



Mistover Farms director Jayne Marino and world-class dressage trainer Roel Theunissen review a training session.

Dressage trainer's World Cup runneth over

Mistover Farms, a horse boarding and training facility just outside Pawling, hosted a clinic April 14 by world-class dressage instructor Roel Theunissen, whose protégé Shawna Harding is competing in the World Cup.

The 160-acre equestrian center teaches riding disciplines such as dressage and combined training, hosts well-known clinicians and features Equine Entergetix Programs.

Stable director Jayne Marino is an accomplished teacher whose priority is the well-being of the animal. She promotes the partnership of horse and rider through a strict regimen. Roel Theunissen, a graduate of the famous Dutch Equestrian Education "Deurne" and FEI (Federation Equestre Internationale) rider and trainer, coached in the 2007 Pan Am Games.

Theunissen is coaching Shawna Harding for the dressage competition at the 2011 World Cup Finals in Leipzig April 27 –May 1, which includes jumping and driving contests. The FEI World Cup Dressage is a series of competitions at the Grand Prix level, including qualifying events and a final. It's a great accomplishment to ride in the World Cup, and reaching the finals is the pinnacle of dressage glory.

Theunissen's classical training includes work with George Theodorescu and Henk van Bergen, both world-renown equestrian competition trainers. An elite teacher, Theunissen is precise in his instruction, demanding the best of each horse and rider team, and has trained many United States Dressage Foundation Bronze, Silver and Gold medalists. His students report that a sharp sense of humor combined with respect for the horses in his care make him a joy to watch and ride under.

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