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Against the backdrop of swaying palms, white sand, and the glittering Atlantic shoreline, the Global Champions Arabians Tour returned to Miami Beach on April 10–11 with an event that once again pushed the boundaries of what an Arabian horse championship can be. More than a traditional halter competition, GCAT Miami delivered a carefully curated fusion of elite equine sport, international prestige, luxury hospitality, and high-profile entertainment - transforming one of America's most iconic beachfront destinations into a global stage for the Purebred Arabian horse.





As the second stop of the 2026 GCAT Americas circuit, following the Scottsdale opener and preceding the Las Vegas finale, Miami attracted over 80 horses representing many of the world's leading breeding and ownership programs, all competing for valuable tour points and a share of the Americas' \$2.7 million prize fund. Yet beyond the numbers, it was the atmosphere of exclusivity and spectacle that set this stage apart: world-class competition by day, celebrity appearances and live performances by night, and throughout it all the unmistakable message that GCAT is redefining the international presentation of the Arabian horse industry.

Presiding over the competition was an internationally respected panel of judges composed of Santiago Fornieles (Argentina), Helen Hennekens-van Nes (Belgium), Reinaldo Da Rocha Leao (Brazil), Régis Huet (France), Anna Zak (Poland), Jose Miguel Fernandez (Spain), Kathleen Ohlsson (Sweden), Diego Puente (Uruguay), Donnie Bullock (United





States), Steve Dady (United States), and Gregory Gallun (United States), whose collective expertise ensured that the championship results reflected both quality and consistency across an exceptionally strong field.

In the days leading up to the event, severe weather conditions had cast uncertainty over the Miami Beach stage, leaving exhibitors, organizers, and spectators anxiously questioning whether the championship could proceed according to schedule. However, thanks to the swift adaptability of the organizing committee and the cooperation of all participating handlers and owners, GCAT Miami ultimately unfolded in full, with the entire competition timetable successfully condensed into one intensive day, culminating in the championship finals and the highly anticipated Senior Stallion section on Sunday.

As the sun set over Miami Beach, the opening ceremony delivered the kind of spectacle that has quickly become synonymous with the Global Champions Arabians Tour, featuring electrifying live performances by international

music stars Jason Derulo, 50 Cent, and Sean Paul, setting a glamorous and unmistakably American tone for the weekend.

Beyond the arena itself, GCAT Miami once again proved that its appeal reaches far beyond the traditional Arabian horse community. The event attracted an impressive roster of celebrity guests and public figures, among them DJ Khaled, Bethenny Frankel, and Larsa Pippen, all of whom joined leading breeders, owners, and international media in experiencing one of the most talked-about stops on the 2026 Americas circuit.

Guests were not only treated to an exceptional showcase of Arabian horse quality, but also to a hospitality program that reflected the luxurious ambitions of the Tour. Curated by Major Food Group, the VIP experience combined high-end dining, refined beachfront lounges, and impeccable service, reinforcing GCAT's commitment to presenting the Arabian horse in an atmosphere of exclusivity, sophistication, and global prestige.



Competition on Saturday morning commenced with the Western Pleasure Championship, where a select field of six entries opened the day in style. Emerging as the unanimous Gold Champion was the striking black stallion Hendrixx WB (Monticello V x Pia WB), bred by Wilson Bloodstock and presented by owner Andrea Martoglio. His charisma, presence, and overall harmony left little doubt among the judges. Silver honors were awarded to Invictus A (Conquest BR x Omnia A), bred by the Whitaker family and owned by Anne Keller, while the Bronze medal went to SA Obsidian (Mirage V x Gwyndalynn), bred by Elizabeth Conti and owned by Amy Hebert.

Following the Western Pleasure section, attention shifted to the highly anticipated yearling fillies, a division that immediately confirmed the remarkable depth of quality present in Miami. The first class produced one of the highest scores seen during the entire show, as the elegant Miss Pristine (Royal Atticus x Irresistible Gracie), bred by the Coker/Gargon partnership and owned by Paul Wood, swept to an impressive 92.10 points. Rewarded with outstanding marks for type, head and neck, and an especially expressive moving trot, the filly established herself early as one of the standout horses of the day — a status she later confirmed by securing the Yearling Filly Gold Championship title. Finishing second in the class with 90.45 points was Mean Al Asser PCF (AJ Nawash x Gina DJB), bred by PCF Arabians and owned by Mosa Saad. The refined young filly would later return to the championship lineup to collect the Bronze medal, underlining the strength of the opening section.

The second yearling filly class proved to be one of the closest contests of the morning. In a battle decided by the narrowest of margins, only 0.05 points separated the top fillies. It was the typey and feminine Royal Estrella (Stardom SKY x Royal Mia), bred and owned by Royal Arabians, who ultimately topped the class on 90.70 points, narrowly edging out Brielle Anvil (Om El Maximus x Shio Basilica), bred by Alejandro Vigil and owned by Remington Equine LLC, on 90.65 points. Royal Estrella went on to add further success in the championship with the Silver medal, confirming her consistency and quality throughout the day.

Momentum continued to build with the yearling colt divisions, where the quality remained consistently high and the championship picture began to take clearer shape. In the first section, one colt distinguished himself with notable refinement and balance: Royal Dante (Dominic M x Royal Hadara), bred and owned by

Royal Arabians. Combining a beautiful silhouette with youthful elegance and confident presentation, he rose to the top of the class on 91.20 points. His dominance did not end there, as he returned later to secure the Yearling Colt Gold Championship. Following him in the class standings was El Palacio VO (Elle Mustique x Prelinka VO), bred and owned by Valley Oak Arabians, who earned a respectable 90.15 points in a competitive lineup.

If Royal Dante impressed in the opening section, the second group of yearling colts answered with equal intensity. Here it was the flashy and highly charismatic Aaric K (Elle Mustique x Seraphic K), bred by Katie McGregor and owned by Peng Jiang, who captured the class victory with an even stronger 91.30 points. Showing excellent attitude and eye-catching ring presence, Aaric K carried his momentum forward into the championships where he was rewarded with the Silver medal. Close behind him stood Anthem PCF (Aria Helios x Alexandria PCF), bred by Sam Peacemaker and owned by John Ames, on 90.90 points. The colt's consistency throughout the weekend earned him a deserved Bronze Championship title.

The afternoon session continued with the Hunter Pleasure Championship, offering a welcome change of rhythm after the halter divisions. Rising to the top was Kha Ching CA (Khash PGA x Kachina Juell V), bred and owned by Conway Arabians, whose athleticism and polished presentation secured the Gold title. Silver honors went to Coronado Kid (Sundance Kid V x N Wizjon ME), bred by the Whitley family and owned by Nicole Gellman, while Bronze was awarded to Ariya Sancta (Aria Impressario x Airiya), bred by the Meade family and owned by Lian Oteiza.





The junior filly divisions brought both size and quality to the Miami arena, with two large classes showcasing an abundance of femininity, style, and youthful charisma under the late afternoon Florida sun. In the opening section, it was the breathtaking Rohara Aria Heiress (Ibn Farid x Diamond of Azraff), bred by Rohara Arabians and owned by The Aria Partners, who made the strongest statement of all. Combining elegance with exceptional expression, the filly rose confidently to the top on 91.75 points, later confirming her supremacy by taking the Junior Filly Gold Championship title. Following her in second place was ALK Acuarella TA (Madin Al Baydaa x Gypsy Flower HVP), bred by Al Kaiser Stud and owned in partnership with Royal Arabians, who also delivered a highly polished performance to earn 90.90 points in a notably deep class.

If the first section established quality, the second junior filly class delivered one of the most dramatic score battles of the day. At the conclusion of judging, both RDS Astana (Excalibur EA x Mamma Mia), bred in the Netherlands by the Safady family and owned by Royal Arabians and Thayer Hamdan, and Marlayna PCF (Martino PCF x

Layna Leona PCF), bred by PCF Arabians and owned by Orrion Farms, stood completely tied on 91.25 points. Even more remarkably, both fillies had received identical marks for type, forcing the movement score to become the decisive factor. With the higher moving mark, RDS Astana secured the class victory before later adding the Junior Filly Silver Championship to her résumé, while Marlayna PCF followed with the Bronze medal after an equally memorable performance.

The junior colt sections maintained the same competitive intensity and further underlined the international character of the Miami stage. The first class saw another European-bred horse rise to prominence as Unicum DD (RFI Unique x Annabelle DD), bred in Belgium by Dirk De Jonckheere and owned by Al Ameera Stud, headed the class on 90.90 points with a stylish and masculine presentation. Although he would narrowly miss the championship podium, the section proved to be only the beginning of a reshuffling storyline. Just behind him on 90.80 points stood RT Sirajj (D Seraj x OFW Luxxury), bred by Theresa Llungwitz and owned by Orrion Farms. Returning with greater presence and





authority in the championship, RT Sirajj staged an impressive comeback to secure the Silver medal. An even more notable upward move came from SVB Calais (Royal Asad x Caressable NA), bred by Silver Box Southwest and owned by Royal Arabians in partnership with Al Ameera Stud. Originally placed fourth in the class on 90.20 points, the colt elevated his performance when it mattered most and climbed all the way to the Bronze Championship position.

The second junior colt class introduced the eventual Gold Champion of the division. The refined and beautifully balanced TTorch (Excalibur EA x Vesperra), bred and owned by the Collins, Smith and Butler partnership, impressed the panel from the outset and claimed the section win on 91.10 points. His quality held firm through the championships, where he was deservedly named Junior Colt Gold Champion. Second in the class was Magnus ENB (Atticus ENB x MD Alihandra), bred by Manuel Durini and owned by Psynergy Enterprise Developments LLC, scoring 90.65 points in another tightly contested lineup.

By the time the sun had disappeared behind the Miami skyline and the floodlights illuminated the beachfront arena, the atmosphere shifted unmistakably toward the most prestigious divisions of the weekend. The crowd had gathered in full, anticipation had reached its highest point, and all attention turned to the undisputed crème de la crème of the championship: the senior mares.

The opening senior mare section was headed by Laliue FCF (Naseem Al Rashediah x Makena NA), bred by Fieldcrest Farms and owned by Silver Farms, who impressed the judges with maturity, balance, and refined femininity to claim the class victory on 91.20 points. Her consistency carried through to the championship finals, where she was rewarded with the Bronze medal. Following her was HT Lunatica (Dominic M x BM

Venecia), bred by Haras Torue and owned by the partnership of Royal Arabians and Danubius Arabians, on 90.30 points.

If the first class offered quality, the second senior mare section elevated the standard even further. Delivering one of the most complete performances of the entire show was Evett Magic (SMA Magic One x Evolett), bred in Poland by Zalia Arabians and owned by The Aria Partners. Scoring a commanding 91.60 points, she topped the class with authority and later returned to secure the Senior Mare Gold Championship title. Close behind her stood the breathtaking Simply Serondella (TS Khidam El Shawan x Only Serondella), bred by Fabio Amoroso and presented by Al Shaqab Stud, whose elegant silhouette and exceptional presence earned her 90.85 points and ultimately the Silver Championship medal.

After an evening charged with glamour and championship tension, Sunday opened with another of the crowd's most eagerly awaited highlights: the senior stallions. Two exceptionally strong sections ensured that the excitement at Miami Beach resumed immediately.

The first class produced one of the highest individual scores of the weekend when the immensely popular Lughan HVP (HDF Lugano x Princess Marwan HVP), bred in Brazil by Vila Dos Pinheiros and owned by The Aria Partners, stormed to the top on 92.10 points. With magnetic charisma and a show attitude that instantly connected with the audience, Lughan HVP was the undeniable crowd favorite. His championship appearance only strengthened that impression, earning him an almost unanimous Gold medal victory.

Second in the class on an outstanding 91.65 points was Nesj Al Fayeze (HL El Ganador x Nesj El Fiorella), bred in Belgium by Nesj Arabians and owned by Peng



Jiang. The stallion delivered one of the most electrifying movement performances seen during the show, receiving nearly perfect twenties and quite literally setting the Miami Beach arena alight. He would go on to collect the Bronze Championship medal.

The second senior stallion section was won by another horse of undeniable presence, Shaman Al Areeb (Excalibur EA x Morjana El Nawasi), bred by El Areeb Stud and owned by Al Hamdan Stud. His score of 91.80 points secured him the class victory, while his polished championship performance later earned him the Silver medal. Runner-up in the class was Wanderlust Antares (Cadance PA x Pogroms Fantasia RKA), bred and owned by Wanderlust Arabians, with 90.05 points.

Concluding the competitive program was the Saddle Seat Championship, whose animated performances provided a fitting and elegant finale to the Miami Beach event. Barrister DGL (Prosuation x Noble Blitz), bred by Maroon Fire Arabians and owned by Conway Arabians, claimed the Gold title, followed by SD The Dark Horse (Afires Heir x The Way She Moves), bred and owned by 6D Ranch, with Silver. Bronze honors were awarded to It's Saturday Night (SF Aftershoc+ x Project Runway), bred by the Rooker family and owned by Lian Oteiza.

As the final results were confirmed and the last champions crowned, GCAT Miami Beach once again reaffirmed its position as one of the most distinctive stages on the international Arabian horse calendar. More than a competition, the event delivered a complete experience where elite sport, global culture, and high-end hospitality converged seamlessly on one of the world's most iconic shorelines.

From tightly contested classes and record-level scores to unforgettable comebacks in the championship

arena, Miami offered a clear reflection of the depth and global reach of modern Arabian horse breeding. European precision, Middle Eastern influence, American power, and international partnerships all came together under one spotlight, underlining the truly global identity of the sport.

Equally defining was the atmosphere surrounding the competition. Despite challenging weather conditions in the lead-up, the event unfolded with remarkable fluidity and adaptability, supported by the dedication of organizers, handlers, and owners who ensured that every class found its stage. Combined with world-class hospitality, celebrity attendance, and a production level more commonly associated with major entertainment events, GCAT Miami once again elevated the presentation of the Arabian horse beyond traditional boundaries.

As the Americas circuit now moves toward its next stop in Las Vegas, followed by the grand finale in Paris, Miami will be remembered not only for its champions, but for the way it captured the essence of what the Global Champions Arabians Tour represents: excellence, ambition, and the global celebration of the Purebred Arabian horse. □











MIAMI BEACH

YEARLING FILLIES

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION MISS PRISTINE

ROYAL ATTICUS X IRRESISTIBLE GRACIE

B: DARRELL & SANDY COKER & CAMMIE GARGON

O: PAUL WOOD



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION ROYAL ESTRELLA

STARDOM SKY X ROYAL MIA
B/O: ROYAL ARABIANS LLC



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION MEAN AL ASSER PCF

AJ NAWASH X GINA DJB
B: PCF ARABIANS - O: MOSA SAAD

MIAMI BEACH

YEARLING COLTS

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION ROYAL DANTE

DOMINIC M X ROYAL HADARA
B/O: ROYAL ARABIANS LLC



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION AARIC K

ELLE MUSTIQUE X SERAPHIC K

B: KATIE MCGREGOR - O: PENG JIANG



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION ANTHEM PCF

ARIA HELIOS X ALEXANDRIA PCF

B: SAM PEACEMAKER - O: JOHN AMES

MIAMI BEACH

JUNIOR FILLIES

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION ROHARA ARIA HEIRESS

IBN FARID X DIAMOND OF AZRAFF

B: ROHARA ARABIANS LL

O: THE ARIA PARTNERS LLC



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION RDS ASTANA

EXCALIBUR EA X MAMMA MIA

B: EIAD & AMIRA SAFADY - O: ROYAL ARABIANS LLC AND THAYER HAMDAN



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION MARLAYNA PCF

MARTINO PCF X LAYNA LEONA PCF

B: PCF ARABIANS - O: ORRION FARMS

MIAMI BEACH JUNIOR COLTS

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION TTORCH

EXCALIBUR EA X VESPERRA

B: S. COLLINS, J&K SMITH & F.BUTLER

O: COLLINS, SMITH & BUTLER



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION RT SIRAJJ

D SERAJ X OFW LUXXURY

B: THERESA LUNGWITZ - O: ORRION FARMS LLC



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION SVB CALAIS

ROYAL ASAD X CARESSABLE NA

B: SILVER BOX SOUTHWEST LLC - O: ROYAL ARABIANS LLC AND AL AMEERA STUD

MIAMI BEACH *SENIOR MARES*

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION EVETT MAGIC

SMA MAGIC ONE X EVOLETT
B: ZALIA ARABIANS
O: THE ARIA PARTNERS LLC



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION SIMPLY SERONDELLA

TS KHIDAM EL SHAWAN X ONLY SERONDELLA

B: FABIO AMOROSINO - O: AL SHAQAB



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION LALIQUE FCF

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X MAKENA NA

B: FIELDCREST FARMS LL - O: SILVER FARMS

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SENIOR STALLIONS

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION LUGHAN HVP

HDF LUGANO X PRINCESS MARWAN HVP

B: ZAGROPECUARIA VILA DOS PINHEIROS LTDA

O: THE ARIA PARTNERS LLC



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION SHAMAN AL AREEB

EXCALIBUR EA X MORJANA AL NAWASI
B: AL AREEB STUD - O: AL HAMDAN STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION NESJ AL FAYEZ

HL EL GANADOR X NESJ EL FIORELLA
B: NESJ ARABIANS - O: PENG JIANG

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WESTERN PLEASURE

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION HENDRIX WB

MONTICELLO V X PIA WB
B: ZWILSON BLOODSTOCK
O: ANDREA MARTOGGIO



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION INVICTUS A

CONQUEST BR X OMNIA A

B: RICHARD, GAIL OR ANNE WHITAKER - O: ANNE KELLER



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION SA OBSIDIAN

MIRAGE V X GWYNDALYNN

B: ELIZABETH CONTI - O: AMY HEBERT

MIAMI BEACH HUNTER PLEASURE

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION KHA CHING CA

KHASH PGA X KACHINA JUELL V
B/O: CONWAY ARABIANS INC



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION CORONADO KID

SUNDANCE KID V X N WIZJON ME

B: RICH OR ANN WHITLEY - O: NICOLE GELLMAN



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION ARIYA SANCTA

ARIA IMPRESARIO X AIRIYA

B: ROBERT OR JERRY MEADE - O: LIAN OTEIZA

MIAMI BEACH

SADDLE SEAT

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION BARRISTER DGL

PROSUASION X NOBLE BLITZ
B: MAROON FIRE ARABIANS INC
O: CONWAY ARABIANS INC



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION SD THE DARK HORSE

AFIRES HEIR X THE WAY SHE MOVES
B/O: 6D RANCH LTD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT

SF AFTERSHOC+ X PORJECT RUNWAY
B: SHAWN & CARMELLE ROOKER - O: LIAN OTEIZA