

This year, the 2015 Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show celebrated its 60th anniversary, making it one of the oldest and most popular shows in the industry. Its popularity has grown from an American show to one of international importance. Throughout the 11 days of the show, people shared their favorite Scottsdale memories, which spanned almost the entire 60 years. With each day, new friends and old enjoyed making memories to last a lifetime. Here are some of the highlights of the biggest and the best Arabian horse show in the world...

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Celebrating Family, Fun, Friends & the Arabian Horse!







THE 60TH ANNUAL SCOTTSDALE ARABIAN HORSE SHOW



During the annual Scottsdale Arabian Show there are competitions in up to seven arenas, many running simultaneously. Classes include many forms of riding and driving disciplines for youth, amateurs and professionals including English, Western, Hunter, Dressage, Jumping, Reining, Cutting, Team Penning and more. However, in this report for Tutto Arabe, we are focusing primarily on the breeding and halter classes of the show.

The Scottsdale Arabian Show offers many opportunities for breeders, owners and professionals to present their horses in halter, including the Scottsdale Signature Stallion classes, which are strictly for amateurs. The goal is to encourage breeders and owners to participate and enjoy their horses.

The Signature classes offer significant prize money to the winners. The prize money is generated through the Scottsdale Signature Stallion program and its annual Stallion Service Auction. All offspring sired by SSS nominated stallions are eligible to be nominated to compete in the Signature classes. However, only the off-



spring resulting from breedings purchased in the SSS Auction are eligible to be nominated for the Auction Futurity classes, which have the highest prize money.

The 2015 Signature Stallion Auction offered approximately 163 stallions. The services of 80 stallions were auctioned off on Wednesday, February 18th. The remaining SSS stallions' services were available by silent auction, which ran through the last day of the show - Sunday, February 22. The high selling stallion service was for QR Marc, owned by Paul Gheysens of Belgium and represented in the United States by Bob Boggs. QR Marc's breeding brought \$16,000.00 to the fund. Additional stallions' services brought substantial earnings for the SSS Futurity. Among the top earning stallions were Hariry Al Shaqab and Lawrence El Gazal, both stallions' services brought \$12,000.00, Hariry Al Shaqab is owned



by Al Shaqab Member Qatar Foundation and stands at Midwest Training Center. Lawrence El Gazal is owned by Ferdinand Huemer of Austria and is represented by Michael Byatt. Vitorio TO's services brought \$11,000; he is owned by Janey Morse of Oak Ridge Arabians and is represented by Midwest Training Center. Excalibur EA, owned by Princess Laetitia d'Arenberg of Haras Las Rosas in Uruguay, brought \$9,500.00 for his service. He is represented in the U.S. by Ted Carson and in Europe by Christine Jamaar. Emerald J, owned by Almuad Stud of Saudi Arabia and represented by Ted Carson in the U.S. brought \$9,000. Beijing BHF, owned by Keith and Maureen Krichke, and Ever After NA, owned by Dixie and Bob North, each brought \$8,000 for their services. Soul Of Marwan AS brought \$7,000 for his services. He is owned by The Soul Of Marwan Partners and stands at Arabians International. The total amount raised by the 2015 SSS Auction was \$443,300,00 – this will go to payouts in future SSS classes. Visit the Scottsdale Show website for details.

Among the favorite halter competitions at the Scottsdale show are the International classes. These specialty classes have grown consistently in size and popularity. Distinctive differences here include the international panel of judges, the use of a modified European points judging system for the classes and the use of the comparative system for the championships.

A brand new element of excitement for the show was the addition of the International Egyptian Heritage and Straight Egyptian specialty classes. With out a doubt, these classes drew in competitors from around the world that otherwise might not attend. The horses were extraordinary and were welcomed by the spectators with great enthusiasm.



#### AL JASSIMYA FARM - SPONSOR OF THE SCOTTSDALE INTERNATIONAL BREEDERS CLASSICS

In previous years, Al Jassimya has participated at the Scottsdale show as a Patron and exhibitor. This year, they expanded their commitment to the show and became one of the event's strongest supporters. Bart Van Buggenhout, Manager of Al Jassimya, explained the motivation and inspiration for Al Jassimya's sponsorship.

"Sheikh Jassim likes to select shows to support. Scottsdale is important for several reasons. First the show offers good, solid competition. The show is celebrating 60 years, that is a long tradition and we appreciate the fact they added the international classes. Next, we believe the Scottsdale show is a prime example of successful public out reach. When you come to Scottsdale, you immediately see the efforts of the show – at the airport, signage, magazines, television, radio, internet, social media, etc. – they use every available means to promote the show to the public and to the international Arabian horse community. Finally, we believe the show committee did an excellent job of representing Al Jassimya in a tasteful and respectful way.

"This is the first year for the Straight Egyptian and Egyptian Heritage classes and I see there is some room for improvement in terms of making the criteria for the Heritage classes more clear. The International classes are a good example; they are growing in size and quality, and as they grow, they will continue to bring even more horses from around the world.

Above: The judges of the Scottdale International Breeders Classic Classes, left to right: Jorge Guillermo Concaro, Argentina; Shawn Crews, USA; Jack Maritz, South Africa; Annette Vickery, Australia and Eugene Reichardt, USA. Facing page, Top: The Scottsdale Signature Stallion Auction was well attended. Left: Bidders registering for the auction. Right: Janene and Bob Boggs of Midwest Station I, U.S. representatives for the stallion, QR Marc.



Incorporating and crossing Egyptian bloodlines with others has been a long held practice through out the world. Some of the most successful individuals resulting from this practice have been profoundly influential. In fact, they have changed the face of the Arabian breed. Perhaps one of the most notable examples of our generation was the legendary El Shaklan, a stallion revered for his extreme beauty, stature, kind character and his ability to reproduce these traits with unparalleled consistency. With El Shaklan, the phrase "Golden Cross" was coined. He represented the use of Egyptian lines through his sire, Shaker El Masri, with Spanish through his dam, Estopa, the queen and foundation of the Om El Arab breeding program.

An even more recent individual resulting from blending Egyptian bloodlines with others is the incomparable sire and World Champion Stallion, Gazal Al Shaqab. His Egyptian heritage comes from his sire, Anaza El Farid, who was crossed with the Russian aristocrat mare and U.S. National Champion, Kajora. Gazal Al Shaqab, and his prolific sons and daughters - many of which are World Champions, National and International Champions - prove the value of having an Egyptian heritage. Many Scottsdale winners, as well as their sires and dams, are related to Gazal Al Shaqab. These are important breeding horses and this illustrates the significance of the new Scottsdale International Breeders Classic Egyptian Heritage classes.

The International Arabian Breeders Classic Egyptian Heritage Yearling Filly winner and Champion Egyptian Heritage Female was C Zahreena, owned by Susan MacDonald and shown by Greg Knowles. The International Arabian Breeders Classic Egyp-



Egyptian Heritage Champion Female: C Zahreena, Montana Firenze x C Fahleen, owned by Susan MacDonald, presented by Greg Knowles

tian Heritage Two and Three-Year-Old Filly winner and Reserve Champion Egyptian Heritage Female was Ghala Al Shaqab, bred and owned by Al Shaqab Member Qatar Foundation and presented by David Boggs. TF Star Of Afrika, owned by Balpal Sandhu and shown by Steve Heathcott, won the class for International Arabian Breeders Classic Egyptian Heritage mares Eight and Older Mares.

The IABC Egyptian Heritage Yearling Colt winner was MD Cairo, owned by Manuel Durinia and presented by Mike Wilson. The IABC Egyptian Heritage Two & Three-Year-Old Colt winner was ER Absolute, owned by Beverly Tokar and presented by Joao Rodrigues. The judges were unanimous in their choice for the International Arabian Breeders Classic Egyptian Heritage Eight Years and Older Stallions winner and Egyptian Heritage Champion Male. It was SF Veraz, bred and owned by Patti and Mike Scheier of Scheier Farms and presented by Ted Carson. SF Veraz also sired several champion get and grand get at the show. Exxalt, the International Gold Champion Junior Colt, is by Excalibur EA and out of a SF Veraz daughter.







SCOTTSDALE STRAIGHT EGYPTIAN CLASSES



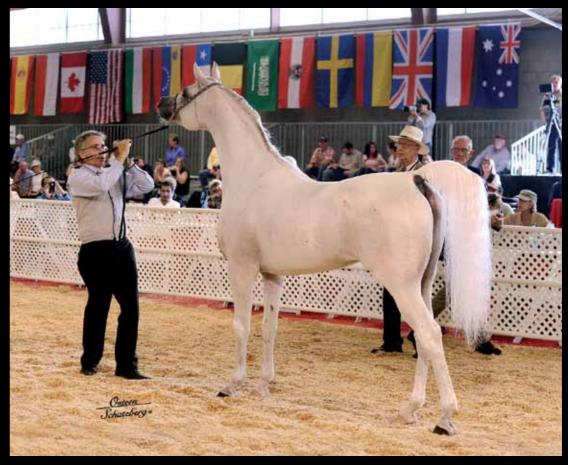




IABC Champion Straight Egyptian Female: ZT Aaminah, Moatasim Al Salhiyah x ZT Mathal, owned and presented by Michael Byatt

Horses with a pedigree proclaiming an Egyptian heritage all trace back in some way to an ancestor of Straight Egyptian breeding. Today, there are breeding programs around the world that specialize in Straight Egyptian bloodlines, which are some of the oldest and most rare Arabian horse bloodlines that exist today. The addition of classes for Straight Egyptian Arabian horses was well received. I believe Scottsdale is now the only show in the United States, other than The Pyramid Society's Egyptian Event, to offer classes for Straight Egyptian horses. Hopefully the warm welcome from the organizers and spectators will motivate even more owners to participate in the future.

The 2015 International Arabian Breeders Classic Champion Straight Egyptian Yearling Filly was the lovely A Ananias, owned by Athala King and presented by Terry Holmes. The IABC Champion Straight Egyptian Two-Year-Old Filly was Shearaah, owned by Tim Manring and presented by Ricardo Rivero. Michael Byatt, owner of the beautiful ZT Aaminah, showed her to the titles of IABC Champion Straight Egyptian Mare Three-Years and Older and IABC Champion Straight Egyptian Female.



IABC Champion Straight Egyptian Male: El Khaled, Ansata Sinan x Shahirs Abriel, owned by Nayla Hayek, presented by Michael Byatt

For many breeders of Arabian horses, Straight Egyptian stallions seem to possess an aura that sets them apart from others. The Straight Egyptian stallions presented at the Scottsdale show dazzled the crowd with their extraordinary beauty and charisma. The 2015 International Arabian Breeders Classic Straight Egyptian Yearling Colt was A Isam, owned by Athala King and presented by Terry Holmes. JA Al Jazzab, owned by the Al Jazzab Partners, LLC and presented by Greg Gallun, was the winning IABC Straight Egyptian Two-Year-Old Colt. However, it was the senior stallion, El Khaled, owned by Nayla Hayek and presented by Michael Byatt, who won the titles of IABC Champion Straight Egyptian Three and Older Stallions, as well as IABC Champion Straight Egyptian Male. The stallion championship was hotly contested with wonderful individuals competing, including the noteworthy young Straight Egyptian stallion from Qatar, Farhoud Al Shaqab. The Scottsdale show organizers are always looking for ways to bring excitement to the event. Adding classes for Straight Egyptian horses and Egyptian Heritage horses certainly accomplished that goal.





# SCOTTSDALE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR **FILLIES**

The Scottsdale International classes brought forth some truly exceptional individuals this year and the term, "International", was truly appropriate as horses, and their owners, from around the world came to compete. The International classes offer preliminary qualifying sections. The class winners return in their age groups to compete for Gold, Silver and Bronze Championships.

It was standing room only for the International Breeders Classic classes and those who were lucky enough to attend saw some of the most incredible horses ever presented at Scottsdale. The Gold Champion Junior Filly, Leen Al Shaqab, bred and owned by Al Shaqab Member Qatar Foundation and presented by David Boggs was a very good filly. Perhaps her best quality was her amazing structure: a strong body, long hip, (which is actually becoming quite rare these days), a beautiful neck and shoulder and a truly lovely face to bring it all together.

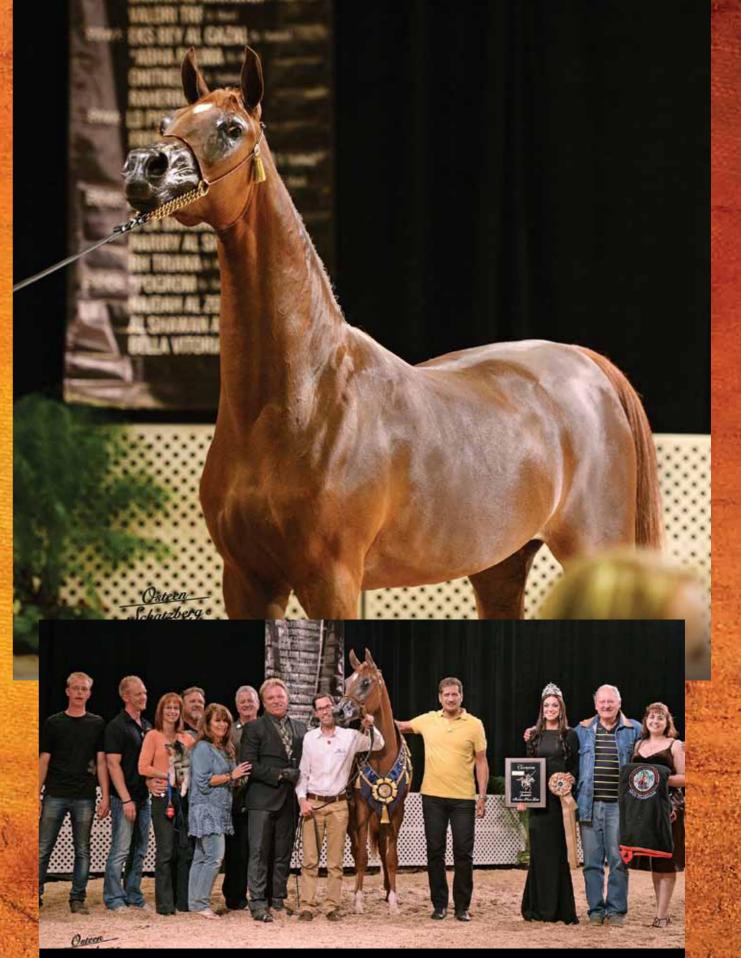




IABC Silver Champion Junior Filly: SH Julia, Montana Firenze x SH Tinkerbell, owner Kenneth Robinson, handler Greg Knowles



IABC Bronze Champion Junior Filly: Jewels Diamond GA, Da Vinci FM x DD Crown Jewel, owner Anwar Hamadallah, handler Rodolfo Guzzo

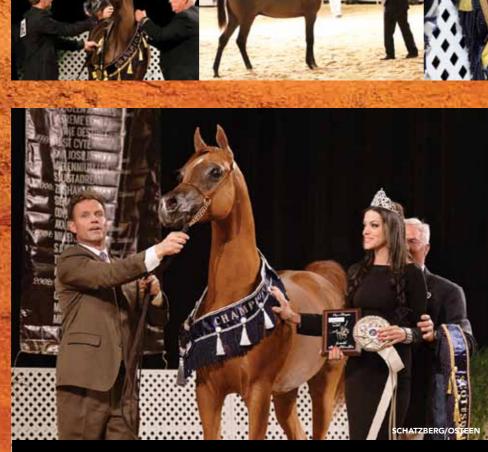


IABC Gold Champion Junior Filly: Leen Al Shaqab, Marwan Al Shaqab x Lubna Al Shaqab, owned & bred by Al Shaqab Member Qatar Foundation, shown by David Boggs

### SCOTTSDALE **INTERNATIONAL** CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR COLTS

This year's International Championship for Junior Colts was a very important class for Arabian horse breeders. It was a great opportunity to see the offspring of sires who you may be considering for your mare this breeding season. It's also a look into the future, opportunity to see which are the next up-and-coming young super star stallions of the breed to emerge.

There were several noteworthy individuals whose show and breeding careers will likely be catapulted into a new stratosphere after competing at this show. The International Breeders Classic Gold Junior Champion Colt was Exxalt. He is by the reigning World Champion Junior Stallion, Excalibur EA, and out of a champion daughter of SF Veraz, (the Unanimous Scottsdale Champion Egyptian Heritage Stallion, who is a son of Gazal Al Shaqab and out of the Versace daughter, Veronica GA). Yes! That is really quite a pedigree and Exxalt is everything we could expect - and more.



IABC Silver Champion Junior Colt: Epiic, AJ Thee Luca x Anastasiaa, owned by We Are Epiic, LLC and shown by Travis Hansen



IABC Bronze Champion Junior Colt: Vitorino DC, Vitorio TO x Kharalisa BPA, owned by Meshaal Alzaidi, shown by David Boggs



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### SCOTTSDALE **INTERNATIONAL** CHAMPIONSHIPS **SENIOR** MARES

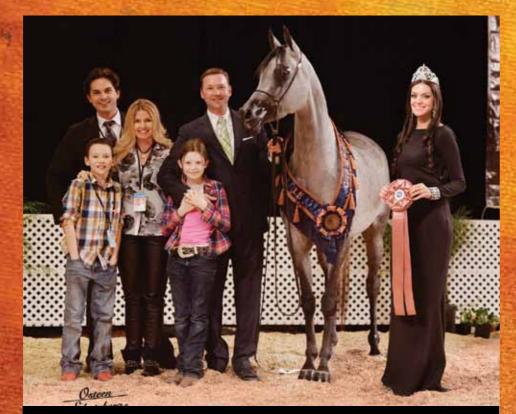
The Scottsdale International Senior Mare Championships followed the global theme of the competition from owners and breeders, handlers and horses, and pedigrees too.

The Gold Champion Senior Mare, AJ Djamilja, owned by Ajman Stud and presented by Michael Byatt is by WH Justice. The Silver Champion Senior Mare, Jasmine Love NA is also a daughter of WH Justice. The family resemblance is noticeable immediately; extreme type, quality and charisma. Jasmine Love NA was presented by Sandro Pinha for owners Arabian Soul partners. The International Senior Bronze Champion Mare, Rohara Marcalyssa, owned by Pat Dempsey, was presented by Andrew Sellman. Rohara Marcalyssa was sired by World Champion Stallion QR Marc. Both sires of the Senior Champion mares, WH Justice and QR Marc, were bred in the United States and exported to Europe where they have made their mark.





IABC Silver Champion Senior Mare: Jasmine Love NA, WH Justice x JFN Captive Love, owners Arabian Soul Partners, handler Sandro Pinha



IABC Bronze Champion Senior Mare: Rohara Marcalyssa, QR Marc x Van Alyssa, owner Patricia Dempsey, handler Andrew Sellman



owned by Ajman Stud, presented by Michael Byatt



IABC Gold Champion Senior Mare: AJ Djamilja, WH Justice x Djasira Princess,

SCOTTSDALE **INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** SENIOR STALLIONS

The IABC Senior Stallion Championships were a highlight of the show for many breeders and spectators. The qualifying classes were an appetizer to this, the main course of the show. After winning his class and earning the highest score among the males, it would have been tough to win over the ultra exotic beauty of the International Gold Champions Senior Stallion, Van Gogh AM. However, Van Gogh AM is more than just an exquisite face, (with eyes unlike any I've ever seen), he is also an extremely correct horse. Is he perfect? No horse is - but this is a horsefound in our dreams. An interesting fact is that he is also a son of Magnum Psyche. The Silver Senior Stallion was SF Verazes Qamar, by SF Veraz, owned by Sycamore Farm and shown by Ted Carson. The Bronze Champion Senior Stallion Starrdom, sired by Justify, another son of Magnum Psyche, is owned by Adam Rickert and was presented by Andrew Sellman.



IABC Silver Champion Senior Stallion: SF Verazes Qamar, SF Veraz x Sohos Honey Serenade, owned by Sycamore Farm, presented by Ted Carson



IABC Bronze Champion Senior Stallion: Sttardom, Justify x Afire Star, owned by Adam Rickart, presented by Andrew Sellman



owner HRH Prince Abdullah Bin Fahad Al Saud, handler David Boggs













Arabian Classic Junior Champion Filly: Pitonisa AS, Ever After NA x Psyches Amber Dream, owned by Arabian Soul Partners LTD, presented by Sandro Pinha





Arabian Classic Junior Champion Colt: Soul Of Marwan AS, Marwan Al Shaqab x RD Challs Angel, owned by Arabian Soul Partners LTD, presented by Sandro Pinha









SCOTTSDALE ARABIAN CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

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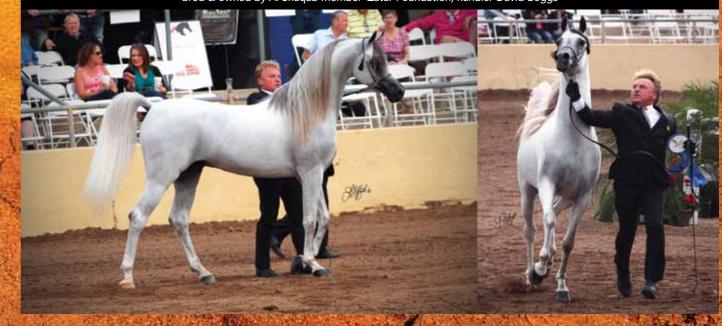


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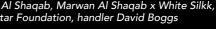




Arabian Classic Senior Stallion Champion: Hariry Al Shaqab, Marwan Al Shaqab x White Silkk, bred & owned by Al Shaqab Member Qatar Foundation, handler David Boggs













**TOP: Signature Auction Champion Yearling Filly:** Moonstruck DA, Rodan LTD x Verily, owned by Dazzo Arabians, presented by Sydney Dazzo

**CENTER:** Signature Champion Yearling Colt: TR Poseidon, Pogrom x TR Aladdinn Angel owned by Rickie Tayl presented by Austin Garrett

**BOTTOM: Signature** Champion Yearling Filly: Princess Raherra ORA, Vitorio TO X Raherra, owner Oakridge Arabians, handler A.J. Marino, Jr





Signature Auction Champion Yearling Colt: Pstratosphere PCF, Pstrategy x Majoretta, owned by Sam Peacemaker, presented by Elise Peacemaker

According to the AHAA, there was over \$592,700.00 in proposed auction prize money payouts for the 2015 Scottsdale Signature classes. This year's SSS Champion Yearling Auction Colt and Filly each took home over \$28,873.00 and the Reserve and Top Ten all received a very nice sized paycheck as well.

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The SSS Champion Yearling Filly and Colt each took home a check for over \$17, 200.00, and the Reserve and Top 20 in the class each received prize money too. Other SSS classes with prize money include Three-Year-Old Auction Class and Two, Three, Four and Over classes for mares, stallions and geldings. There are also SSS Performance Futuri-



ties and SSS Performance Maturities for English, Hunter and Western riders. All SSS classes are for amateur handlers and riders. But don't be fooled - these classes are very competitive with many high quality horses sired by some of the top stallions in the world. The 2015 Signature Auction Champion Yearling Filly was Moonstruck DA, owned by Dazzo Arabians and presented by Sydney Dazzo. The Signature Auction Champion Yearling Colt was Pstratosphere PCF, owned by Sam Peacemaker, and shown to the win by Elise Peacemaker.

As you can see from the photos, the Signature classes are super competitive, yet they bring together family and friends like no other classes at the show.



SCOTTSDALE SIGNATURE STALLION CLASSES







TOP: Signature Classic Champion 2-Yr-Old Filly: RD Marciea Bey, Bey Ambition x RD Marciena, owned and shown by Murray Popplewell

MIDDLE: Signature Classic Champion 3-Yr-Old Mare: RD Ambilene, Bey Ambition x Abilene PCF, Owner Sam Peacemaker, handler Elise Peacemaker

BOTTOM: Signature Classic Champion 4 & Over Mare: Kharisma M, DA Valentino x Kharmel BR, owned and shown by A. J. Marino, Jr





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TOP: Signature Classic Champion 2-Yr-Old Colt: MC Vulcan, Vitorio TO x Lovins Khrush SSA, owners Oakridge Arabians, handler Austin Garrett

MIDDLE: Signature Classic Champion 3-Yr-Old Stallions: Olympus CW, Magnum Psyche x Dyna HCF, owner Francisco Cobo, handler Mike Bills

BOTTOM: Signature Classic Champion 4 & Over Stallion: Rohara Crown Prince, Da Vinci FM x DD Crown Jewel, owner Eric Loftis, handler Amelia Hruban

The Barnum and Bailey Circus once claimed it was the greatest show on earth. But Arabian horse enthusiasts everywhere know that the greatest show on earth is in fact the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show! Thanks to the fabulous live feed provided by IEquine, over 450,000 viewers from around the world were able to enjoy watching the show as well as the Signature Stallion Auction, and for the first time ever, a special live presentation of sale horses by Stachkowski Farms, which was held at WestWorld. In addition, there were over 52,000 views of the ads and promotional videos hosted by IEquine on the live feed.

The cooperation and partnership of the Arabian Horse Association of Arizona, the Scottsdale Show and IEquine has proven to be extremely beneficial to owners, breeders, trainers and others who participate at the show and who utilize these services to promote and market their Arabian horses, products and businesses.

This report focuses primarily on the halter and breeding classes of the Scottsdale show. However, this 11 day extravaganza offers so much more to enjoy. The performance competitions in English, Hunters and Western as well as driving, dressage, jumping, reining, work cow horses, etc. are thrilling to watch. Really - there just is nothing more inspiring than a beautiful and talented Arabian horse performing with its rider in any of these challenging disciplines.

You are invited to see videos, photo galleries, results and more information about the 2015 Scottsdale Arabian Horse show by visiting the website at: www.scottsdaleshow.com. You can also find more information there about the Scottsdale Signature Stallion Futurities and Auction as well. Special thanks to Howie Schatzberg and Rick Osteen, the official show photographers. You can see and order photos of the show on their website at www.osteenschatzberg. com. See Horse Video managed all the video work at the show and you can visit them at their website at www.seehorsevideo.com.

The dates are already set for next year's Scottsdale Show. Mark Calendar for February 11-21, 2016 and make plans to attend the greatest show on earth - the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show. We look forward to seeing you there!











The Arabian Horse Association of Arizona presented the President's award to three very special individuals in appreciation and recogni-tion of their generous support of the association, it's members and the Arabian horse breed.

Cindy McGown & Mark Davis: When the AHAA founded the Arabian Breeder Finals, Cindy and Mark were among the first to support the show. They became Plati-num sponsors and provided the resources needed to help make the show a success. Equally important to the generous contributions, is the example they set for generosity, sportsmanship and integrity.

Karina Peacemaker: Karina is a self-taught artist who has been drawing horses for as long as she can remember. Her artwork is known for its expression and in-tensity but she is always trying to create paintings that are as realistic as possible. Karina has donated many paintings to AHAA that have been auctioned off to help raise money for charity including her origi-nal artwork featured on the cover of the 2015 Scottsdale Program.

Thank you to these three individuals for your continued support for without you we would not be able to expose these wonderful Arabians to the world.





## AHAA PRESIDENTS AWARDS

