

Empire

THE BREEDERS' CHOICE

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For several years now the born at Michałów in 2009 stallion Empire (Enzo – Emira/Laheeb) has been enjoying unceasing popularity among both private and foreign breeders. A son of famous parents, he is the continuer of the Saklavi I sire line and the merited dam line of Milordka.

Empire first presented himself to a wider audience in 2010 as a yearling during the Junior Spring Show in Białka. The A series of that class had 13 contestants and the winner was Janów's Pogrom (the later Junior Champion and Best in Show horse). However his rival from Michałów breathed down Pogrom's neck, achieving just 0,33 pts less in class (41,00) and later claiming the title of Junior Spring Show Reserve Champion Stallion. "An interesting pedigree resulted in an exotic, almost chiselled head", we wrote at the time in our coverage. In the "Koński Targ" magazine Robert Raznowiecki noticed: "This beyond all doubt is the best Michałów son of Enzo; beautiful and stylish, in longer lines and with good movement". Empire quickly got even with his Janów rival, besting him in Janów Podlaski, first in class and later in the championships. And so Empire spread his wings. He soon added more titles during his season as a yearling: the European Junior Bronze Champion (Moorsele) and the title of World Junior Top Ten in Paris. In 2011, as a two year old, he became Junior Gold Champion Colt in Wels (Austria).





Enzo

Emira



Empire

2009 grey, stallion

PADRON PSYCHE
ch 1988
AHR*418979

ENZO
ch 1999
AHR #561225

RD BEY SHAHPANE
gr 1992
AHR*484672

LAHEEB
gr 1996
AHR #620320

EMIRA
gr 2000

EMBRA
gr 1995

PADRON
ch 1977
AHR #175389

KILIKA
b 1982
AHR*266273

BEY SHAH
b 1976
AHR 134556

BEY SHAHDAR
gr 1980
AHR 227069

IMPERIAL IMDAL
gr 1982
AHR #249645

AK LATIFA
gr 1977
AHR #158635 IASB#1014

MONOGRAMM
ch 1985
AHR*338583

EMILDA
gr 1990

PATRON
ch 1966

ODESSA
ch 1973

TAMERLAN
b 1967

KILIFA
ch 1972

BAY EL BEY
b 1969

STAR OF OFIR
b 1970

BEY SHAH
b 1976

BOLD DARLING
gr 1973

ANSATA IMPERIAL
gr 1976

DALIA
gr 1968

IBN MONIET EL NEFOUS
gr 1964

SIRALIMA
gr 1971

NEGATRAZ
b 1971

MONOGRAMMA
ch 14.3 1963

PAMIR
gr 1984

EMANACJA
gr 1986

ASWAN
PODRUGA

BRIGHT WINGS
SERINDA

ARAX
TRAPECIA

KILIMANDSCHARO
KAPELKA

BAY-ABI
NAGANKA

BASK
LLANA

BAY EL BEY
STAR OF OFIR

DAR
BOLD NIZBA

ANSATA IBN SUDAN
ANSATA DELILAH

MORAFIC
ROMANAA II

MORAFIC
MONIET EL NEFOUS

ANSATA IBN HALIMA
ASAL SIRABBA

BASK
NEGOTKA

KNIPPEL
MONOPOLIA

PROBAT
PARMA

EUKALIPTUS
EMIGRACJA





The best son of his sire, but also his dam

Among the male get of the American sire Enzo, who was available in Poland by means of frozen semen, Empire is the number one in Poland today, though Janów's Albano (out of Alena/Emigrant) has his supporters and Michałów's El Omari (out of Embra/Monogramm) also enjoys great popularity. However it was the mating of Embra's daughter, Emira, that turned out to be the best choice. Empire's dam (sold in 2016 during the Pride of Poland Sale to Qatar for 225 thousand Euro) is a collector of show titles, among them 2001 Polish National Junior Champion Mare and Best in Show, 2002 Junior Spring Show Reserve Champion Mare, 2002 All Nations Cup Junior Champion Mare, 2004 Polish National Senior Champion Mare, 2004 European Senior Reserve Champion Mare, 2012 Danish National Champion Mare in Vilhelmsborg, 2013 International Qatar Senior Reserve Champion Mare, 2013 AHO European Senior Champion Mare in Chantilly and finally Senior Bronze Champion Mare from Aachen, Liep and Paris in 2014. The heiress to iconic mares in Polish breeding – Emigracja and Emanacja, representatives of the world famous Michałów "E" line – is living proof that the

addition of Egyptian blood (in this case through Laheeb) can give results that all breeders dream of. Type, femininity, correctness, charm are not the only traits that she inherited from her glorious descendants. Let's recall that her great-granddam Emanacja by Eukaliptus produced not only such fames as Emira's granddam Emilda by Pamir (dam of Embra and Emmona), but also Emanta, Emanda (dam of Emendoria), Embella, Espadrilla and El Emeera, as well as Emanor – 1998 Polish National Champion Stallion and after being exported to the US also Canadian Reserve Champion and US National Champion Stallion (1999). Emilda, Polish National Junior Champion and Senior Reserve Champion Mare and later under the banner of Halsdon Arabians (to whom she was sold during the 1998 Polish Prestige Sale for 200 thousand USD) also UK Champion, European Champion and All Nations Cup Reserve Champion, was described by Professor Krystyna Chmiel in her book "One tworzyły piękno" ("They formed beauty") as having a "topline as flat as an ironing board".

Empire is not the only horse that has proven the value of Emira as a broodmare. She is also the dam of El Saghira (by Galba), a Reserve Champion from Towerlands (2010),

a Polish National Senior Reserve Champion Mare (2012) and a silver medallist from Sharjah (2015); in 2013 she was the record seller of the Pride of Poland auction, sold to Ajman (UAE) for half a million Euro.

A reliable sire

“Empire, sire of the year old Ebira (out of Ebra by Alert), who won the C series of the yearlings class with a score of 92,33 and became a bronze champion in that age category, must be

counted as one of those stallions whose get cannot be omitted”, we wrote a year ago in our coverage from Białka. Indeed, more and more names of his get are becoming known to a wider public. He debuted as a sire in 2014. It was then that El Larinera (out of El Emeera/Ekstern) was born, Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival Silver Yearling Champion in Nowe Wrońska and Junior Spring Show Silver Champion in Białka in 2015. In Sweden at Sinus Arabians Kresz (out of Krasnica by QR Marc) was born, the future Scandinavian Open Silver Yearling Champion Stallion and Swedish National Reserve



Enhorabuena

Champion. The born in the same year in Michałów Woj (out of Waranga/QR Marc) is a silver medallist of the Polish National Show in 2015. And 2015 was the birth year of Abdank (out of Altamira/Ekstern), Atakama (out of Atma/Ekstern), as well as Empire's ambassador in Kuwait, the mare Jawaher Lemar (out of Lanckorona/Poganin). Janów's Abdank turned heads as a class winner in Janów of 2016, his stablemate Atakama gained the yearling mare gold and Best in Show title in Radom in that same year, while Jewaher Lemar efficiently competes on Middle Eastern arenas, which draws the interest of Kuwaiti

breeders. As a result in 2017 Michałów sold as many as 20 breedings to Empire to Kuwait. Polish private breeders bought 24 breedings to this stallion in 2016 and as many as 36 in 2017.

Last year in Michałów 11 foals were born by Empire (7 fillies and 4 colts). Among his last year get the ones that stand out are the Wilda's daughter Wiwenda, as well as Golstera out of Goltra and Langusta out of Laranda. In turn the two year old Wiosenna Róża (out of Waranga/QR Marc) was sent to show



El Larinera



Atakama

training and we will see her in Białka. In 2018 Michałów is expecting seven foals by Empire out of such mares as Elbera and El Medina.

What hopes does Michałów Stud associate with Empire? "With this sire we are speaking not of hopes but of results", notes Hanna Sztuka, breeding director at Michałów Stud. "He is a proven stallion, widely used in previous seasons. It is already known that he is a stallion that passes on his traits, giving even get of high quality. The foundation of his breeding success is

definitively his dam. The old truth that when choosing a sire we should look at his dam is more than true in case of Empire".

As Hanna Sztuka points out, Empire's daughters are feminine and typey and his sons also present a more feminine type, which appeals to many breeders. These are usually grey horses, lacking a "white" eye. Skin depigmentation has also not been observed. Since today breeders are looking not only for pretty heads, but also correctness, they often choose Empire. His descendants are usually horses in large frames, robust, well



Ebira

moving, such as the sold during the 2nd Winter Sale to Israel for 21 thousand Euro Wiwera (out of Waranga), who is 159 cm tall in the withers. “When used on weaker mares Empire definitely improves them”, adds Hanna Sztuka.

Among private breeders in Poland Empire is very popular. A breeder who has used him the widest is Grzegorz Dudek from Kamionna Stud. In previous seasons he bred his mares to Medalion, Eryks, Ekstern and El Omari, but has recently placed his bets on Empire. Three of this year’s foals (2018)

have already been born – two fillies and a colt and two other broodmares are awaiting birth. The mare Falezja (Eryks – Faleza/Eukaliptus) has already given the breeder two daughters by Empire: Farabella 2015 and Florena 2016. In turn Elkantra (Drabant – Emida/Wachlarz) is the dam of Elkantra 2015 and Elantra 2016. And why did Grzegorz Dudek believe in Empire several years ago? “I liked his conformation and his get that I had a chance to see was very promising”, he explains. Another breeder that can also be pleased with using Empire is Bogusław Ataman (Ataman

Arabians). Four of this stallion's get have already been born at his stud. The mare Edición Corta produced the filly Enhorabuena (currently owned by Dawid Borowiec), as well as a colt; her dam Elatea (by Angor) produced two colts. "We wanted to strengthen the horses' build and add refinement", the breeder explains his decision. "I was also curious how would Empire combine with the blood of Ekstern, because Edición Corta is by Esparto. Additionally she is a petite mare and we were hoping that a foal by Empire would be of a bigger calibre. And that's what happened, today Enhorabuena has at least

156 cm in the withers". As the breeder confirms, Empire's get can boast pretty heads with shapely ears. "The 2017 colt out of Elatea appears to become a good riding horse. They are good, real horses", Bogusław Ataman has no doubts.

Empire, today 9 years old, has a long breeding career ahead of him. "Next year his daughters will become broodmares", says Hanna Sztuka. "And then we will be able to say even more about his influence on breeding". Another chapter of Polish Arabian horse breeding is currently being written. □



Wiwera