sense of humor and kindness who works well with both pros and amateurs.

Florian was invited by Carl Hester (International FEI rider, British Gold Medal Olympian, and Charlotte Dujardin's mentor/trainer) to participate in the 2014 Dressage Convention in the UK, where he schooled horses in-hand and under saddle in piaffe and passage. Florian trained at Carl's barn in July 2015 and was invited to show one of Carl's horses at Hickstead International (CDIO3\*) and Hartpury (CDI3\*), running back to back, in the U.K.

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Florian helps riders and horses of all levels progress, improving rider position and effectiveness as well as the quality of the horse's gaits. Upper or lower level, amateur or pro, Florian skillfully brings out the best in riders and horses while stressing the importance of correct basics at all levels. Tempis become straighter and more expressive, canter pirouettes become more rhythmic, and horses who are just learning movements such as passage and piaffe develop an understanding of what is being asked with Florian's expert assistance from the ground.

Upper level riders and pros will appreciate working with someone who is skilled at instruction at advanced levels; the philosophy at the SRS is that one never stops learning.

Coaching and providing feedback and improvement to colleagues in a supportive and effective way is an important part of the daily training there; improvement can always be made. From a Sept. 26, 2014 "Northwest Evening Mail" (UK) article and interview with Florian:

" 'But you should never think you are perfect and finished with learning because you learn every day and you learn from every horse and that is really important.'

Florian says the most important thing is to give horses time to understand and to build the muscles so that they can do the job. He said: 'When they are not ready and

with pressure you cannot do anything. They need to be ready and understand. If something does not work you have to think and try different things so you make it easy for the horse. The most important thing is that he really works with you and not against you.' "

For those schooling at lower levels, riders with young horses will be helped to make sure their horse's training is progressing correctly, and lower level riders develop the feel of throughness, connection, and straightness as [Florian](#) helps them understand how to adhere to correct basics. Florian is patient, kind, and has a great sense of humor!

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