

Flaxman Arabians

Open House

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This year, Flaxman Arabians of Helen & Kay Hennekes-van Nes is celebrating its 35 years of existing. What once started with a small Arabian mare has grown into one of the biggest Arabian horse stud farms in Belgium. Flaxman Arabians is mainly focused on the Straight Egyptian with a mixture of Straight Spanish. The modern facility of



Flaxman Arabians is located in Brecht, Belgium —where they also host the famous Emerald Trophy in July every year. The farm has large spacious stables, an indoor arena, a horse walker and a lot of green pastures. They also host the Arabian halter training center of Peter Wilms, who is also the Stud manager of Flaxman Arabians since 2008.

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On the 9th of May, people from all over Belgium and Holland came together to celebrate the Flaxman Arabians annual open day. Shown to the public were two of the foundation mares of Flaxman Arabians; The 17 yrs old Ansata Hajira (Ansata Hejazi x Ansata Zaabira) and the beautiful classic 20 yrs old Flaxman's Nakaana (Hassan S x Dakaana). Nowadays, many children and grandchildren of these mares have been born at Flaxman Arabians. Including some stallions which are still at stud today.

One of them is the typy FA Zain (Ansata Ramesses x Ansata Hajira), who is doing a good job as a breedingstallion. He was shown together with his son FA Earl Grey, who is out of Flaxman's Nakaana. Other stallions presented during the open day were the black beauty Flaxmans Rabdan (Niyashin x Waseem Serasaaba) – who proved to be an excellent mover as well. Like many stallions at Flaxman Arabians, Rabdan is also doing very well under saddle! Another black stallion at stud is the US born Black Diamond LDA (Thee Desperado x Alia Amal LDA). Black Diamond is one of the latest imports of Flaxman Arabians and is giving them some excellent production!

GH Meknes



**Flaxman's Carmen
& Peter Wilms (manager/trainer)**

Fa Wysznu



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Naim AO



MM Sergio



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Flaxman also stands some non straight stallions at stud, such as Pristice Kossack (WH Justice x Prisiage) - who was champion at the Bierbeek show as a yearling and recently been given a 1st premium with the Belgium Studbook. The chestnut stallion MM Sergio (WH Justice x Sara el Bey) had a silver medal in Zottegem last year as well as a gold medal in Salzkotten, Germany. And last but not least the grey stal-

lion Matis. Again a son of WH Justice and out of the Straight Egyptian KP Bint Malikah.

Flaxman Arabians also has some show fillies in the stables, who were also shown during the presentation. The beautiful flaxen chestnut A golden girl Kossack (WH Justice x Abakana Kossack) was a National Champion filly in Holland and more recently won the bronze medal at the Westcoast cup in Koksijde, Belgium. Another youngster that

will be shown this year is the typy MM Envy (Ajman Moniscione x MM Escada).

Besides Arabian horses, Flaxman Arabians also has an impressive collection of Trakehner horses. This breedingprogram started with the beautiful mare Agenda, who Helen saved from the slaughter. Agenda gave Helen the incredible Alexander (Kasparow). Alexander was also shown to the public and although all fans of Arabian horses, he left quite an impression!

With Helens knowledge of horses, Kay's enthusiasm and Peter Wilms' calm and friendly approach with the horses, the team of Flaxman Arabians stands for success and after 35 years still proves to be 'on top of the game'!. □

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