

## **DRESSAGE**

### **Denise Hallion**

Campaign for the 2012 London Olympic Games



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I am based in the UK, Hampshire (which is 63 miles from Greenwich and very convenient). My husband and I own and run Mayhill Stud Farm Equestrian Center that has 28 stables, 24 acres, two 20x60 outdoor arenas and one 20x40 indoor arena.

#### **My Campaign:**

Everything I am doing is centred on achieving my ambition to represent South Africa at the Olympic Games. I will be travelling extensively over the next year to gain as many World Ranking points and qualifying percentages to qualify for London 2012. In the next 6 weeks I will be attending 3 international competitions abroad.

Whilst I train with Adam Kemp on a weekly basis, I also attend clinics with Stephen Clarke (International Judge and Trainer). Adam also trains me at the competitions. I ride and teach full time.

#### **My Team:**

Farrier: Mark Barton

Vet: Liz Frew and Shane

Horse Physiotherapist: Jenny Hadland

Trainer: Adam Kemp

Sport Psychologist: Julia Carden

All the above people are committed to help us achieve our goal.

#### **Horses:**

Bomond (stable name Mika) is my Grand Prix horse. We have only been campaigning at Grand Prix level since January this year and have already achieved a score of 64.5%. We have completed two international competitions where he has achieved over 61% in both outings. He is due to compete internationally for RSA at Pompadour in France and Hartpury and Hickstead in England. He is a reliable, consistent performer and is gaining experience at every outing and will be a very good team horse with great potential.

Wervelwind (stable name Verve) is my younger horse which I am grooming to become my next international Grand Prix horse. He is currently working towards PSG at home and I am planning to compete him for SA at Small Tour level next year. He is a hugely talented horse and has already won many competitions in Britain including the 5 and 6 year old Young Horse Classes at Hickstead and Hartpury, which is a very prestigious event.

#### **In Summary:**

I am very passionate about my riding and representing South Africa on the international scene. I am 100% committed to my goals.

I have the location, the trainers, the visibility and all the support I need. There are so many competitions for me to choose from in the UK, I am out competing sometimes 3 times a week. And Europe is easily accessible.

My ultimate aim is to make South Africa proud.