

ERALDA

FROM THE HEART OF POLAND
TO THE HEART OF THE PRINCESS



AL **S**HIRAA
ARABIANS



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Eralda is undoubtedly one of the most exotic mares in the current show stage and the apple of the eye of her owner – HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Hazza Bin Zayed Al Nahyan owner of Al Shiraa Stables in Abu Dhabi. Born in central Poland located private stud farm Falborek Arabians owned by family Gozdziński, Eralda represents the typical, famous and successful blend of Polish bloodlines with a drop of the outcross lines that made so many Polish-bred champions in the past. Eralda dam line representing the E-line of Michałów Stud tracking back to Milordka the mare owned in Sławuta by Royal Family of Sanguszkó in XIXth century, the establisher of the dynasty of champions for the future Michałów State Stud. Although its fame was made by Michałów not everyone knows that 4 last generations of Eralda damside were created by talented Polish private breeders – Mr Leszek Jarmuż who purchased the mare Entuza 1996 (Eukaliptus x Ekologia/Piechur) at Michałów at her young age and bred both Entaga and Espinezja – the great granddam and granddam of Eralda. Already Espinezja made her mark on the showrings being a beautiful filly by Psytadel taking places at Polish Nationals, European Championship and

All Nations Cup. Later for her new current owner in Saudi Arabia she also gained the second places at King Abdulaziz Arabian Horse Championship and Riyadh Arabian Horse Show. Earlier, Espinezja was purchased from Mr Leszek Jarmuż to Falborek Arabians where she became a valuable dam of two siblings by World Champion Marajj – Espimar 216 Polish National Reserve Champion Stallion and Enezja - Bronze International Champion in Wels, the dam of the Queen – Eralda.

Crossing Enezja with Champion Emerald J was not only adding the extraordinary charisma of this multiple champion stallion and sire of champions but also strong inbreeding to another World Champions and significant sires – Gazal Al Shaqab and Marwan Al Shaqab and in further lines also to legendary Eukaliptus and Bey Shah. The idea of this cross worked extremely well – Eralda was an eye catcher since the time she was born – with exotic face, elegant tail carriage and graceful presence in motion. The news about the filly electrified the Arabian community so it was just a matter of time when she caught an eye of the best horses collector and passionate lover through the generations of Her family – HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Hazza Bin

Zayed Al Nahyan and she joined her at Al Shiraa Stables. *“Whatever it takes I need to have her”* – it was the reaction of HH Sheikha Fatima when she first saw the short video of Eralda-foal. And soon later the dream of the Princess came true and beautiful weaning filly Eralda left on a snowy winter day from Poland to Al Shiraa Stables...At her first show in 2017 Campeonato de Baleares she easily took Gold Champion Yearling Filly as her debut. In 2018 she continued her path to glory taking Gold Champion title at European Championships and Bronze at Abu Dhabi International Show in a strong competition. The same strong competition she met next year when took the Silver at Menton 2019 followed by her biggest life achievement so far – Silver Medal Champion at World Championship 2019 as a Junior Filly. Sheikha Fatima was so impressed by the new Queen of her stables that she also purchased two embryo rights of Eralda’s dam proposed to her during World Championships. One of them - Ivala Al Shiraa born 2020 (RFI Farid x Enezja) became Silver National Yearling Champion Filly at 2021 Spanish Nationals already.

In the meantime Eralda had a chance to prove herself as a great producer – her first son born in 2019 by Fa

El Rasheem – Herodotous Al Shiraa is debuting as a sire while his full sister born the year later, Iralda Al Shiraa, was Spanish National Gold Champion and Yearling Filly Gold at Barcelona Arabian Cup as well as Top Ten at World Championships. In 2019 an embryo of Eralda was also purchased by Ajman Stud and the result of crossing with AJ Portofino was again spectacular – AJ Esra, born 2020 is a title holder of Gold Champion at Bruges Arabian Horse Event and Silver Champion at Prague Intercup 2021 so far. We should also mention her 2021 striking daughter called Jhesselle Al Shiraa by RFI Farid and last but not least – the most mother look alike one – the 2022 filly by RFI Unique.

Incredible Eralda herself, now matured and proven as a great dam she hasn’t said her last word in the Arabian horse world so far. Being perfectly prepared in her top show condition she is ready to conquer the globe again as a senior mare. *“She is capable of a magical transformation. She can go from a sweet quiet filly to a powerful individual who looks like a statue”* – says her trainer, David Pujalt. We will hopefully have a chance to see this magic once again when Eralda comes back! □



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A young brown Arabian filly stands in a garden, looking towards the camera. She has a dark mane and tail, and is wearing a halter. The background is filled with green foliage and a tree trunk.

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