

## FLOWER FARM'S STALLION, VINCA, PRODUCES TOP PLACING YOUNGSTERS AT DAD AND IN THE PERFORMANCE ARENA 2012

Vinca's pedigree offers no surprise that he is proving himself as both a sire and a performance horse across the disciplines in today's competitive show arena. He is the grandson of two Olympic Stallions; Ferro was an Olympian in Dressage but competed in show jumping at the Grand Prix level before his career change and Idocus, also an Olympic dressage contender, won the jumping portion of his 100 Day Stallion Test. On the mare lines, Vinca's paternal grandmother is by the famous foundation sire G Ramiro Z and his maternal grandmother, Verbella, was an Approved Premium Thoroughbred mare. At Verbella's Mare Test, the examiner stated that there is „a responsibility to American Sporthorse breeding to keep this mare bred“.



Heirloom

Born on May 10, 2002 Vinca was a perfect, pewter-colored colt with exceptional balance and proportions. As is the case with many small breeding operations, Flower Farm had no plans to ever manage or stand a stallion. Vinca just never gave us any reason to geld him. He was enormously successful as a young horse on the line at Dressage at Devon and he was always a perfect gentleman both at home and off the farm.

From the beginning, Vinca has shown world class talent for dressage with an OUTSTANDING canter coupled with a unique desire to please. However, he also has a spectacular jump which received 8s at the ISR/OLD Stallion Licensing at Hilltop Farm in June 2007. He scored an impressive 217 points at the Licensing and earned the judges comment that he is truly an

all-around sport horse who fits the bill of what modern mare owners are seeking. Vinca also completed the 2007 ISR/OLD 100-Day Stallion Testing in Paxton, OH, placing ninth overall. In 2006, Vinca received the coveted ,Born in the USA' Stallion Award at Dressage at Devon.

As a young stallion, Vinca was easy to break and train and was sent to formal dressage training with the goal of providing a solid flatwork foundation. The plan was to pick a career for him once he was older and showed an obvious propensity toward a single discipline as he was presenting abundant talent across the arenas as a youngster. He had phenomenal movement along with a tremendous and very correct jump.

Vinca, himself, has been shown at the top levels in Hunters, Jumpers and Dressage. He is currently preparing for FEI Dressage competition with Phoebe DeVoe Moore after several years of competing in the A rated Hunter and Jumper arena. His offspring, like their sire, are also showing tremendous talent across the disciplines.

Vinca's foals have continued to do well at the ISR/OLD inspections, with Flower Farm's 2008 filly Veronica (Vinca x Jazz) becoming Hilltop Farm Inspection Site Foal Reserve Champion with an 8.3 -- there were a whopping 33 foals presented at this inspection. In 2009, Flower Farm's Edelweiss (Vinca x Argus) scored an impressive 8.1 for a third place finish. Vinca's foals place in the Top 10 at Dressage at Devon each year, and also qualify for the GAIG/USDF East Coast Championships in their respective divisions.

A highlight in 2012, two Vinca offspring were shown at the prestigious Dressage at Devon in the Breed Show Division. Flower Farm's Fiorello received the Reserve Grand Champion Award in the GAIG/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Final with an 80%. Thornridge Manor's Heirloom was second in the 2012 Colts class with an impressive score of 80% and was awarded the Grand Champion Foal in the GAIG/USDF Bree-

ders' Championship Series Final with a 79.6%. Heirloom went on to win the IBC ISR/OLD at DAD with a 78%, the second highest score of the day throughout all the Breed Classes.



Veronica, rider: Phoebe DeVoe Moore

Vinca offspring wowed in performance under saddle in 2012 as well as in the breed divisions. Daughter Veronica qualified for and finished 12th at the MARKEL/USEF Four Year Old Developing Horse Championship in August after a very successful debut season at Training and First Level. She is ranked First the Nation in the USDF/Adequan ISR/OLD 4 & 5 YO Mare Materiale Division. Another Vinca daughter, Flower Farm owned Bella Donna, swept the Baby Green Hunter Division with her 11 year old junior rider winning a Summer Series Championship and placed in several AA rated Hunter Derbies. Son, Bachelor's Button, won numerous jumper championships at USEF rated competitions with both professional and amateur riders.

Vinca passes down his unmatched work ethic coupled with a high level of trainability from day one. He and his sons and daughters share tremendous athleticism with International movement, spectacular jump and a unique desire to please. This combination of God-given attributes makes Vinca a modern sport horse sire for the next generation of elite equine athletes that can be ridden and managed by junior and amateur owners across the disciplines.

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