

Ansata Nile Echo

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Ansata Nile Echo was an incredibly modern straight Egyptian stallion, yet one with an old and historic pedigree that incorporates some of the most revered bloodlines in the world. This majestic Arabian was bred at Ansata Stud in the US and was owned by Al Naif Stud, Qatar, founded by Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Ahmed Al Thani. Sadly, he passed away in 2016, aged 20, just one year after his famed sire.

Foaled in 1996, Ansata Nile Echo was a stallion who has captivated the world. With huge eyes, black skin, incredible movement, Arabian type, and dynamic attitude, he charmed audiences the world over. More importantly, Ansata Nile

Echo was a sire of note, and his progeny can be found across Europe, the Middle East, the US, and Australia.

Ansata Nile Echo was sired by the late, great Ansata Hejazi, a stallion much celebrated in his life, and now honoured in his death. There is so much to say about this line, but space does not allow. Suffice to say, Ansata Hejazi was, in turn, a son in turn of the immortal Ansata Halim Shah, sired by the Nazeer (Mansour x Bint Samiha) son, Ansata Ibn Halima, a son of the revered mare Halima (Sheikh El Arab x Ragia). Ansata Halim Shah was out of Ansata Rosetta, sired by Ansata Shah Zaman (Morafic x Ansata Bint Mabrouka) and out of the notable mare,



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Ansata Bint Bukra (Nazeer x Bukra). Ansata Hejazi was sired by Ansata Sudarra, a son of the rare Ansata Abu Sudan line, being by Ansata Ibn Sudan (Ansata Ibn Halima x Ansata Bint Mabrouka) and out of Ansata Bint Misuna (Nazeer x Maysouna). In turn, Ansata Sudarra is out of Ansata Delilah, by Ansata Shah Zaman (Morafic x Ansata Bink Mabrouka) and of the Ansata Bint Bukra daughter, Ansata Bina Misr (by Sameh).

Looking to Ansata Nile Echo's damline, we have the ethereal mare Ansata White Nile; there are many around the world who feel that the 'Ansata Nile' family is one of the most beautiful and most important in breeding, and Ansata Nile Echo himself confirms this. Ansata White Nile is by Prince Fa Moniet, the only non-Ansata horse in the first three generations of Ansata Nile Echo's pedigree. Prince Fa Moniet was by Theegyptianprince, a son in turn of Morafic (Nazeer x Mabrouka) and out of the great mare, Bint Mona

(Nazeer x Mouna). His dam was Fa Moniet, a daughter of Ibn Moniet El Nefous, by Morafic, and out of the acclaimed mare, Moniet El Nefous (Shabloul x Wanisa). Ansata White Nile is out of Ansata Nile Gift, a daughter of Ansata Ibn Sudan and out of the beautiful Morafic daughter, Ansata Nile Jewel, a daughter in turn of the Ansata Ibn Halima daughter, Falima (ex Fa-Habba).

All in all, Ansata Nile Echo's pedigree is one to be revered: all but one line contains some of the best of Ansata breeding, all directly going back to the imported horses from the Egyptian Agricultural Organization (EAO) by Donald and Judith Forbis, and the foundation of the Ansata Stud. Prince Fa Moniet himself stood at Ansata, and was used heavily in their programme before his export to Australia.

From the very beginning, Ansata Nile Echo was special and he was still a weanling when he caught the eye of Sheikh Abdullah and was purchased to be one of the lead sires for









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1996 grey, stallion

	ANSATA IBN HALIMA* gr 15.0 1958 ARABIAN (EG)	NAZEER* gr 1934	MANSOUR* BINT SAMIHA*
ANSATA HALIM SHAH* gr 1980 ARABIAN AHR 219546		HALIMA* b 1944	SHEIKH EL ARAB* RAGIA*
	ANSATA ROSETTA* gr 1971 ARABIAN AHR 70167	ANSATA SHAH ZAMAN* gr 15.0 1968	MORAFIC* ANSATA BINT MABROUKA*
ANSATA HEJAZI* gr 1992 ARABIAN AHR #479624		ANSATA BINT BUKRA* gr 1959	NAZEER* BUKRA*
	ANSATA ABU SUDAN* gr 1974 ARABIAN AHR #105813	ANSATA IBN SUDAN* gr 1965	ANSATA IBN HALIMA* ANSATA BINT MABROUKA*
ANSATA SUDARRA* gr 1982 ARABIAN AHR*259990		ANSATA BINT MISUNA* gr 1957	NAZEER* MAYSOUNA*
	ANSATA DELILAH* gr 1972 ARABIAN AHR #80322	ANSATA SHAH ZAMAN* gr 15.0 1968	MORAFIC* ANSATA BINT MABROUKA*
	THEEGYPTIANPRINCE* gr 1967 ARABIAN AHR 45351	ANSATA BINT MISR* b 1966	SAMEH* ANSATA BINT BUKRA*
	PRINCE FA MONIET* gr 1981 ARABIAN AHR #39446 17.578125 % Crabbet	MORAFIC* gr 1956	NAZEER* MABROUKA*
	FA MONIET* gr 1967 ARABIAN AHR #42922 14.84375% Crabbet	BINT MONA* gr 1958	NAZEER* MOUNA*
ANSATA WHITE NILE* gr 1990 ARABIAN AHR 459529		IBN MONIET EL NEFOUS* gr 1964	MORAFIC* MONIET EL NEFOUS*
	ANSATA IBN SUDAN* gr 1965 ARABIAN AHR# 32342	FADA* ch 1956	FADDAN* AAROUFA*
ANSATA NILE GIFT* gr 1976 ARABIAN AHR #151962		ANSATA IBN HALIMA* gr 15.0 1958	NAZEER* HALIMA*
	ANSATA NILE JEWEL* gr 1970 ARABIAN AHR #61935	ANSATA BINT MABROUKA* gr 1958	NAZEER* MABROUKA*
		MORAFIC* gr 1956	NAZEER* MABROUKA*
		FALIMA* b 1965	ANSATA IBN HALIMA* FA-HABBA*



Al Naif Stud. Ansata Nile Echo spent much of his time in Belgium, where he bred many mares, the majority of which have been exported to the Middle East. One of his many great attributes was his movement, which was big, bold, and incredible. Whenever he was shown, Ansata Nile Echo usually received straight 20s for movement, and he delighted the crowds when shown at liberty.

At this year's Egyptian Event Europe, Ansata Nile Echo received the Leading Sire Award, and this followed on from his success as Leading Sire at the 2017 Qatar Egyptian Event also. These awards help secure Ansata Nile Echo's reputation as a legendary sire, with his progeny both beautiful and noble, showing great movement and a wonderful attitude. He also passed on elegance and length of neck, both features that are not always so easy to achieve in straight Egyptian breeding.

His straight Egyptian get and grandget have commanded show-rings and breeding barns the world over, and ensure that this beautiful 'Ansata Nile' line will live on for many

generations to come. This includes, as just one example, Ezz Al Rashediah, out of Nabaweyyah Ezzain by Ansata Almurtajjiz (Ansata Hejazi x Ansata Samsara) and out of NK Nakeebya (NK Hafid Jamil x Nabilah). A 2014 colt, owned and bred by Al Rashediah Stud in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Ezz Al Rashediah was Gold Yearling Male Champion at the 2015 Berlin Cup Show. Ansata Nile Echo has also been an extraordinary sire when crossed with non-Egyptian lines; just one example is the 2009 mare Annaiss, sired by Ansata Nile Echo and out of Ass-Windi (Gonchar x Saskia RJ). Bred in the UK and sold to Aljassimya Farm, also in Qatar, she has produced the full brothers Jaal Aljassimya and Jalal Aljassimya, both by WH Justice (Magnum Psyche x Vona Sher-Renea), who have won countless championships across Europe.

The legacy of Ansata Nile Echo will be a lasting one. He was a timeless classic, the modern look with a classical pedigree, and his sons and daughters, especially, are set to carry on his lines for many generations to come. □