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To visitors New York City is an intoxicating mix of the familiar and the larger than life. Familiar from all those movies whose details you have absorbed without even realizing it, combined with the incredible simplicity of locating your own whereabouts on the grid map of Manhattan, which makes you feel surprisingly at home. Larger than life because, well, a lot of it really is larger than life!

As a venue for a horse show it is the height of sophistication, there simply is not anywhere else like an arena in Central Park on a warm September evening. It would be unrealistic to paint it as a competition for every horse and owner because it is not. It is expensive and requires your horse to be trucked in the middle of the night before the show from the holding area out of town to the temporary stables in Central Park. It is a destination horse show for high end horses and riders looking for a career topping experience and a unique evening of entertainment for spectators.





The cooperation between the AHA and the sponsorship of Aljassimya Farm brought this show to life three years ago, although this year the mantle of main sponsor passed on to Qatar Airways The performance riders of the US have grasped the opportunity with both hands and horses were present from the far corners of the USA Florida and California and with a full complement of 8 horses in the Country English Pleasure. The performance classes are

run Pro/Am with professional trainers riding for the first half of the class and the Amateur owners for the second, maximizing the fun everyone can have on the night ! Bronze Country Englisj Pleasure winner Dr Nancy O'Reilly summed it up saying" Central Park Arabian Horse show was one for the bucket list. I ran the New York Marathon and rode my horse in Central Park. Can it get any better????"



Halter horses are thinner on the ground, the almost date clash with Aachen being touted as a reason. However it seems a shame to squander the opportunity of creating a whole new high end destination for top flight horses. The other very top shows in the world are very fiercely contested by a small but very determined group of international owners and this is a prestigious location that – pardon the pun – trumps them all. New York is the perfect place to bring the horse who has already won everything as it was last year with Aria Impresario, it was this year with RH Triana. The highlight of this years show she has been Champion at various ages

at Scottsdale, Las Vegas and the US Nationals, this was the final jewel to add to her crown, presented by her first handler an emotional Rodolfo Guzzo.

The night ended with two glorious white stallions under the spotlight, Champion Baha AA representing the finest of Egyptian lines and dynamic Tempezst representing the finest of American breeding. This show is not about numbers – you don't have to spend five days locked in an indoor hall watching every entrant, instead it is pure class. Don't miss it!!











RESULTS

Arabian Mounted Native Costume Horse Exhibitor Owner

Gold- EQ Escalade, Brooke Fuchs, Dr. James Blevins and Kimberly S Butler Silver- Squeezebox, Virginia Goodwin, Mary Elizabeth Kelly Bronze-HL Sanction, Cathy Vecsey, Hawk Haven Farms

Arabian Junior Mare Halter

Gold-Geneva CS, Ted Carson, Jeff and Sybil Collins, James and Kay Smith Collins Silver- MD Mirka, Michael Wilson, Manuel Durini, Medrano

Arabian Hunter Pleasure Pro/Am

Gold-PA Mayhem, Caralyn Schrotter / Brooke Hines, Debra Hines Silver-Wize Beybe, Daniel Weeks / Christina Balch, Combs Family Trust Bronze-Ggrand Slam, Charles Ethier / Kim Bergeron, Kim Bergeron, Rollingwood Farm



Arabian Junior Stallion Halter

Gold- SF Baahir Jawhar, Ted Carson, Chloe Cox / Al Cox, Sycamore Farm LLC

Arabian Western Pleasure Pro/Am

Gold- PA Kid Khan, Rob Bick / Janie Heslep, J. Frank / Sara Chisholm, Palmetto Arabians LLC Silver- Holdin Aces, Tommy Garland / Ray Price, Joelle Wright, East Manor Arabians Bronze PA Appalonia Dancer, Tim Phelan / Lisa Gaudio, Lisa Gaudio and James Kazanjian

Arabian Senior Mare Halter

Gold-RH Triana, Rodolfo Guzzo, Triana Holding LLC

Silver- Sashaa LHT, Michael Wilson, Frank Hennessy, Hennessy Arabian Horse Partners LLC

Arabian Country English Pleasure Pro/Am

Gold- Harry Trotter, John Ryan / Melissa Fry, Melissa Fry

Silver- CP Manifesto, Joshua Shino / Katherine Kirby, Katherine Kirby, Kirby Arabians LLC

Bronze- CSP Hennessy, Jim Lowe / Nancy O'Reilly, Nancy O'Reilly, Amazing Horse Woman LLC

Arabian Senior Stallion Halter

Gold-128 Baha AA, Andrew Sellman, Baha Partners LLC

Silver-130 Tempezst, Ted Carson, Nichole Mesik









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