

## **2023 REGION 2 FEI YOUTH CLINIC BIOS**

**Cale Artz, Northville, MI** – Cale is a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist and has been riding dressage for the past four years. She works with trainer Jessie Myers, who has helped her advance from training level to showing the Intermediate 1 in a short period of time. For the past two years Cale has traveled to Wellington, FL and trained closely with Bill McMullin and Jeanne McDonald. Boston SWB is a new mount, and she looks forward to showing him in Young Rider qualifiers and CDIs next season.

Cale will be riding her own Boston SWB. Boston SWB is an 11-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding.

**Ella Berkhofer, Dayton, OH** – Ella is a Junior at the Miami Valley School in Dayton, Ohio. She loves art and plans to study medicine in college. She has been riding for as long as she can remember and loves competing.

Ella will be riding Gor Don Blue, owned by Samantha Berkhofer. Gor Don Blue is a 15-year-old Hanoverian gelding.

**Emma Hannon, Laporte, IN** – Emma is 18 years old and started riding dressage 7 years ago and quickly fell in love with the sport. She has earned her USDF Bronze and Silver medals and her Silver freestyle bar with her first mount, Romulus WF. Last year, in her first season with Lusitano partner Zenith Interagro, she was the first alternate for the Region 2 NAYC Junior team, she earned 2022 USDF All-Breeds Junior/Young Rider Champion for Intermediate 1 and Prix St. Georges for the International Andalusian and Lusitano Horse Association. She will be starting at Purdue University in the fall on a pre-vet track and will be continuing her dressage education with coaches Erica Furkis and Chloe Fullar.

Emma will be riding her own Zenith Interagro. Zenith Interagro is a 19-year-old Lusitano gelding.

**Emily Keithley, Portage, MI** – Emily is an honors student and recently acquired her mount, Dinamico. She hopes to qualify for NAYC and Festival of Championships next year. Emily's long-term goal is to compete with Dinamico in the U25 division.

Emily will be riding her own Dinamico. Dinamico is a 15-year-old Lusitano gelding.

**Londyn Pachota, New Hudson, MI** – Londyn has been riding for 18 years and was introduced to dressage through her 16 years of being a part of US Pony Club. She got very serious about dressage in 2019 while participating in Lendon Gray's Winter Intensive Training Program (WIT). She began her partnership with Samurai V in January and has shown PSG and their 4th level freestyle this year. Londyn's goal is to qualify for NAYC next year!

Londyn is riding her own Samurai V. Samurai V is an 11-year-old Hanoverian gelding.

**Josefine Parada, Waynesville, OH** – Josefine is a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist. She is currently competing at 4th and PSG with my horse DeLorean and 2nd and 3rd on Phantom, who she trained herself. Her long-term goal is to be able to qualify and compete at Brentina Cup.

Josefine will be riding her own DeLorean MF. DeLorean MF is a 14-year-old, Hanoverian gelding.

**Abigail Taft, Traverse City, MI** – Abigail has been riding since before she can remember. She started out by competing in local dressage and hunter schooling shows when she was five years old. She has been focusing solely on dressage since 2015. Abigail has competed in five championships at Festival of

Champions, seven regional championships, and was a rider on the 2022 Region 2 Junior NAYC team. She enjoys training and taking care of the horses as much as competing. In the future, she hopes to be able to pursue riding and training professionally.

Abigail will be riding FKA Prince. FKA Prince is a 4-year-old Haflinger Cross gelding owned by Janine Fierberg.

**Autumn Vavrick, Oxford, MI** – Autumn is 14 years old and has been riding since her 7th birthday. She started her riding career in the eventing world on a thoroughbred, Hollis. For the past three years she has been doing dressage on her leased horse, Santo. She was fortunate enough to attend the USDF FEI Youth Clinic on him in 2021. Her current horse, Dante, was purchased in May 2022. In the past 14 months they have won the FEI Children's at Festival of Champions, attended regionals and nationals, and gone to Florida for a season. She aspires to continue moving up the levels of the sport on Dante.

Autumn is riding her own Dante. Dante is a 16-year-old Hanoverian gelding.