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European State Studs Association e.V. (ESSA)

Festival of European Stud Culture and Marbach Classics, July 4th and 5th, 2014

Marbach (January 20th, 2014). 2014 is a year of celebration at Marbach State Stud, marking the 500. anniversary of the first known written record. Thus, Marbach is considered to be not only the oldest state stud of Germany, but also one of the oldest stud farms of the world. Reason enough to extensively celebrate this unique cultural heritage. Special highlights of this festive year full of events will be the *Marbach Classics* shows on July 4th and 5th, which are organised in cooperation with the Philharmonic Orchestra of Baden-Wuerttemberg and the Reutlinger General Anzeiger newspaper. For years the connection of horse-ballet and symphonic live-music equally enchants horse and music lovers. Due to high demand *Marbach Classics* will take place open air in the large Marbach arena for the first time in 2014.

Festival of European Stud Culture

The European state studs congratulate with a festival of European stud culture.

With their horses, riders and drivers they carry the European spirit on the Swabian Alps. During the *Marbach Classics* shows they present the diversity of their horse breeds, from mighty draft horses to rare special breeds, which used to be bred for representation purposes at royal courts, up to modern sport horses. Visitors are invited to a musical journey through 500 years of history, in which the hoof beat of the horse dictated the speed in war and peace, when travelling, in agriculture and in social life. Spirited Weil-Marbach Arabians, baroque Lipizzaners and precious Oldkladruber horses are only a few highlights of this summer night dream.

The evening events are added during the days by a symposium with presentations about European stud culture, an exhibition and guided tours at the Marbach stud premises. Regional delectability will be offered by the hosts of the Biosphere reserve Swabian Alps.

Tickets are available at all EasyTicketService-locations, at www.easyticket.de or by phone +49 (0)71 12 55 55 55. The website www.marbach-classics.de provides you with more information.

For information and registration for the European State Studs' symposium please contact the ESSA office by phone +49 (0)73 85 96 57 17 or by e-mail: info@europeanstatestuds.org.

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