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2022 \$50,000 Grand-Prix Eventing Festival at Bruce's Field Presented by Taylor, Harris Insurance Services

> March 4 & 5, 2022 Bruce's Field

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The Organizers of the 2022 \$50,000 Grand-Prix Eventing Festival at Bruce's Field, presented by Taylor, Harris Insurance Services (GPE), are proud to announce that British Olympian and international eventing legend, William Fox-Pitt, will be competing in the 2022 showcase to be held March 4 & 5 at Bruce's Field, Aiken, SC.

Fox-Pitt made the trip across the pond in 2019 to contest the inaugural event. He and the black stallion, Sandro's Star, owned by Hannah Salazar, took home third place and a \$7,500 check. In



addition to his own winnings, Fox-Pitt was paired up with Mental Health America of Aiken County, as part of the showcase's Ride for Charity effort. His third-place finish also earned a check for the charitable organization, and the Olympic veteran could be seen galloping around the showcase cross-country course sporting the blue MHA t-shirt.

Of his first trip to Bruce's Field in 2019, Fox-Pitt remarked, "The environment you've got here; it's the best place! What a ground! How lucky are you guys?" He went on to comment that the showcase format, "...is a great way of showing what we do in a tighter environment. I think it's great to keep this as a target; it's brilliant for sponsors, actually quite good for the horses, good for us to sharpen up, and long may it continue!"

The GPE Organizing committee and the Aiken Horse Park Foundation are thrilled to be welcoming this icon of eventing back to Bruce's Field. Everyone is invited to come out and see William Fox-Pitt in person, March 4 & 5 at the 2022 \$50,000 Grand-Prix Eventing Festival at Bruce's Field, presented by Taylor, Harris Insurance Services. Tickets are on sale now at: <u>aikenhorsepark.org/eventing</u> An Eventing "Showcase" is a unique version of Eventing competition that condenses the traditional country-side Eventing environment into a spectator friendly venue. The showcase format allows the general public the chance to be up close and personal, right next to the galloping lanes and massive fences, and experience the thrilling sport of Eventing in a whole new way. This equestrian triathlon presents a prime opportunity for top eventing riders to kick start their competition season, and to welcome the public to an exciting fast-paced equestrian event.

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