

Scenes From BADA BING'S RETIREMENT at Charity Fair!

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The flowers presented to several deserving women in Bada Bing's life were absolutely gorgeous.



Dave's tack was removed for the final time.



Anne Judd gave Bada Bing a kiss at his party Friday night.



(L-R), Juan Stuckey, Peggy Alderman, Zach Tatar, Lillian Tatar, Dr. Steve Colburn, Robert and Rose Ortiz watched Lila Tatar and Bada Bing take one final victory pass together at Charity Fair.



Lila Tatar and Bada Bing won 25 of the 29 classes they competed in together during their career.



Fans gathered on the rail for a chance to pet Bada Bing and take pictures as he, Lila Tatar and Anne Judd walked around the ring.



The beautiful blanket of roses was on display at the party where cake and champagne and live music drew a huge crowd to offer their congratulations to the Tatar Family.



A taste of champagne was a perfect way to toast the multi-world champion.



This poster was on display and it highlighted his wins with Lila Tatar in 2012 in Oklahoma and at Morgan Medallion.



Lila Tatar and Bada Bing greeted their fans Friday night after the retirement ceremony at the Del Mar Charity Fair Horse Show. Dave's halter with new fuzzies replaced his show bridle. He stuck his tongue out for the camera.

Song #1 “We Will Rock You”
Horse Show Announcer Mark Farrar:

“Ladies and gentleman we are here tonight to celebrate and enjoy seeing the final show ring performance of one of the greatest Morgan horses ever to grace the show ring.

“Bada Bing and his owner and rider Lila Tatar want to entertain their home-town crowd with a celebration they want you to enjoy as much as they plan to. We ask you to welcome this grand horse and let him entertain you in what we hope to be a memorable and enjoyable performance. Don’t hold back, entertainers need to know they are loved. This dynamic team wants to ‘rock you’.”

Lila Tatar:

“What an incredible journey these last four years! 29 classes shown together and 25 first place wins! Three World Championships, one Reserve World Championship, four Grand National Championships and one Reserve Grand National Championship are highlights of our career. “

“Riding, driving and even an equitation class or two; you have carried me with a style and dignity few of your equine family possess. You developed a fan base from many breeds coming to watch you perform.”

“It is truly all about you Dave as you are undoubtedly a horse of a lifetime. I know you will miss the lights and excitement of the show ring. You have truly loved your job. Special thanks to Peggy Alderman for selling him to us and to mom for buying him and to Anne for putting us together. The Lawson Creek Dream Team has been responsible for our success and deserves much credit. “

“I must also thank all the supporters who have followed not only our career but Dave’s entire career. The standing ovation during our final victory pass at his most favorite of shows, the Morgan Grand Nationals, was for a great, great horse who has what we all look for; the heart of true show horse champion.”

“It’s been an incredible journey, an incredible ride. Thanks for the honor, Dave. This is your night. Now for one farewell ride.”

Mark Farrar:

“Ladies and gentleman may we present the one, the only, Mr. I’m Kind of a Big Deal, Bada Bing.”

Song #2 Space Odyssey and Song #3 Roar (as Lila and Bada Bing work both directions on the rail for the crowd)

Song #4 Bittersweet Symphony (quiet background music as Bada Bing has his saddle and bridle removed and halter put on by Ricky and Ramon with Anne assisting. She and Juan place a blanket of roses on his back.

BADA BING RETIRES

AT DEL MAR CHARITY FAIR HORSE SHOW

Editor’s Note: This is the script from the retirement ceremony of Bada Bing, Friday June 12, 2015 at the Del Mar Charity Fair Horse Show.

Mark Farrar:

“While Dave is changing into his retirement gear, it is my pleasure to direct you to what I would like to call “Dave’s Royal Family”: Lillian Tatar; owner and mom, Zach Tatar; Lila’s big brother and great supporter, Robert and Rose Ortiz; family fan club chairpersons, Peggy Alderman, breeder, former owner and East Coast trainer of this great horse, Dr. Steve Colburn; Dave’s veterinarian at Creekside Vet Clinic, Ricky Riley; Dave’s caretaker at Lawson Creek Farm, Rick Cota; Dave’s farrier, Juan Stuckey; Morgan Grand National World Championship Horse Show Ringmaster and Anne Judd; trainer of Dave and Lila for their entire career together.

Mark Farrar (Lila and Bada Bing walked along the rail so that spectators could pet him and take pictures):

“Now if you are ready Lila, Anne and Dave take a quick trip to meet a few of your fans at the end of the ring.”

Song #5 Landslide
Mark Farrar:

“East Coast, West Coast, open, amateur, junior exhibitor, riding, driving. Is there anything Bada Bing hasn’t done at the highest level?

“From 2002 to 2014 this Morgan son of AFF Leroy Brown and Trade Secrets did what he was born to do and that was entertain horse lovers of all breeds. He won his first Oklahoma title in 2004 making the Four-Year- Old Park Harness Mare and Gelding victory pass.

“Peggy [Alderman] took him along slowly, always torn about what division to show him in. “In my mind,” said Peggy, “this horse was going to be a hell of a park horse. But later I realized he was much better with a lighter shoe and less foot. I eventually realized he would be the best pleasure horse ever.”

“That statement turned out to be prophetic. The move to the pleasure division would be amazing and before Alderman and Bada Bing were through they would break the all-time record for Morgan English Pleasure World Championships. By 2010 Bada Bing had won Four English Pleasure World Championships.

“As an added twist, Peggy’s husband Phil took over the reins some during this time and won two Amateur World Championships too. Peggy decided it was time to part with the grand gelding. “We had broken the record, there wasn’t much left to accomplish, nothing left to win,” she commented.

“It was then that the Tatar family and their new trainer Anne Judd inquired about purchasing Lila’s dream horse. Peggy decided this would be a perfect ending for this grand gelding’s illustrious career. Lawson Creek was the right place for this great horse to finish out his career.

“Lila continued to guide ‘Dave’ through his illustrious career garnering even more honors during their time together. In 29 riding or driving show ring appearances, they earned 25 wins over a four year span. What an amazing journey.

“While winning World Championships is the ultimate goal for most trainers and exhibitors who show horses, the ultimate honor is to be able to give them a life of retirement while they’re still at the highest level. Lila and mom Lillian agreed with their trainer from the very beginning that this wondrous example of equine athletes would get that honor. “Tonight the bond between horse and man goes far beyond the sheen of silver trophies and satin tricolor ribbons. Memories come flowing back in full color. He will always remain Lila’s forever dream horse.”

Song #6 Uptown Funk (comes up loudly... almost interrupting the last part of Mark’s sentence)

Mark Farrar:

“Whoa.. audio.we have a problem. Can you bring that down?”

Dave (Caretaker Nash Jiminez speaking):

“No, audio guys play on please. No problem, no mistake. This is my kinda music!”

Mark Farrar :

“Who said that? Oh my, this is ridiculous. Its ruining this...”

Dave:

“Mark, its me Dave, right here in front of you. I love this song...dah...dah dah dah. Juan, my man, could you get me a microphone please? Excuse me Mark. I would like to say something before I leave the ring if my fans don’t mind?”

Mark Farrar:

“I guess but I do have to ask; what’s with this ‘Dave’ deal? I thought your name is Bada Bing?”

Dave:

“Exactly, that’s my show name. My actual name is David Alderman-Tatar. It’s hyphenated. Very Cali don’t you think? But you call me Dave. You’ve said a lot of nice things about me and thanks but I do need to say a thing or two before I leave.”

Mark Farrar:

“Ah, sure Dave. You have the floor.”

Dave:

“Thanks. Well, first I’d like to say some words to my Royal Family. Juan, my man, help me once again?” (Juan hands yellow roses to Peggy).

“Special thanks to you dear Peg. Without you I wouldn’t be here today. You raised me to be the “Big Deal” I am today! Wow, we set some real records didn’t we gal? And to come all the way from Vermont to see this ceremony; Thanks and I will always love my East Coast mom.”

“Juan, please one more time dear friend. (Juan takes red roses to Lillian).

“West Coast Mom; dear Lillian. What a brave lady to listen to the pleadings of Lila and Ms. Anne to buy me. You did, and the good news is we made you look good dear! I sure love you and my West Coast family.

“Zach - not many know you Zach except as Lila’s brother in the horse world, but I surely haven’t missed your strong support to this family. When we lost our dear Osman, a fine young man stepped up to help support his mom and his sister. I am proud of you for that Zack. I’d like to think that you feel I stepped up and did my part too. Thanks man.”

“Chief” and Rose, your support to my Lawson Creek team has been invaluable. When they felt your appreciation we all worked even harder to succeed.

“Doctor Steve, from one big man to another, thanks guy for all you do to keep me at my physical best. Would you guys be sickly if Dr. Steve and his big twitch stick came into the stall to see you? Yes sir, Doc, I am feeling fine!

“Juan, my man, few here know we’ve had a great long-term friendship. Meeting without fail center ring for every world title I have ever won over my lifetime career.

“Juan has been the ringmaster at the Morgan Grand National and was always there when I received my special win awards and he told me secretly I was one of his favorites. That’s a 12 year old friendship.

“Ramon and Nash, what a valuable part of our Lawson Creek Dream Team. Each of you have offered such valuable skills to make my job easier. Thanks guys.

“Ricky, Ricky, Ricky, you shine me up like a copper penny every day not just for the shows. You make sure my makeup is show perfect. You talk to me when you think Ms. Anne can’t hear you and yes I am going to tell. Not only do I get the most mints in the barn, you kiss me on the nose for good luck before every class. Man, I can’t believe I admitted to that.

“Ms. Anne, well you believed in me and in Lila. Better yet, you listened to Peggy, and to some special horsemen and horsewomen, and more importantly to your heart. Together well we got ‘er done. What fun we’ve had!

“Lastly, I just wanted to tell my fans something. You see I was born an entertainer. That’s all I really ever wanted to do; simply to please a crowd. This evening has been a wonderful tribute to me from my family, but I need to thank my fans; those who rushed to the rail to see me show and cheered me on. Those who gave me a standing ovation at the Morgan Grand Nationals last year, those who even tuned in on the Internet to support me.

“An entertainer is only as good as his fans. Thanks to you all. And one last thing, thanks to Lila for learning not to get in my way when we showed and letting me be ‘Me’ and to Anne and Peggy who trained me all these years to simply be ‘Me’.

“I guess I’d like to say one last ‘Thank You’ to all of you and now its time to say goodbye.”

Song #7 Time to Say Goodbye (Plays as Bada Bing and Lila exit the ring)

Mark Farrar:

“Well, that was quite an event, but what a fitting finale for the one and only Bada Bing! Please join the Tatar Family and Dave for an after show celebration at Lawson Creek Farm.”

Mark Farrar:

“Oh no here we go again. Audio, will you please turn off their microphones? The crowd can still hear Lila and Dave talking!

Dave:

“Hey Lila, why do you look so sad? It was a great ceremony I think! Wahoo..... you know what? I am ‘Kinda A Big Deal’”.

Lila:

“Yes Dave you are a big deal, but it’s all over now. I’m gonna’ miss all this with you.”

Dave:

“Oh we’ve got other things to do. I was thinking we should go to the beach tomorrow and you teach me to surf. I am a California boy now!”

Lila:

“Oh my gosh Dave you are something else. Let’s just go celebrate at our party. Tomorrow is another beginning for us; a new journey!

I sure did enjoy our first journey. Wonder what’s next, Mr. I’m Kinda A Big Deal. Nevermind, I don’t want to know. Let’s go - the star can’t be late to his own party!”

Dave:

“You got that girl. Let’s get ready to ‘parrttyyy!’”

Credits:
A Lawson Creek Production - Lillian Tatar
Director - Lillian Tatar
Screenwriter - Anne Judd
Starring Lila Tatar and Bada Bing aka “Dave”
Audio/Lighting - Eric Tasker
Voice of Dave - Nash Jiminez
Ceremony Flowers - Trendee Florist
Reception Florals and
set design - Christy Judd O'Donnell
Dave's Hair and Makeup - Ricky Riley
Special Assistant - Ramon Caro