

# Yvonne Losos de Muñiz Tunes Up for Pan American Games With New Freestyle

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Yvonne Losos de Muñiz (Photo: Sharon Packer)

Dressage rider [Yvonne Losos de Muñiz](#), who represents the Dominican Republic at international level, debuted her new Freestyle at the Wellington Classic Dressage Fall Challenge, held in West Palm Beach, Florida at the Jim Brandon Center. Partnered with her Pan American mount, Dondolo Las Marismas, a Danish Warmblood by Don Schufro that she has owned since he was a four year-old, Losos de Muñiz handily won the class with a 77%. Just one month before they will be competing in Guadalajara, Mexico, the rider seized the opportunity to test their ride less than ten miles from where they live and train. “I was extremely pleased not only with the final score but also the very positive comments with regards to the artistic and technical merits of the freestyle from the judge, Sandi Chohany,” commented Losos de Muñiz.

“It took us quite a while to select the music and match it to the movements, since the horse has been improving in his training and his tempo changed over time. The most important thing for me is to know that Dondolo is very relaxed and happy in the work, while still able to show his power and ability with this kur.”

The freestyle, designed especially for the Pan American Games, was created with Terry Ciotti from Klassic Kur, the Freestyle company with which Losos de Muñiz has been working with for over ten years. It’s a fresh, upbeat compilation with pop music from "Gitana" by Shakira, "Stereo

Love" by DJ Edward Maya and "Alejandro" by Lady Gaga. "The three tunes work very well together, and the choreography is technically demanding, but by now Dondolo can perform the moves with ease, and we know each other very well after so many years as a combination." explained Yvonne. "The response from the public has been very positive, everyone enjoys the music very much!"



Team Photo (Photo: Jim Fisher)

Losos de Muñiz and her teammates, Samira Uemura and Dr. George Fernandez, are doing very well in the final weeks of preparation for the Pan Ams. All three have been training together daily throughout the summer months at the Palm Beach Equine Sports Complex in Wellington, FL, under Yvonne's tutelage and the periodic visits of trainer Diederik Wigmans from the Netherlands. Samira will ride Royal Affair, a Hanoverian gelding by Royal Diamond, while Dr. Fernandez will ride Bravo, a Holsteiner gelding by Lacapo.

Losos de Muñiz, who has competed for the Dominican Republic for many years and earned multiple medals at Central American and Pan American Games, is well prepared for the process of readying herself, her teammates and their horses. "We are first of all ensuring the horses are all fit and in condition for the trip to Mexico." Yvonne emphasized. "We have also been busy arranging the details of our personal travel arrangements, and working with personal trainers to make sure we are fit and in shape. The competition will be extremely tough, since there are quite a few teams that have world-class riders and horses, like the USA, Canada, Mexico and Colombia. We are a small country with limited resources, but we will do our very best to make our nation proud of us."