





GLOBAL CHAMPIONS
ARABIANS TOUR

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The two-day Arabian horse event, the Global Champions Arabians Tour, concluded with an impressive closing ceremony at the Stade des Hesperides in Cannes. Against the backdrop of the Mediterranean and the glamour of Cannes, this prestigious event highlighted the beauty and elegance of Arabian horses, attracting fans and spectators from all over the world.

The Global Champions Arabians Tour, known for showcasing Arab excellence, made an important stop in Cannes as part of its international trip that has already stopped in Doha, Abu Dhabi and Muscat. This year's event brought together top breeders, trainers and handlers who presented this extraordinary breed to a new and engaged audience, as well as followers of the Tour.

The closing ceremony was a memorable event, featuring a demonstration of equestrian skills and cultural performances that paid tribute to French culture through art, music and film. Highlights included synchronized riding, fireworks, and a performance of Edith Piaf's "La Vie En Rose", offering a feast of entertainment and luxury.

"The Global Champions Arabians Tour in Cannes has been a great success, thanks to the quality of participants and the cultural elements that enhanced the experience," said Faleh Al-Nasr, Chairman of the Global Champions Arabians Tour. "We are proud to have hosted such a notable celebration of Arabian horses in this beautiful city, and we look forward to continuing our tour with the same enthusiasm."

"We would like to thank Global Partners, Qatar Airways, Doha Bank, and Old Doha Port, along with Institutional Partner Ville Cannes and Broadcast Partner Alkass, who have been crucial to the success of the Tour," continued Al-Nasr.

During the two-day show, thousands of guests from around the world came to Cannes to watch horses from 13 countries compete for Champion titles and Ranking Points for the Male, Female and Handler Leader titles, which will be announced at the finals in Riyadh in November (6th to 9th).

Judges for this edition of the Global Champions Arabians tour in Cannes were:

Sharzad Amir Aslani, Iran
Klaus G. Beste, Germany
Josy Everars, Belgium
Santiago Fornieles, Argentina
Tarek Hamza, Egypt
Terry Holmes, United States of America
Ferdinand Huemer, Austria
William Oppen, Argentina
Mohammed Oussidhoum, Morocco
Alicja Poszepczyńska, Poland
Gideon Reisel, The Netherlands
Ali Shaarawi, Egypt
Jonas Salzmänn, Kuwait
Graham Smith, Australia
Cristina Valdes, Spain





Marc Veray, France
Martine Van Hee, Belgium
Jerzy Zbyszewski, United States
Karin Zeevenhoven, The Netherlands

The show started with two strong groups of yearling fillies. Clear winner and later Gold medal Champion Yearling Filly was the charismatic Durrat al Albidayer (Jyar Meia Lua x A Vision MI), bred and owned by Albidayer Stud from the UAE. This filly scored numerous 20's on type, head and neck and also one on movement, giving her an overall score of 92.57 points. Second with 91.07 points was Sultana al Thamer (Dominic M x Weaam al Jassim) – bred and owned by Al Thamer Stud from Qatar.

The yearling fillies of the second group scored very close to each other. With 91.79 points, the class winner and later the Silver medal Champion was D Nafayes (D Seraj x D Danat), bred and owned by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud from the UAE. At the second place with 91.43 points and later Bronze Champion Filly was Royal Futurista (AJ Radman x HK Sweet Musique), bred by McGown-Davis and owned by Al Wajba Stud from Qatar.

Next up in the competition were the four yearling colts, class A, one of which was sent out lame. Clear winner with 92.43 points and later Gold medal Champion was the ultra typey Afreen al Shaqab (D Meyzan x Swar al Shaqab) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab Stud from Qatar. The second and third in the class both scored 91 points. However, it was points on type that led Chalino CJ (Ghaly al Hawajer x Euphoria) of Swatam Arabians, Belgium, to second place.

Another exciting colt class was up next. Winner with only 0.22 points difference was the pretty Aesar al Wajba (AJ Radman x LR Altagracia), bred and owned by Al Wajba



Stud from Qatar. However, in the championships, he had to settle for bronze, giving the silver to the second placed horse, the super typey D Borkan (FA El Rasheem x D Ajayeb), bred and owned by Dubai Arabian horse stud from the UAE.

The show continued with a large group of junior fillies. Always putting on a good show, was the gorgeous, ultra typey Shahbrys HVP (Royal asad x Rebecca HVP), bred in Brazil by Vila Dos Pinheiros and owned by Ajmal Stud. Shahbrys scored multiple 20's on type, head and neck and with a total of 92.64 points she not only won the class, but also was awarded with the Bronze medal in the final Junior Filly Championship. Second in this class with 92.07 points was D Aserah (AJ Nofan x D Shihanah), bred and owned by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud from the UAE.

The second group of junior fillies was an exciting one as both the top leaders in the class, scored the exact same total of 92.57 points! In the end, it were the straight 20's on type that gave Aisha al Sheikh (Jyar Meia Lua x Algamra), bred and owned by Al Sheikh Stud, the push for the class win. Later in the championships, this filly took the Gold medal. Second in the class was the pretty D Najlah (D Seraj x Elle Flamenca), bred and owned by Dubai Arabian Horse stud from the UAE, who scored perfect 20's for head and neck. Later in the championships, she took the Silver medal. The also very popular TM Bella (TM Itaipu x TM Fadheelah) took the 3rd place with 91.86 points for Al Jumail stud.

Clear winner of the junior colts class was Sahab al Sheikh (D Meyzan x Salwa albidayer), bred by Al Sheikh stud and owned by Jennifer von Dahn, scoring a total of 91.36 points. Second in this class with 90.79 points was Jazz KA (RFI Unique x Jade KA), bred and owned by Knocke Arabians from Belgium.





The next junior colt class was quite a spectacle, as the Top three scored very close in points. Winner with 92.14 points was the pretty Bandar Al Jassimiya (Picasso di Mar x Miznat al Jassimiya), bred and owned by Al Jassimiya Farm from Qatar. In the championships, he took the Gold medal.

The second and third placed junior colt scored the same points of 91.86 points. As they also had the exact same points on type, it was the points in movement that decided who came 2nd and 3rd. As D Shakhar (D Shakhat x D Shamkhah) of Dubai Stud, scored slightly more on movement, he took the second place. This left the 3rd position to the beautiful Baz Aljassimiya (Exxalt x MD Mirka), bred by Al Jassimiya and owned by Akmal Stud from Saudi Arabia. However, in the championships, Baz took revenge by claiming the Silver medal, leaving the bronze to Shakhar.

The last two classes of the day were incredible. Amazing senior mares rocked the arena. The first class showing the astonishing beauty AJ Kayya (AJ Kafu x AJA Caprica) of Ajman Stud, UAE. Kayya has been unbeatable this season. With perfect scores on type of full 20's, a fantastic score on head and neck and also a strong score on movement, Kayya took the grand total of 93.64 points. Later in the championships, she took the Gold medal unanimously!

Second in this class, with 91.86 points, was the big moving Emarella (Sahm el Arab x Emandorella), bred by Michalow Stud and owned by Al Jassimiya Farm from Qatar.

Also the second class of senior mares was true eye candy. Winning the class with a score, close to Kayya, was Basmah Albidayer (Fadi al Shaqab x Bidayer), bred and owned by Albidayer Stud from the UAE.



Scoring also full 20's on type but also almost full 20s on movement, Basmah took the total of 93.57 points. Later in the championships, she took the silver medal. On the second place with 92.79 points and later bronze medal champion was the mesmerizing Basandra Settimocielo (Ajman Moniscione x MA Scarlet), bred by Maria Ferraroni and owned by Ajman Stud from the UAE.

The next day it was time for the boys! Winner with 92.79 points was Pilatus PCF (Exxalt x Alexandria PCF), bred by Peacemakers Choice Farms and owned by Amer Stud, Saudi Arabia. In the championships, Pilatus took the Silver medal. The second place with 91.50 points was for Rhan al Shahania (Marwan al Shaqab x Jwaaher al Shahania), bred and owned by Al Shahania Stud from Qatar. Third in this class with only 0.07 points less, was Berwaz Al Bustan (FA el Rasheem x BS Noor), bred by Al Bustan Stables and owned by Noemie Zeller from Switzerland.

The last class of stallions also had super quality participants. Grand winner with 93.71 points was the always perfect ES Harir (AJ Dinar x TF Magnums Magic), bred by Sheikh Abdulla bin Majid Al Qassemi and owned by Al Jassimiya Farm from Qatar. Scoring perfect 20's on type, head and neck, this stallions took the Gold medal almost unanimously. Second in this class with 92.57 points was the beautiful AJ Kafu (Shanghai EA x AJ Kahayla), bred and owned by Ajman Stud from the UAE. He took the Bronze medal in the final championships.

With 1 million euros in prize money, the Cannes show was nothing short of spectacular. An extraordinary venue, great organization and a fantastic closing ceremony. Next stop for the Global Championships Arabians is Valkenswaard in the Netherlands. See you all there! □



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GOLD MEDAL DURRAT ALBIDAYER

JYAR MEIA LUA X A VISION MI | B/O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAUD SULTAN S AL QASSIMI



YEARLING FILLIES



SILVER MEDAL D NAFAYES

D SERAJ X D DANAT
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



BRONZE MEDAL ROYAL FUTURISTA

AJ RADMAN X HK SWEET MUSIQUE
B: CINDY MCGOWN OR MARK DAVIS | O: AL WAJBA STUD



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GOLD MEDAL AFREEN AL SHAQAB

D MEZYAN X SIWAR AL SHAQAB | B/O: AL SHAQAB



YEARLING COLTS



SILVER MEDAL D BORKAN

FA EL RASHEEM X D AJAYEB
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



BRONZE MEDAL AESAR ALWAJBA

AJ RADMAN X LR ALTAGRACIA
B: SHEIK AL QAQA BIN HAMAD BIN KHALIFA AL THANI - O: AL WAJBA STUD



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GOLD MEDAL AISHA AL SHEIKH

JYAR MEIA LUA X ALGAMRA | B/O: AL SHEIKH STUD



JUNIOR FILLIES



SILVER MEDAL D NAJLAH

D SERAJ X ELLE FLAMENCA
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



BRONZE MEDAL SHAHBRY'S HVP

ROYAL ASAD X REBECCA HVP
B: AGROPECUARIA VILA DOS PINHEIROS | O: TURKI ALOTHMAN - AJMAL STUD



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GOLD MEDAL BANDAR ALJASSIMYA

PICASSO DI MAR X MIZNAT ALJASSIMYA | B/O: ALJASSIMYA FARM



JUNIOR COLTS



SILVER MEDAL BAZ ALJASSIMYA

EXXALT X MD MIRKA

B: ALJASSIMYA FARM | O: HRHP ABDULMAJEED BIN SULTAN AL SAUD - AKMAL STUD



BRONZE MEDAL D SHAKHAR

D SHAKHAT X D SHAMKHAH
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



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GOLD MEDAL AJ KAYYA

AJ KAFU X AJA CAPRICE | B/O: AJMAN STUD



SENIOR MARES



SILVER MEDAL BASMAH AL BIDAYER

FADI AL SHAQAB X BIDAYER
B/O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN S ALQASSIMI



BRONZE MEDAL BASANDRA SETTIMOCIELO

AJMAN MONISCIONE X MA SCARLET
B: ANNARATONE FERRARONI MARIA - ALLEV. SETTIMOCIELO
O: AJMAN STUD



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GOLD MEDAL E.S. HARIR

AJ DINAR X TF MAGNUMS MAGIC | B: SHEIKH ABDULLA BIN MAJID ALQASSEMI | O: AL JASSIMYA FARM



SENIOR STALLIONS



SILVER MEDAL PILATUS PCF

EXXALT X ALEXANDRIA PCF
B: PEACEMAKERS CHOICE FARMS ARABIANS | O: AMER STUD



BRONZE MEDAL AJ KAFU

SHANGHAI EA X AJ KAHAYLA
B/O: AJMAN STUD



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by Giorgia Mauri

For 30 years Mme Cristianne Chazel has organized the most important and renowned Arabian horse shows in the world.

30 years of success, 23 of them alongside Mme Dominik Briot whose elegance and creativity has further enriched the organization of these splendid events.

Mme Chazel, Mme Briot and their staff over the years have never changed and what has perhaps distinguished them has been their loyalty: her staff has always been loyal to her as well as Mme Briot and she has been loyal to herself, overcoming the difficulties that have been on her path always with her head held high and with the conviction to continue doing well.

In doing so, she has achieved many goals, the most important of which is perhaps to become an icon for the world of the Arabian horse, an example to follow and an inspiration to those who have known her all her life as well as those who are entering this world for the first time without knowing what lies behind it all. Behind there is work, hard work, intelligence, perseverance and respect, great respect for the legacy received from the great breeders of the past who have preserved and passed on the beauty and purity of the sons and daughters of the wind, the Arabian horses.

The organizers of the Global Champions Arabian Tour in Cannes wanted to pay tribute to Mme Chazel for the great work she has done over the past 30 years and which continues we remember with the organization of the Paris World Championship and the Dubai show. They wanted to pay tribute to her for her work that is a daily inspiration to those who organize events related to the Arabian beauty horse around the world.

For her foresight and determination that have led her to be known and respected around the world. But most of all because the attention she and Mme Briot along with her have always paid to all details and all participants has taken the organization of these types of events to the highest level and continues to be, show after show, an invaluable example to all.

