

BLOODLINE

THE BEAUTY OF *Fahena*

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One of the most beautiful mares on the European circuit the past couple of years – and surely one of the most underrated – is Fahera. Bred in Italy, this ethereal nine-year-old grey has that wonderful quality that makes you stop and look whenever she enters the show-ring. In Paris 2016, Fahera just missed out on a World Championship title, and it is surely just a matter of time before she receives this richly-deserved award.

Bred in Italy by Vito Lo Giudice, Fahera is now owned by Al Shira'aa Arabians in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, who fell for her charms while she was a younger mare. Fahera is now an important part of Al Shira'aa's show team, and it is easy to see why.

Her sire is TS Apolo, a stallion that incorporates Egyptian, Polish and a good dash of Gainey breeding into his pedigree. Foaled in 2003, TS Apolo is by TS Don Brave (AF Don Giovanni x BF Tiffany Select by BF Rageymazon). His dam is the Ali Jamaal (Ruminaja Ali x Heritage Memory by El Magato) daughter, Fairness FHP, a double Aladdinn (Nureddin x Lalage by Gerwazy) mare being out of GAP North Nessy (Northerlei x Ambrlight by Aladdinn).

Looking to Fahera's damline, we have the mare Epy who combines Polish and Russian damlines with an infusion of Egyptian. Epy is by the Pentari (Partner x Nitouche by Pohaniec) son, Murisch (ex Murika by Manneki out of Murama). Epy's dam is Zira (Achnaton S x Levadia by Komplekt). Komplekt was a son of Patron (Negatiw x Provincia by Priboj), the

foundation of the most enduring sirelines in modern day history.

Fahera was always beautiful, but it is her winning ways from 2014 that caught the eye of Al Shira'aa Arabians. At the Travagliato International B Show in her native Italy, Fahera won her class and took the Gold Senior Female Championship. She added to this a second Gold Championship that year, this time at the Italian National Championship in Citta di Castello. At the Italian A Show in Verona, Fahera took the Silver Senior Female title, and she ended her year World Top Ten.

By now, Al Shira'aa Arabians were one of a



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growing number of people taking a special interest in this beautiful, brilliant moving young mare. Before the 2015 Bruges International Show, Fahera was sold to Al Shira'aa and her first show for them, in a phenomenally tough class in Bruges, saw her place fifth. At the 2015 European Championships in Verona, Fahera placed fourth.

2016 saw Fahera compete for the first time in the Middle East, and she took the Bronze Senior Female Championship at the Sharjah International Festival. From there, she went to the Mediterranean & Arab Countries Championship, held on the beaches of Menton, and she won her class in style. Come the championships, Fahera just missed out on a medal, finishing fourth.

Her final show in 2016 was the Paris World Championships and she showed her true style, taking second place in a very strong mare class. Again, Fahera would be the bridesmaid come the championship, taking fourth place once more.

2016 was also an important year for Fahera and Al Shira'aa as she produced for them an enchanting filly by the multiple-champion Emerald J (QR Marc x Emandoria). The whole team is thrilled with Fahera's first foal for them. Above all, Fahera is a true white swan – so regal and elegant, and she has such charisma. With handler David Pujalt by her side, Fahera comes to life the moment that she enters the show-ring, displaying beautiful Arabian type combined with the power of an incredible mare.

Fahera certainly falls in the category of 'one to watch'. If you have not yet seen her, she will amaze you and capture your heart. For those already converted, we know that it is only a matter of time before she is right up there in the championship spotlights once more, winning



Class A Show Menton



Fahera - Bronze Medal Champion Mare A- Show Sharjah International



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the titles that she truly does deserve.

“I saw Fahera for the first time in Paris 2014 in the collecting ring, and she immediately caught my eye with her attitude. I found her very special and her look that day remained in my mind for a long time... So afterwards when she was offered to us, I could instantly picture her joining the Al Shira’aa collection.

“I remember the first time I showed her, just after four days after I had her for the first time in my hands. It was in Bruges, and we placed fifth; ~~not such an inspiring beginning. I was a~~ little bit disappointed, as she was boring and didn’t express herself. I didn’t know the mare and I didn’t know exactly how to bring out the look that she had a year ago at the world Championships. We didn’t perform well, and this was reflected in the result.

“Soon, when I could spend more time with her, I discovered that Fahera was such an interesting and smart creature. She made me understand pretty quickly that the most important was to make her happy! She knew the job, so she just



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needed to have fun, which we did, and then the good results started to come.

“Fahera won some titles at shows, as already mentioned in this feature. These included Bronze Senior Female Champion in Sharjah and class winner in Menton. She also placed second in Chantilly, and there were many more highlights besides. With the good results, we both started to have fun in the ring.

“Fahera is such a reliable mare, and I always know she will give her best. This allows me to relax a little and enjoy the moment. Fahera has also made me better as a handler and she also gave me many satisfying moments. I could not ask her for more.”

David Pujalt,

Trainer and handler at Al Shira'aa Arabians





“Currently Fahera is the most beautiful daughter of TS Apolo. She is so much like her sire, with a graceful femininity. In my personal view, I love Fahera and will always be a great admirer of her. My congratulations go to the owner who manages her with love!

“TS Apolo remains one of the most beautiful, exotic horses who has lived in Italy, and I am proud to have imported him to my country. I am equally proud that I have given him to the Royal

Stables of the King of Morocco. Very soon, I will have a product of TS Apolo with one of my best mares. I have always been optimistic about TS Apolo, and surely he will not disappoint me.”

Pippo Palumbo

“My first encounter with Fahera, when she arrived, was very exciting, mainly because of her gentle nature. She is a very sensitive horse





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who needs a lot of attention, especially when she travels.

“I think that now everyone knows her charisma, her amazing movement... She is just a show horse to admire.

“Fahera is a mare who have fun to work with because she is always ready to give all of herself in training, leaving nothing behind. She loves

being at shows and especially likes it when she gets noticed! This is Fahera: a beautiful mare that many breeders would love to have in their herds of purebred Arabian horses. For me, it was a great pleasure to train her, and now I am pleased that some of my friends can really enjoy her!”

Toasten Jacoban

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