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## **LONGINES MASTERS PARIS 2019**

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**USPA NEWS** - The best of International Show Jumping and Lifestyle is back of the 11th time in PARIS. The Longines Masters of Paris will be held at the Parc des Expositions de Paris-Villepinte from December 5 to 8, 2019. Since 2009, the Event held in the Paris-Villepinte Arena has brought together the greatest Show Jumping Riders in the World for a Unique Show. For four days, the Public lives at a Frenetic Pace, that of the CSI 5\* (the Highest Level of Competition in the FEI, the International Equestrian Federation's Competition Hierarchy, which is dedicated to the best Whips in the World), and the CSI 1\* and 2\* levels, which is run for the Rising Stars of Global Show Jumping.

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The Eleventh Edition of the Longines Masters of Paris due to be held between the 5th and the 8th December will welcome the Very Best of International of Show Jumpers! In front of an Expected Audience of 50,000 Spectators, Ten Riders from the World's Top 12 and no less than Seven Olympic Champions will compete in Paris-Villepinte on Courses designed by Gregory Bodo the French Course Designer. They will take part in the "Made By EEM World" Events that secured the International Reputation of the Competition organized by Christophe Ameeuw, the Longines Watchmaker and their Teams.

Steve Guerdat from Switzerland, World No 1, as well as reigning European Champion, Martin Fuchs, his Runner-Up in the Ranking, will be present. From Germany, Mannschaft is sending both its most Suitable Ambassadors at the moment, Daniel Deusser, 3rd in the World, and Christian Ahlmann, 10th. Sweden won't be left out either with Peder Fredricson, 4th Best Rider at the moment, and 2017 European Champion, as well as Henrik von Eckermann, 12th in the Longines Rankings, also present. The New European Team Champions from Belgium will be represented with Pieter Devos (7th), Jérôme Guery, Grégory Wathelet and Jos Verlooy. Other expected Competitors are Kent Farrington, from the US, 8th in the World, Darragh Kenny, from Ireland 9th, and Harrie Smolders, from the Netherlands, at number 11 in the World.

Seven other Gold Medalists answered the call to take part in the 2019 Longines Masters of Paris. Steve Guerdat (London 2012) of course, but also Rodrigo Pessoa from Brazil (Athens 2004) and the Iconic Eric Lamaze (Beijing Hong Kong 2008). The Spectators will also be able to count on the Four Reigning Olympic Team Champions: the French Tricolours - Pénélope Leprévost, KevinStaut, Roger-Yves Bost and Philippe Rozier. The Rio 2016 Quartet will be accompanied by Simon Delestre and Julien Epailard, all representing France.

The Longines Masters of Paris has always been committed to opening its courses to Promising Talents. This Spirit of Openness and Opportunity offered to budding Young Riders to acquire Valuable Experience is the DNA of the Riders Lab launched by Christophe Ameeuw in June 2019, during the Longines Masters of Lausanne. The Young Riders selected to join the 2019 Paris Launch of the Riders Lab, Kara Chad of Canada, Pieter Clemens of Belgium, European Young Riders Champion in 2015, his Compatriot Arnaud Doern, Edward Levy from France and the Italian Carabinieri Filippo Bogni, will be on the Prestigious Longines Masters Course in Paris from December 5 to 8.... Another highly awaited Rider is Jessica Springsteen from the US (Excellent Results recently achieved on French ground. Springsteen, considered a Future Star of her Discipline, was triumphant in the Saint-Tropez CSI 5\* in September and finished second at the Longines FEI World Cup in Lyon).

Press Conference @ The Lido in Paris on November 19, 2019 for Official Launch of : The Season V of The Longines Masters & The Longines Masters Paris 2019 (December 5-9, 2019).

With the Presence of :

\* Christophe Ameeuw (founder & CEO of Longines Masters Series)

- \* Iconic French World Champion Marcel Rozier
- \* On Video Iconic Brazilian World Champion Rodrigo Pessoa (Athens 2004)
- \* Julie Gregoire (General Manager of Lido Paris)
- \* Jean-Luc Poulain, President of Geneca & the "Salon du Cheval de Paris" introducing New Format & Dates (December 4 to December 8)
- \* On video American Artist John Zabawa
- \* Young rider Kara Chad of Canada
- \* Young rider Edward Levy from France
- \* French Champion Simon Delestre
- \* Charity Partner Association "Mécénat Chirurgie Cardiaque - Enfants Du Monde" with one of his Member
- \* French Singer Suzane involved / animating in the After-Parties

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