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FEI Online Vaulting Forum 2025



Equestrian Vaulting – a fast moving sport ...

But where did we come from, and how did we get here ?

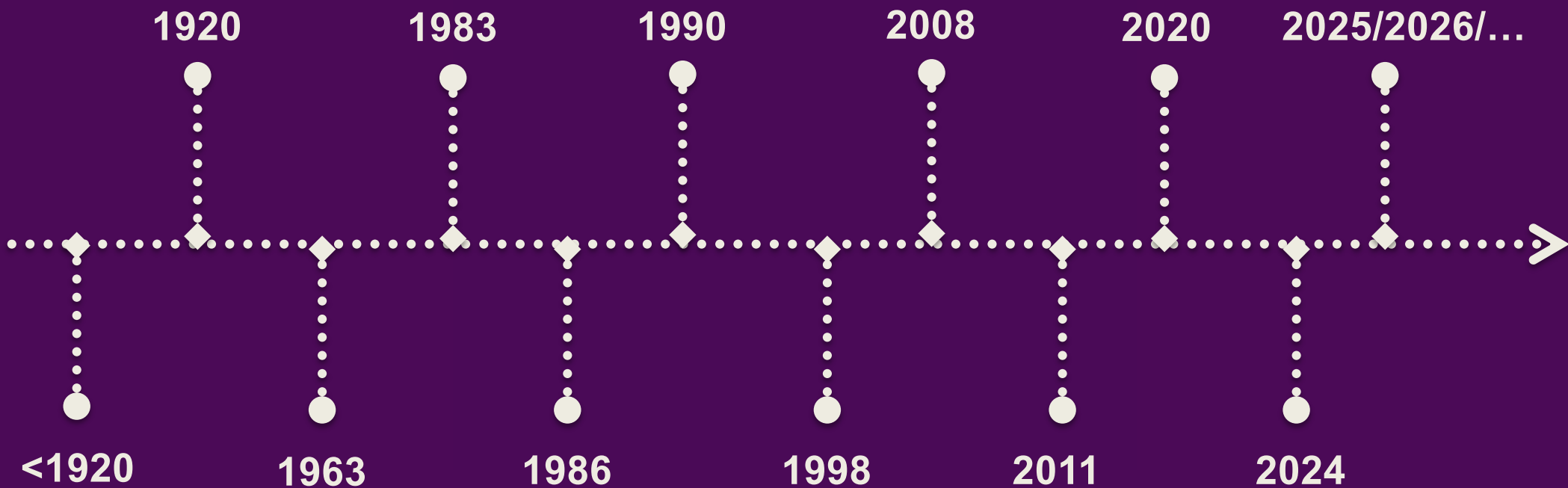


Thank you to the VTC/FEI, especially Ale, and members of our vaulting community for help in putting this together, and especially Ulrike Rieder for preserving and sharing so much of our vaulting history.

This presentation is based on available information, but some has been lost over time, and sometimes the sources do not agree, so please forgive us if there are mistakes. Also, the performances should be viewed in the context of the time.

Finally, if the videos are blurry or a bit jumpy, then it is either the quality of the original video or the quality of your internet connection (or both!). A lot of the old videos are not great quality ... But this is not a judging session, so please just sit back and enjoy even if the videos are not perfectly smooth. All links will be posted as an open YouTube playlist after this presentation, so please go and explore the full length videos with the music turned up loud.

TIMELINE



Kitao Shigemasa (1739 - 1820) Les voltigeurs d'Osaka 1772



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1920 Vaulting at the Olympic Games in Antwerp

The winning team from Belgium

Only 3 nations competed: Belgium, France and Sweden



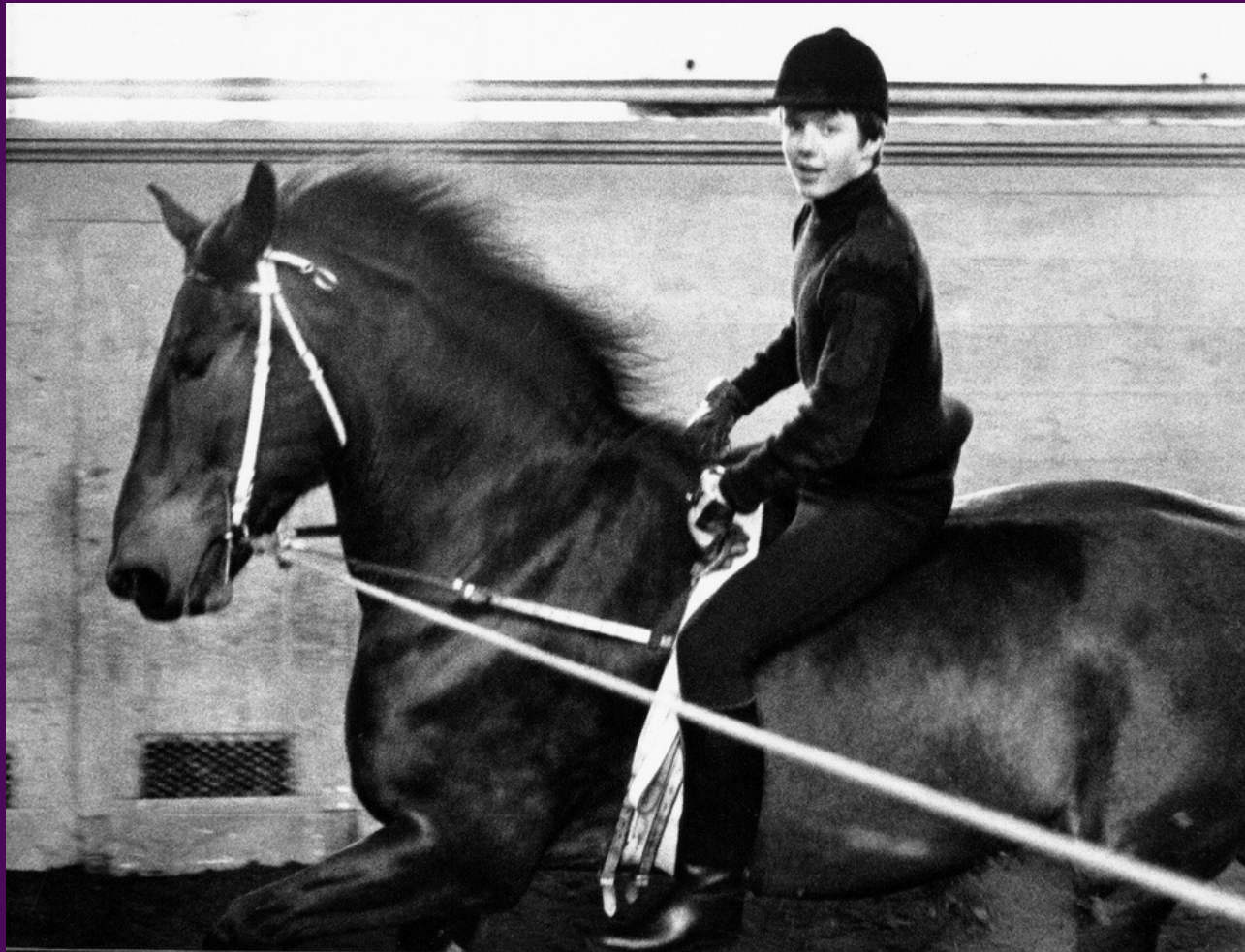
from *FEI.org* and <https://www.olympics.com/en/olympic-games/antwerp-1920/results/equestrian-vaulting>

Vaulting shows at the Olympic Games in Munich (1972), Los Angeles (1984) and Atlanta (1996)



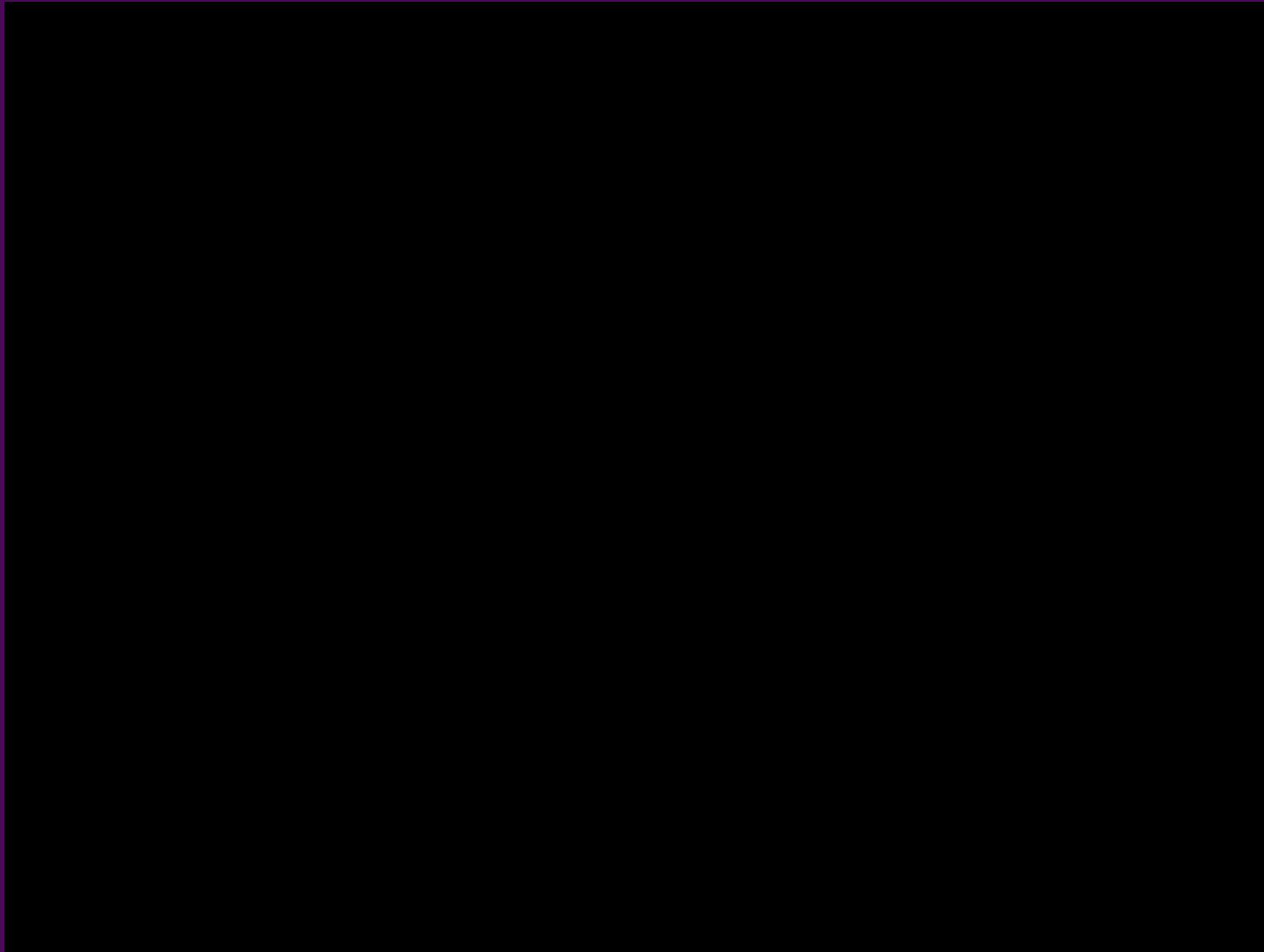
Photos from Munich closing ceremony (Ulrike Rieder's archive)

1984 H.R.H. Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark (now King Frederik 10.)



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1963 1. German Championship in Wiesbaden – *from Ulrike Rieder (YouTube)*



1963 German vaulters – *from Ulrike Rieder 's archive*



1981 Note from FEI General Assembly in Vienna – from Ulrike Rieder 's archive

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BESCHLUSS DER FEI – GENERALVERSAMMLUNG 1981

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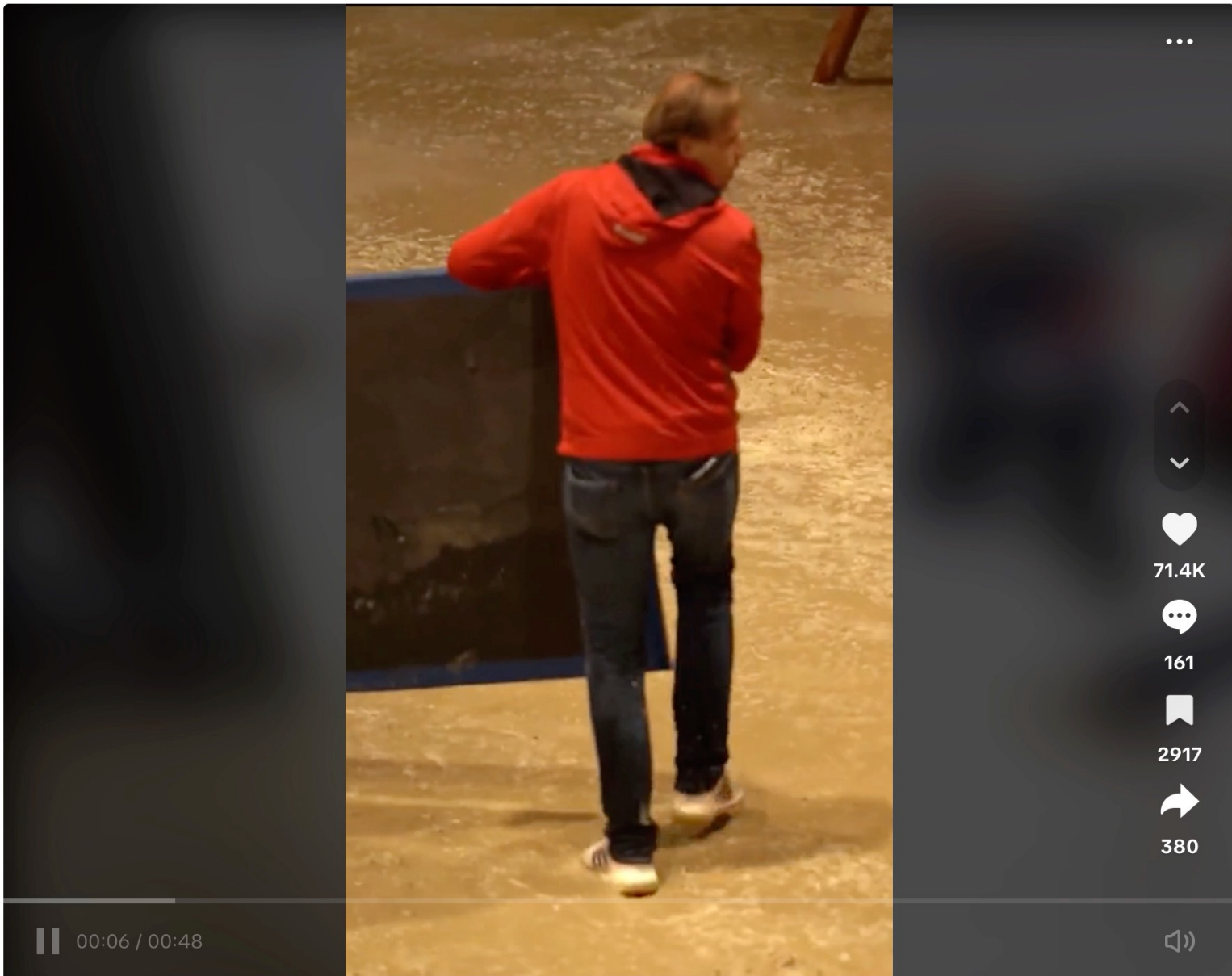
The President informed the General Assembly that the Bureau was in favour of accepting Vaulting as an F.E.I. discipline. Rules should be produced, taking into account that the age structure of competitors should be identical to that for Juniors (14-18) and Young Riders (16-21).

The General Assembly was notified that Vaulting will be put under the authority of the Young Riders', Juniors and Ponies Committee. This Committee will have to co-opt one or two experts in this discipline to advise them on the possibility of running Vaulting under F.E.I. rules.

The General Assembly agreed to this recommendation.

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IM INTERNATIONALEN JAHR DER JUGEND



**11.-14.
Juli
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**ELBDÖRFER UND
SCHENEFELDER R.V. e.V.**

IN DER REITANLAGE AM KLÖVENSTEEN
IN HAMBURG-SCHENEFELD
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1985 Team Suisse on Churchill II at 2nd European's held in Schenefeld

– *from Voltige Videos (YouTube)*



1986 Dietmar Otto , Gabi Bertram, Nikolaschko. 1st World's held in Bulle
– from Voltige Videos (YouTube)



VAULTING RESULTS / RESULTATS VOLTIGE

World Championship, Bulle/SUI, 18-20 July 1986

Judges: Gabi Denecke FRG, President
 Jeff Ashton Moore USA
 Werner Brunner SUI

Team Championship

	<u>Compulsory</u>	<u>Free Test</u>	<u>Final Score</u>
1. FRG	7.958	9.267	8.553
2. SUI	7.698	9.390	8.467
3. AUT	7.481	8.627	8.002
4. FRA	7.311	8.450	7.829
5. USA	7.108	8.163	7.588
6. POL	6.582	8.347	7.384
7. HOL	6.083	7.887	6.903
8. HON	5.865	7.690	6.695
9. DEN	6.337	7.013	6.644
10. BRA	5.398	7.800	6.490
11. SWE	5.241	6.133	5.647

Individual Championship - Females

		<u>Compulsory</u>	<u>Free Test</u>	<u>Final Score</u>
1. Silke Bernhard	FRG	8.875	9.633	9.254
2. Jeanette Boxall	USA	9.125	8.950	9.038
3. Ute Schürmann	FRG	8.694	9.329	9.012
4. Sidney Stang	USA	8.222	8.917	8.570
5. Julie D'Atri	USA	8.556	8.229	8.392
6. Franziska Slongo	SUI	8.069	8.513	8.291
7. Colette Jeanguenin	SUI	7.431	8.888	8.160
8. Berta Meier	AUT	7.694	8.550	8.122
9. Ursula Gmeiner	AUT	7.458	8.683	8.071
10. Brigitte Pfeffer	AUT	7.694	8.421	8.058
11. Reida Fischer	SUI	7.583	8.221	7.902
12. Danielle Musset	FRA	7.417	7.608	7.513

Total 30 starters from 11 countries

3 each FRG SUI AUT USA HOL DEN BRA HUN SWE - 2 each FRA - 1 each YUG

Individual Championship - Males

		<u>Compulsory</u>	<u>Free Test</u>	<u>Final Score</u>
1. Dietmar Otto	FRG	8.833	9.629	9.232
2. Björn Ahnbahs	FRG	8.278	9.350	8.814
3. Michael Lehner	FRG	7.931	9.538	8.734
4. Gernot Spitzer	AUT	7.972	9.396	8.684
5. Peter Barosch	AUT	7.819	9.196	8.508
6. David Long	USA	7.958	8.950	8.454
7. Roberto Santa Ursula	ESP	7.861	8.733	8.297
8. Matt Bossinmeyer	USA	7.931	8.392	8.161
9. Craig Coburn	USA	8.250	8.058	8.154
10. Klaus Heidacher	AUT	7.222	8.796	8.009
11. Alban Flipo	FRA	7.389	8.275	7.832
12. Arnaud Thuillier	FRA	6.875	4.517	5.696

Total 21 starters from 11 countries

3 each FRG AUT FRA USA - 2 each DEN SWE - 1 each POL HOL BRA HUN ESP

CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE
 18-20 juillet 1986
 Bulle Suisse



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VAULTING RESULTS / RESULTATS VOLTIGE

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP/CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE

Ebreichsdorf/AUT, 11 - 15 August/aout 1988

Judges/juges : Pierre Andre (FRA), Rosemarie Häfchen (FRG), Fritz Gerber (SUI)

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP/CHAMPIONNAT PAR EQUIPES

	<u>Compulsory/Imposes</u>	<u>Free Test/Libre</u>	<u>Final Score</u>
1 SUI	8'663	8'906	8'784
2 FRG	8'711	8'666	8'689
3 POL	7'737	8'051	7'894
4 AUT	7'901	7'675	7'788
5 FRA	7'845	7'698	7'772
6 HUN	7'639	7'652	7'646
7 USA	7'470	7'747	7'609
8 BRA	7'313	6'934	7'124
9 GBR	3'992	4'139	4'066

Judges/juges : Jeff Ashton Moore (USA), Helma Schwarzmann (FRG), Werner Brunner (SUI)

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP - WOMEN/CHAMPIONNAT INDIVIDUEL - FEMININ

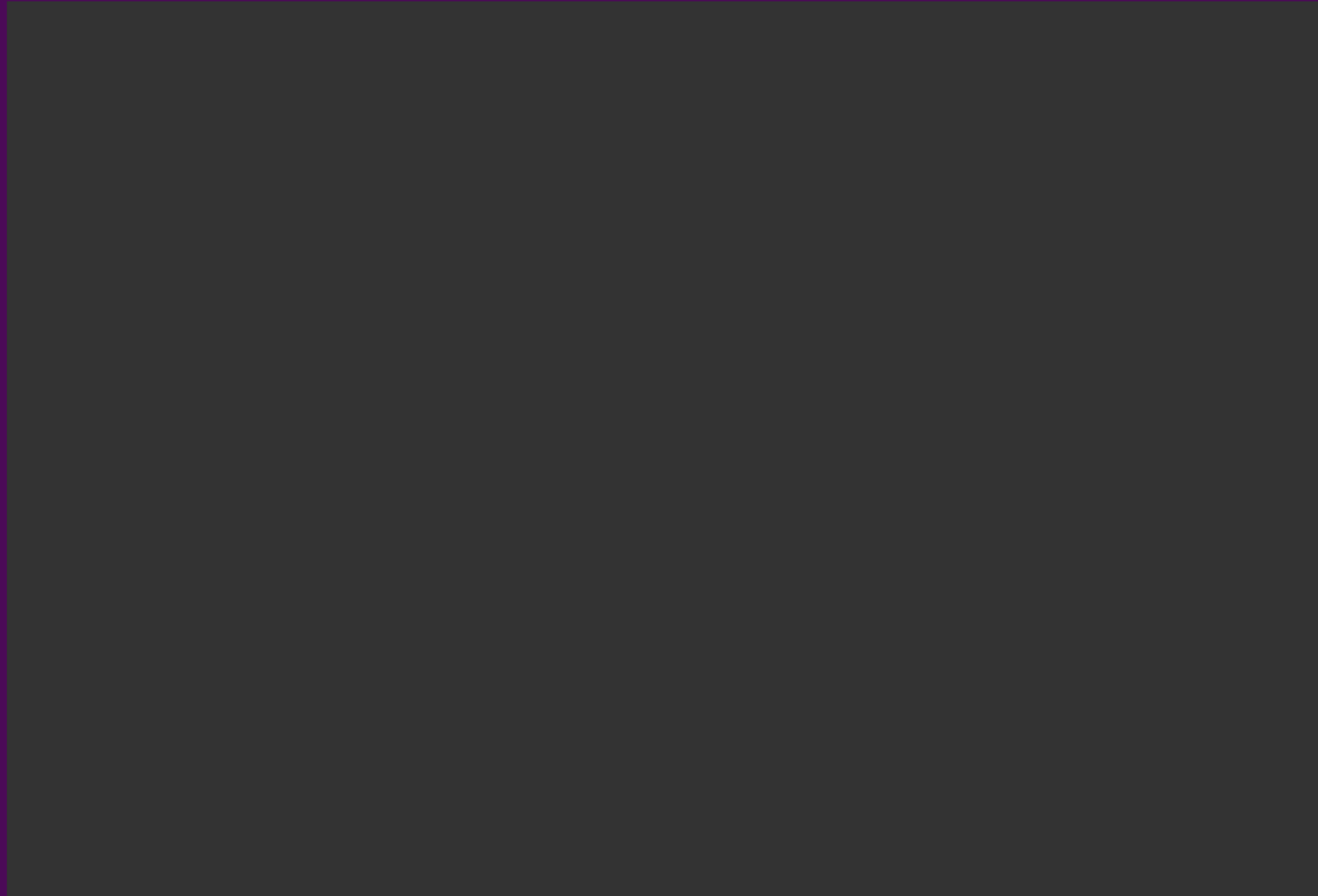
		<u>Compulsory/Imposes</u>	<u>Free Test/Libre</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 Silke Bernhard	FRG	9'296	9'426	9'361
2 Silke Gutermuth	FRG	9'294	9'410	9'352
3 Christine Otto-Kanstinger	FRG	9'286	9'255	9'271
4 Sabine Bistan	AUT	9'158	9'207	9'183
5 Ute Schonian	FRG	9'062	9'218	9'140
6 Jeanette Baxall	USA	8'632	9'186	8'909
7 Claudia Heiss	AUT	8'729	8'904	8'817
8 Lana Schuhmacher	USA	8'579	8'860	8'720
9 Colette Jeanguenin	SUI	8'714	8'661	8'688
10 Shannon Wilcox	USA	8'671	8'464	8'568
11 Petra Rusch	SUI	8'557	8'522	8'540
12 Susanne Schochtner	AUT	8'158	8'346	8'252

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP - MEN/CHAMPIONNAT INDIVIDUEL - MASCULIN

		<u>Compulsory/Imposes</u>	<u>Free Test/Libre</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 Christoph Lensing	FRG	9'479	9'605	9'542
2 Michael Lehner	FRG	9'446	9'583	9'515
3 Dietmar Otto	FRG	9'253	9'557	9'405
4 Gernot Spitzer	AUT	9'321	9'351	9'336
5 Peter Barosch	AUT	9'118	9'379	9'249
6 Lasse Kristensen	DEN	9'021	9'282	9'152
7 David Lang	USA	8'983	9'244	9'114
8 Craig Coburn	USA	9'128	9'046	9'087
9 Arnaud Thuillier	FRA	8'881	8'875	8'878
10 Mischa Zuffelato	SUI	8'835	8'833	8'834
11 Alban Flippo	FRA	8'906	8'721	8'814
12 Marc Achermann	SUI	8'950	8'612	8'781

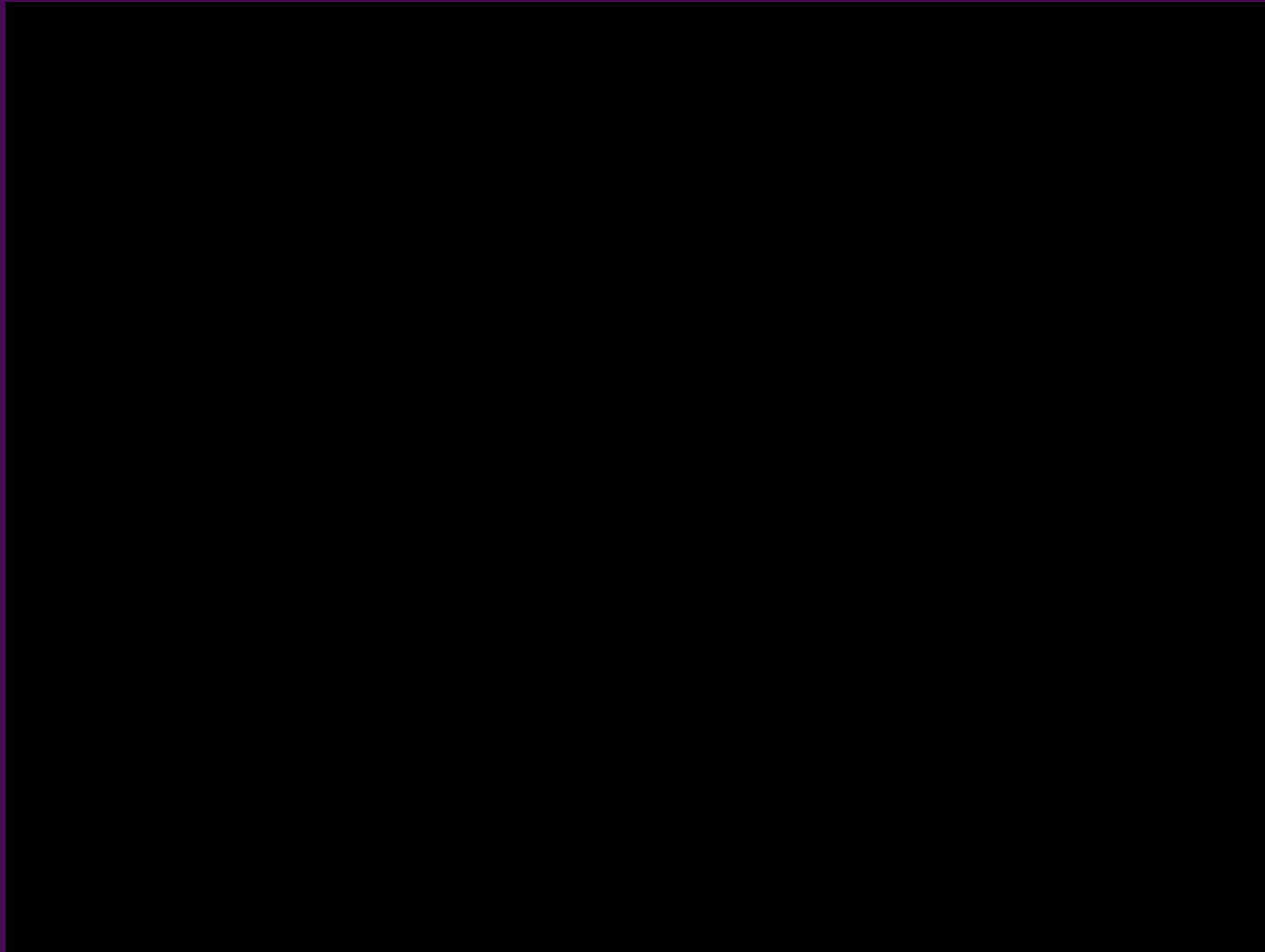


1998 Devon Maitozo, Marion Gottschalk, Whisky 191 at World's in Rome, Italy
- from Devon Maitozo (YouTube)



2008 Nicola Ströh, Jennifer Trampler, Lanson at CHIO Aachen

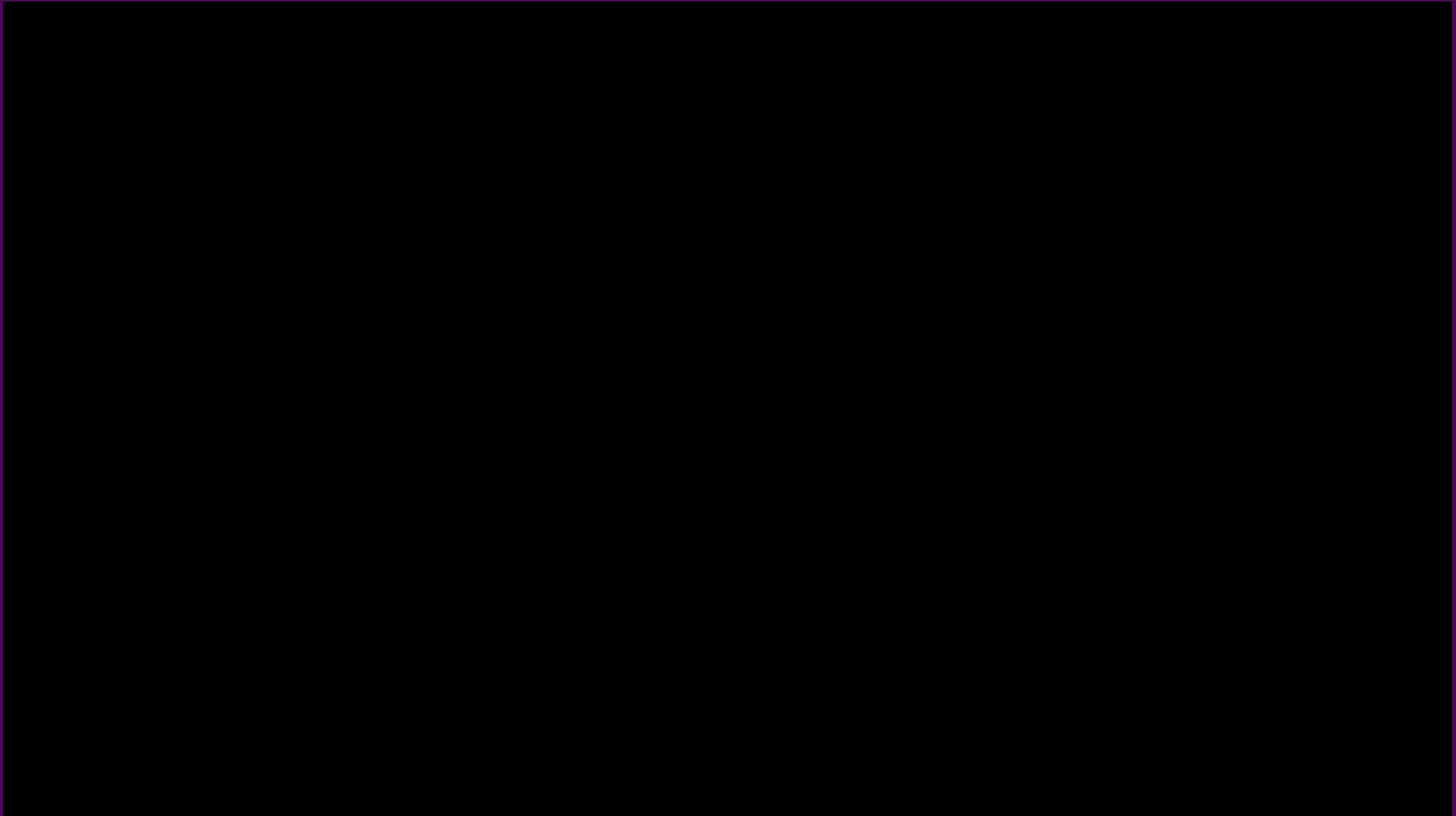
– from furbri7 (YouTube)



2009 Nicolas Andreani, Marina Dupon Joosten, Idefix de Braize at CHIO Aachen
– *from heiburg (YouTube)*



2010 Team Austria - Cirque du Soleil (or the Teletubbies). WEG Kentucky
– *from cranny0607CPG (YouTube)*

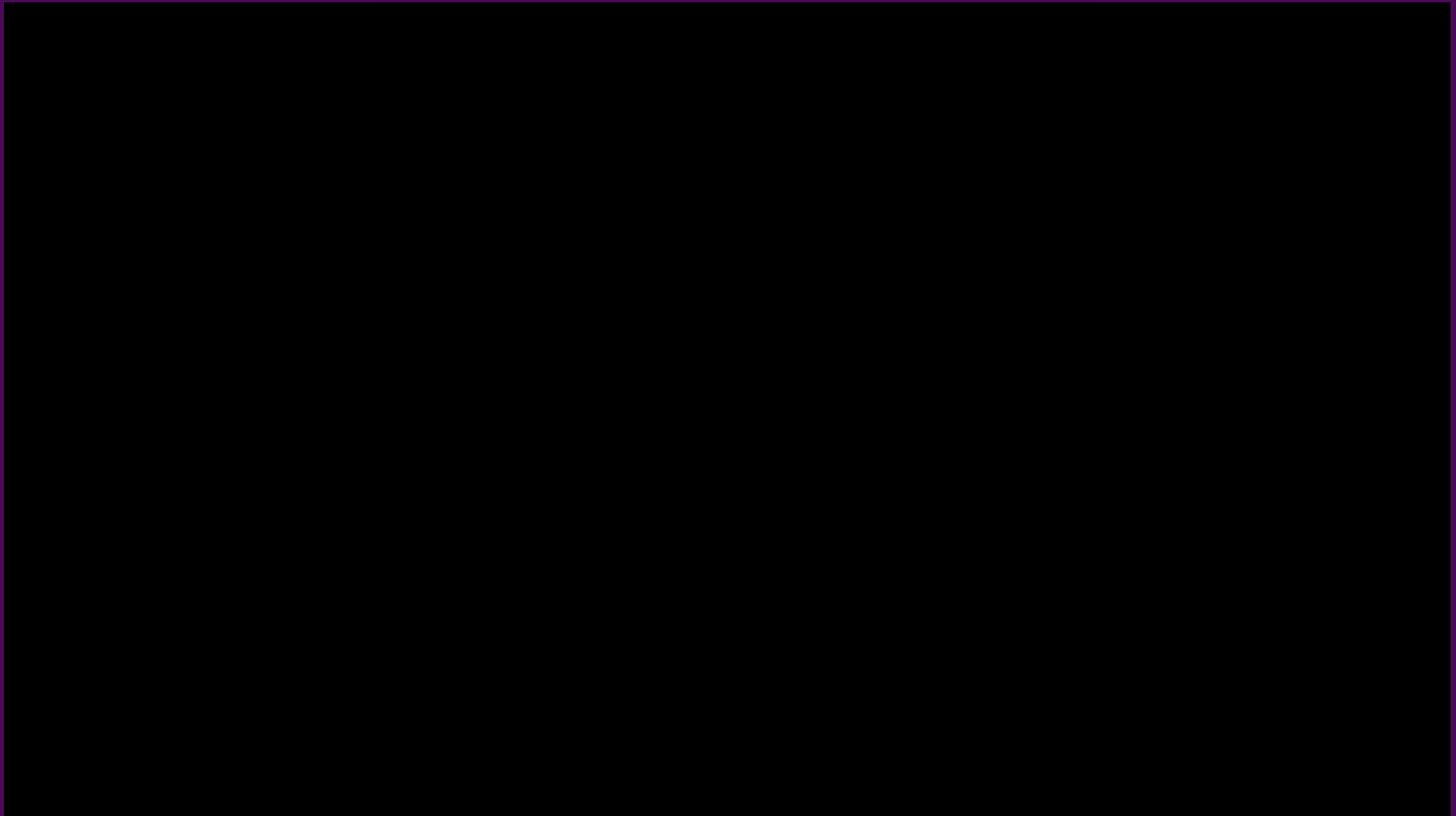


2013 Neuss in Belgium / 2016 Noroc in Le Mans

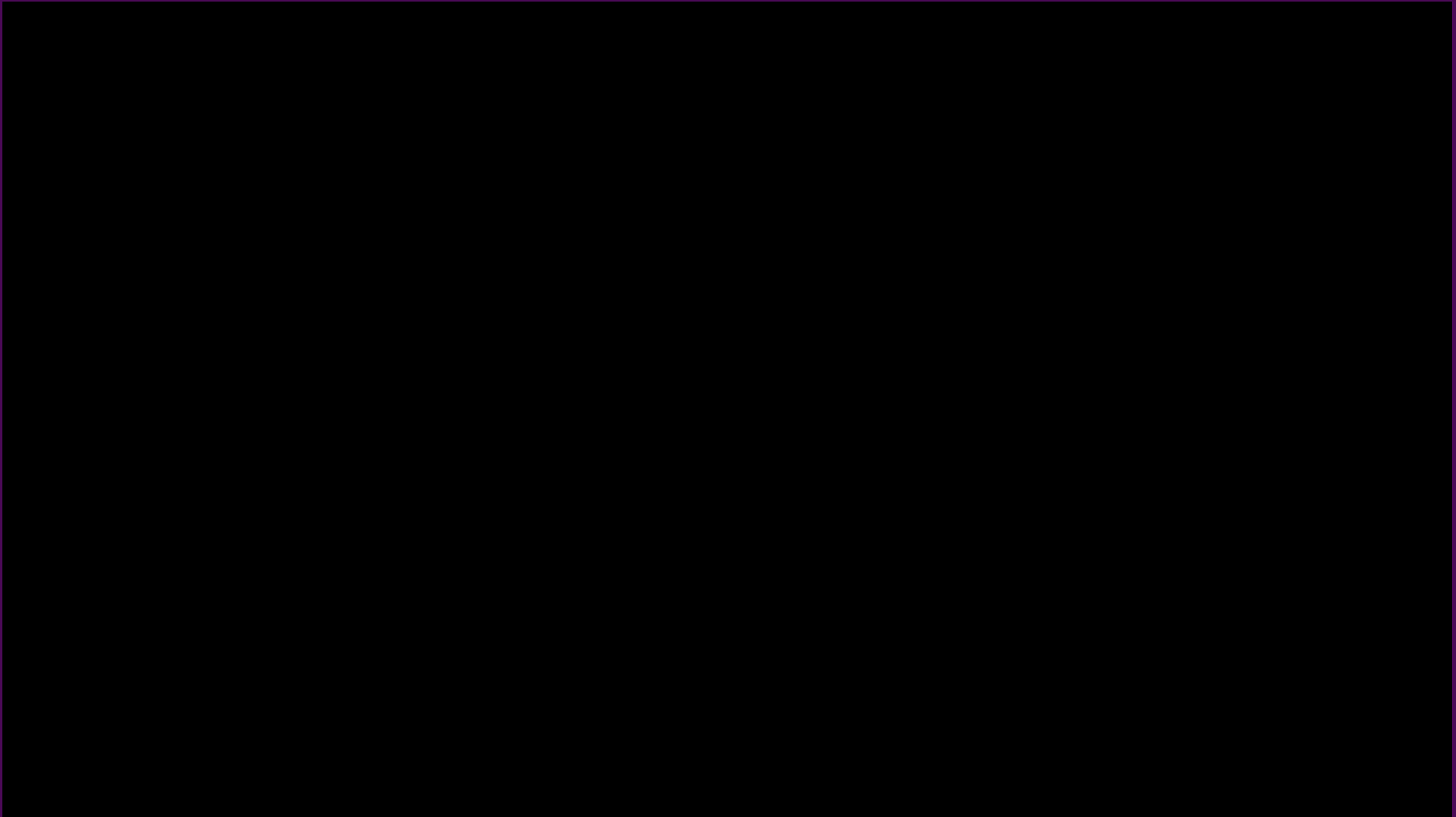
– *from Michiel Zelvelder and Voltige Videos (YouTube)*

Showcase with Dorothee Schneider, Jannis Drewell and Kai Vorberg

– uploaded 2019 on ClipMyHorse (YouTube)



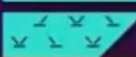
2021 Chiara Congia / Justin van Gerven, Alexandra Knauf, Highlight. CHIO Aachen
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2022 Averil Saunders, Nina Vorberg, Rockemotion. Herning
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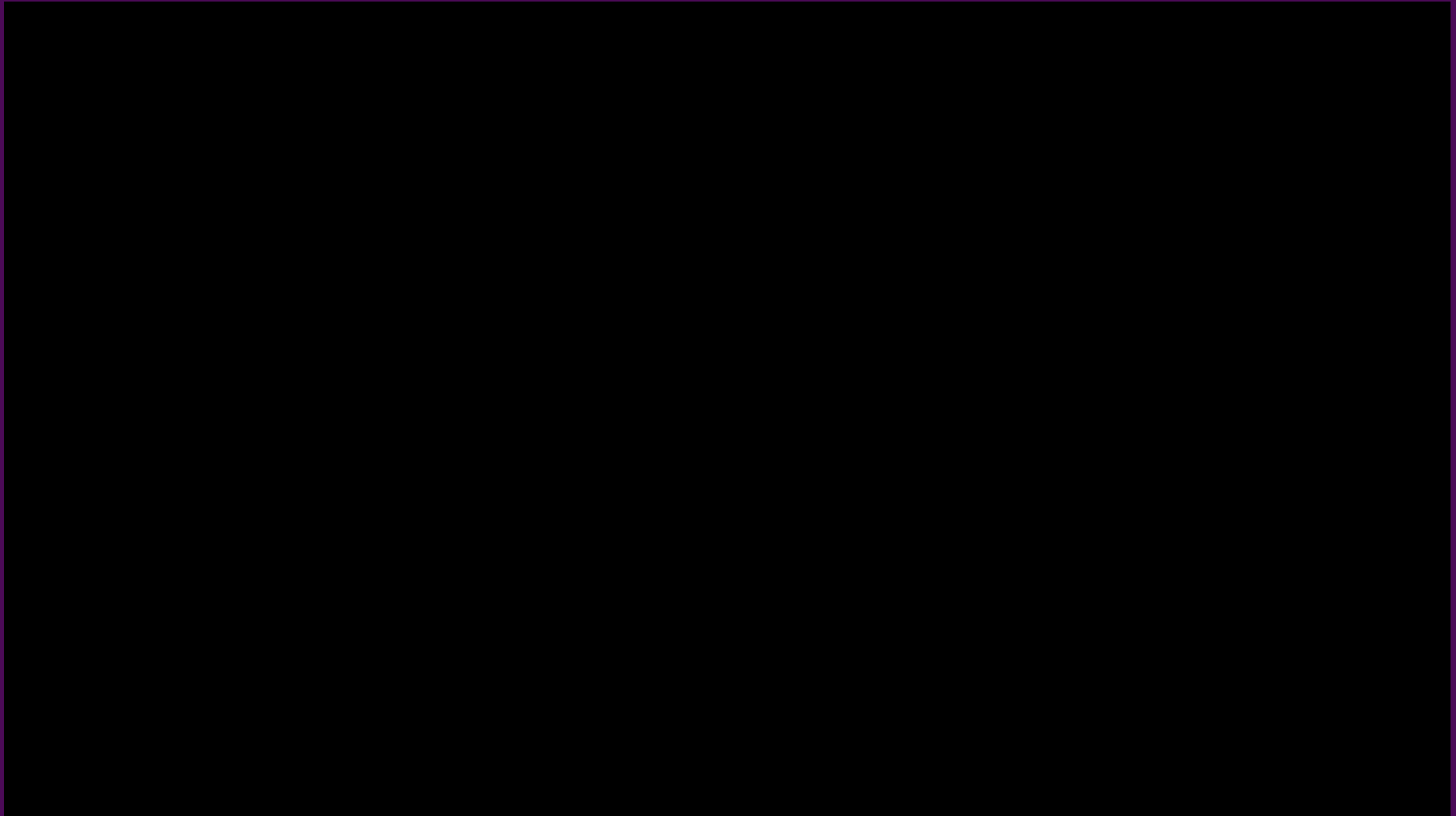


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2024 Eva Nagiller, Tomasz Ogonowski, Bastion at World's in Bern
– *FEI (YouTube)*



2024 Josephine Nielsen, Hanne Hansen, Lieto at European's in Bern
– *ClipMyHorse*

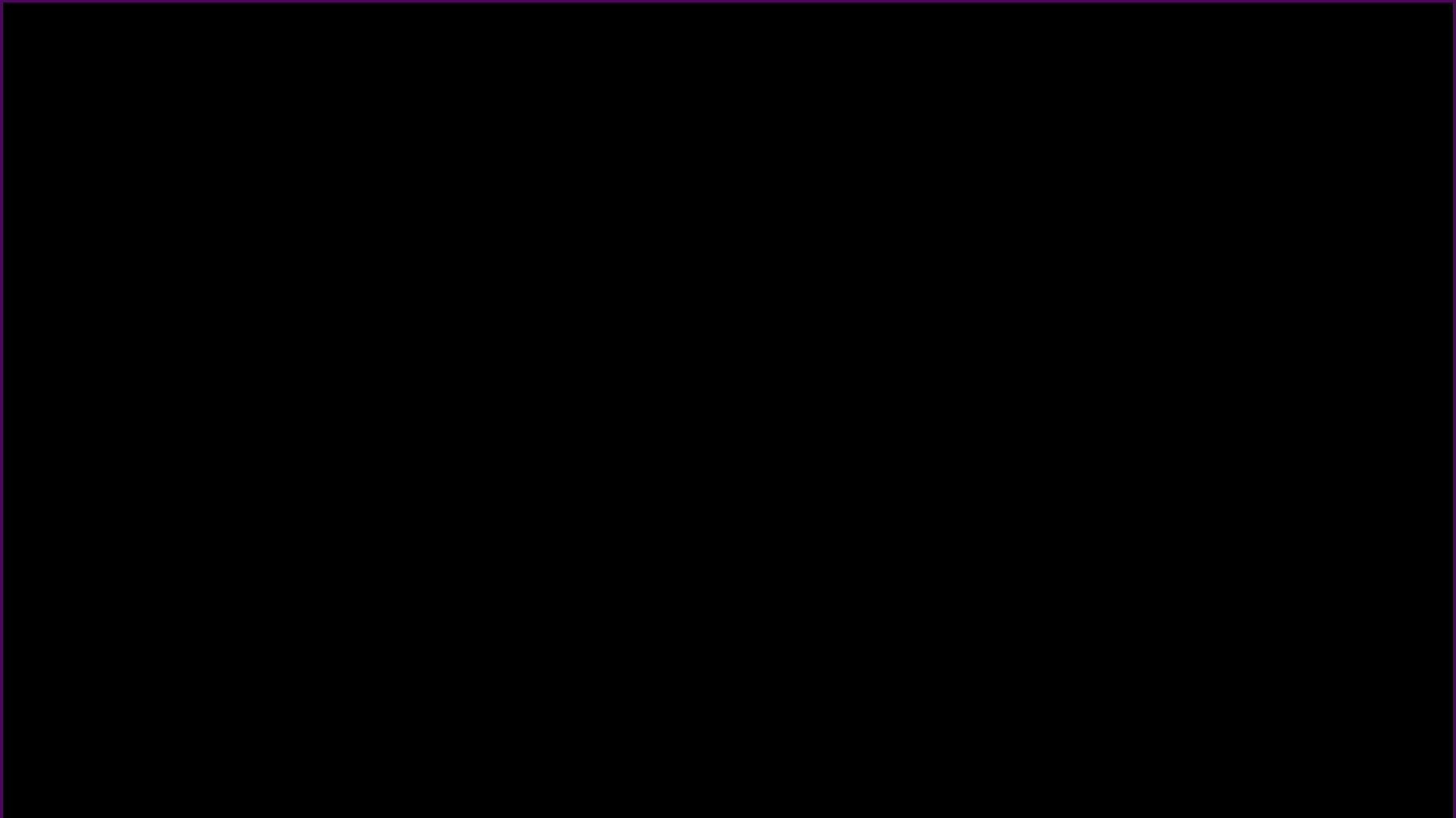


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2024 Theo Gardies, Sebastien Langlois, Sir Sensation at World's in Bern
– *Voltige Videos (YouTube)*



THANK YOU !

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grandparents, sponsors,
supporters, volunteers, officials,
and everyone else, who make
this all possible !**

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Links to online resources

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