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The True Polish National Treasure

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In 1995 the Spring Show in Poland was held at Michałów State Stud and this was a year filled with excitement as this was the debut of the much talked about offspring by Monogramm. The star among the colts was the well-built, strong, great moving bay Ganges (out of Garonna/Fanatyk) and he was already selected as one of future breeding stallions. In the great group of colts that included future stars like Kordelas (out of Kabala/Palas), Premier (out of Premia/Palas), Fernando (out of Frejlina/Pepton) and El Mundo (out of Emigrantka/Eukaliptus), there was a dark grey, rather small colt named Ekstern (out of Ernestyna/Piechur) that held such potential that he was entered in the Spring Show but no one saw star quality in him, so when selecting the handlers for the horses Ekstern was handed to a young groom that just started working at Michałów the previous year as a rider of the endurance horses. So it was not only the show debut of Ekstern but also the show debut of his handler – Mariusz Liśkiewicz – and the result beat all the fairy tale stories when they entered the ring conquering the title of Polish National Junior Champion and beating Ganges, Fernando and El Mundo. This is the story about the mouse grey colt that no one believed in, who conquered the world and became one of the most sought after stallions in the breed, this is the story about the legendary Ekstern.

Without visions and dreams a breeding program can never excel and this combined with a struggle to survive and to cherish the National Treasure of Poland – the Arabian horse – is a trait that can be found in the Directors at both Michałów and Janów Podlaski throughout the history.

In 1988 Director Ignacy Jaworowski and Inspector of Horse Breeding in Poland Izabella Pawelec-Zawadzka attended the US Nationals in Louisville. The Polish breeders have always been looking for outcrosses but an important task is also to seek the blood that might have been lost, like Comet who died way too young with no son retained in Polish breeding. The State Studs then found Probat at Blommeröd in Sweden. He was sired by Pohaniec (Comet x Planeta/Nabor) and Probat was used during a number of seasons leaving several important sons and securing the sire line of Kuhailan Afas db. Another stallion that left Poland with no progeny but would be the poster child for the Polish

Arabian horse and Polish breeding was the great Bask (Witraz x Bałalajka/Amurath Sahib) from the Kuhailan Haifi db sire line.

In Louisville Director Jaworowski was swept away by a chestnut 3 year old colt that entered the ring with great motion and expression. The colt went on to be US National Futurity Champion and when looking at the pedigree the Director knew that he would be perfect for the mares of Michałów. The dynamic, beautiful colt was named Monogramm and he was bred by Patterson Arabians, whose breeding program was based on the Polish horses with an impressive group of mares and stallions. Monogramm was by the Patterson-bred Bask-son Negatraz, of many considered to be the best son of Bask. Negatraz dam Negotka was out of Polish-bred Bigotka, a strong, well-built mare born in 1958 at Nowy Dwór Stud who after her race career was transferred to Janów Podlaski. Bigotka's dam was Bint Munira (Wielki Szlem x Munira/Kaszmir), the dam of the Comet-sons Badr Bedur and Beldan as well as several valuable daughters. Bigotka was one of few offspring by the stallion Arcus (Bad Afas x Tęcza/Nizam-Pasza), not the most handsome stallion but a great race horse with 8 years at the race track and a total of 50 starts (24–13–2–4). Arcus had only 5 offspring and 3 of those went to the racetrack including Bigotka and the stallion Branibor (out of Bajdara/Gabor), placing Arcus on the 3rd place among the leading race sires the first year and the second year he was 1st among the leading race sires when Branibor won the Derby (dead heat with Prowarda). Bigotka raced for 4 seasons with impressive 40 starts (4–8–5) before she came to Janów Podlaski and was bred to Negatiw (Naseem x Taraszczka/Enwer Bey), producing the colt Bihar in 1966.

Bigotka with Bihar at side and rebred to Negatiw was sold to the Clay family in USA later the same year. Bihar would grow up to be a great sire in USA and the following year his full sister Negotka was born. She was sold to Patterson Arabians as a yearling and later Bigotka would follow her daughter to the Patterson ranch in Oregon where she lived out her life.

Negotka was a very beautiful mare and she would be a treasure for the Patterson breeding program. As a three-

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year old she was bred to Bask and on the 2nd of February 1971 a bay colt with a perfect star was born and he was named Negatraz. Negatraz would be considered to be the most beautiful son of Bask and he definitely made a huge mark on the renowned Patterson breeding program. Although they had a breeding program based on Polish bloodlines they could not pass on the opportunity to acquire "the star of Tersk" – the valuable mare Monogramma in 1983. Monogramma had a long successful career as one of the premier broodmares at Tersk. She was also a great race horse with two seasons at the race track setting the speed record for the 1500 meter distance before she was put into the breeding barn where she produced some amazing daughters including Malutka, Meduza and Makovka and the sons Mamluk and Murmansk. In 1981 Monogramma was exported to Robert Stratmore in USA. When Patterson bought her she was in foal to Salon (Negatiw x Sonata/Skrzyp) and foaled the colt Monograf before she was bred to Negatraz, the reason why Patterson acquired Monogramma as they were convinced that the cross would be perfect. On the 23rd of April 1985 Monogramma gave birth to a chestnut colt and he was named Monogramm. He filled all the expectations Patterson had of the combination and Monogramma was then only bred to Negatraz producing two bay colts, Monopolii and Mononov and a chestnut filly Monogracja. Monogramm was sold to the Bishop family as a young colt and is still at the age of 32 living happily at their farm.

Being a grandson of the great Bask and with the tail female line tracing down to the immortal Mammona (Ofir x Krucica/Farys II), Monogramm was everything that Director Jaworowski and Izabella could ask for, so they approached Bill, Meredith and Shilo Bishop to see if there was a possibility for Monogramm to come to Poland. After a lot of negotiations Monogramm arrived to Michałów late a cold November evening in 1992 and he was greeted by a large group of people at the stud who were very anxious to see this American superstar. Breeding manager Urszula Bialobok remembers the anticipation before he walked off the ramp and even though he had been traveling he still had his charisma and aura which put a big smile on everyone's face as they knew that he was adding something extraordinary to the breeding program – and indeed he did.

During his first season Monogramm bred 55 mares following with 77 mares bred in 1994. His first foal crop exceeded all expectations and he showed his strength as a sire leaving both world class daughters and sons. In his first foal crop an impressive group of future champions were born including Ekscella (out of Estancja), 2001 Polish National Champion Mare, Eskalopka (out of Egzonera), 2002 Polish National Reserve Champion Mare, Zagrobła (out of Zguba/Enrilo), twice Spring Show Junior Reserve Champion, twice Polish National Junior Reserve Champion, Babolna International Junior Champion, All Nations Cup Reserve Junior Champion, Babolna International Champion

Mare, All Nations Cup Champion, twice European Reserve Champion, World Champion Mare, Scottsdale Arab Show Reserve Champion Mare and US National Champion Mare, Ganges (out of Garonna/Fanatyk), twice Polish National Reserve Junior Champion, Scandinavian Open Champion Stallion and Best in Show, Polish National Champion Stallion, All Nations Cup Reserve Champion, Scottsdale Arab Show Top Ten Country English Pleasure and US National Reserve Champion Stallion.

His second foal crop brought great names like Kwestura (out of Kwesta/Pesennik), Polish National Junior Champion, Spring Show Reserve Junior Champion, All Nations Cup Senior Champion, twice Polish National Reserve Champion Mare, twice European Champion Mare, twice World Champion Mare, Mediterranean & Arab Countries Senior Champion Mare in Menton, Elran Cup Champion and Platinum World Champion Mare; Fallada (out of Fanaberia/Probat), Spring Show Junior Champion and Best in Show, Białka Spring Show Junior Champion and Best in Show, Polish National Reserve Junior Champion, World Reserve Champion Mare and Canadian National Champion Mare; Furiat (out of Furora/Pepton) Polish National Junior Champion and Swedish National Champion Stallion.

Returning to USA Monogramm was used with frozen semen producing offspring in 1996–1998 including the great Emmona (out of Emilda/Pamir), Białka Spring Show Reserve Junior Champion, Polish National Reserve Junior Champion, World Junior Champion and Polish National Champion Mare and Best in Show.

Ekstern's dam Ernestyna was born in 1989 and she is by the Polish race horse champion Piechur who was sold right off the racetrack at the Polish Prestige Silent Sale auction in 1983 to Weatherford Farms in USA. Piechur was raced for two seasons with 13 starts including 10 first places and 2 second places. He won the Derby, the Comparative Stakes and 6 Stake races, which earned him the title of Race Champion of the Year.

Piechur represents the valuable sire line of Krzyżyk db through his illustrious sire Banat (El Azrak x Bandola/Witraż) and he has two lines to legendary Bandola as his dam Pierzeja was a daughter of Bandos (Negatiw x Bandola/Witraż). Pierzeja was sold to USA leaving only Piechur in Poland. She was linebred to Negatiw as her dam Pierzga was by Negatiw and out of the Tersk-bred Piewica (Priboj x Włodarka/Ofir). Pierzga is also the dam of the legendary Pilarka (by Palas) and Derby winner Pierrot (by Czort), belonging to the treasured Szamrajówka family at Janów Podlaski and Białka with horses like Pianissima, Pinga, Pepton, Perfinka, Pesal and Palmeta.

Szamrajówka was born about 1810 at Biała Cerkiew, making it one of the oldest mare families in Poland. The family has vanished from Polish breeding twice but been



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Ekstern as a yearling



Ekstern: 2000 Polish National Show



Ekstern: WAHO 2008



Ekstern: WAHO 2008



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restored. After WWI the grey mare Kewa (Siglavi-Bagdady-11 x Kalga/Amurath Sahib) was imported from Inocenzdvor to Janów Podlaski in 1930. She produced the daughters Oaza (by Kuhailan Haifi db.) in 1933, Troska (by Enwer Bey) in 1937 and Włodarka (by Ofir) in 1939 but unfortunately Kewa along with her daughters were taken by the Russians in 1939 and thus the family disappeared from Polish breeding. Kewa never produced anything at Tersk but all three daughters left progeny in Russia. To restore this valuable dam family two daughters of Włodarka were imported to Poland – Prowierka and Piewica, both by Priboj (Piolun x Rissalma/Shareer).

Prowierka died one year after the importation but after leaving the daughter Prowarda (by Korej), imported in utero. Prowarda also had one daughter before her untimely death at only 9 years of age. Her daughter Prowizja (by Ego) was exported to USA without leaving any progeny in Poland but she was one of the best horses to market the Polish Arabian in her new homeland. Prowizja herself was a very successful performance horse winning 1968 US National Champion Park Horse as was her equally decorated Bask-sons Pro-Fire, Promotion, Ibn Prowizja and Cometego.

Piewica was sent to the racetrack in Poland as a three-year old and was then bought by the State Studs to bring back the line into the breeding program. Piewica left 13 offspring in Poland, 7 sons and 6 daughters before she at old age was sold to France. Her most valuable daughters in Polish breeding have been Penza (by Faher), Pierzga (by Negatiw) and Pentoda (by Bandos). The family is represented at Janów Podlaski and at Białka, at both stud farms this family is the strongest and most successful family.

When Michałów wanted to use a stallion from the Krzyżyk db sire line did they not find a suitable stallion in Poland so they searched in USA where many of the Banat-sons had been sold. The choice fell on the tall, strong Piechur and they succeeded to lease him for the 1988 season. He bred more than half of the mares at Michałów, a total of 66 mares and of the 48 weaned foals at Michałów one son and 15 daughters have been used at Michałów in the breeding program, the most prominent being Polish National Junior Champion Mare Premiera (out of Premia), the dam of Premier (by Monogramm), Polish National Junior Reserve Champion Mare Zaleta (out of Zula), the dam of Złocien (by Laheeb) and Wybranka (out of Wilejka/El Paso), the dam of Wyborna (by Monogramm). Later Piechur would be sold to Halsdon Arabians in UK where he also lived out his life. He was named All Nations Cup Champion Stallion where he beat another representative of the P-line – the exotic Piruet (Probat x Pieczęć/Palas x Pierzga).

Ernestyna belongs to the most successful and famous dam line at Michałów – the family of Milordka through Saga (Hardy x Jaga II/Koheilan I) and her daughter Estokada (by

Amurath Sahib), who built a whole dynasty at Michałów. Estokada's classical beautiful daughter Estebna (by Nabor) was the first European Champion Mare when she conquered the title in Verden 1973. She left 7 offspring before her untimely death in 1974. Her two ethereal beautiful daughters Esencja and Elkana (by Aquinor (Miecznik x Amneris/Amurath Sahib) were both sold to USA where they created their own dynasties. Estebna also left two sons, Eufrat (by Elf) and Eryk (by Dambor), the latter was sold to Sweden while Eufrat was used in Polish breeding but died through a heart attack at the mere age of 11. Eufrat is the sire of Erotyka who is the dam of leading sire Eldon (by Penitent). Estebna's daughter Elwira (by Elf) is the dam of twice Polish National Reserve Champion, European Senior Reserve Champion, Babolna International Champion and British International Senior Reserve Champion Stallion Endel (by Palas). Elwira had three daughters by the British stallion Burkan (Saladin II x Biruta/Trypolis) and the oldest was Elegancja. She had only three offspring as she died at young age in 1987, two daughters Elewka and Erwina by Palas (Aswan x Panel/Nil) and one colt by Enrilo (Probat x Emisja/Carycyn). Elewka was the 1985 Polish National Junior Champion Mare and while she only left colts at Michałów Erwina had three fillies before she was exported to USA and in her new homeland she has continued to produce fillies. Erwina's first daughter was Ernestyna and then she was bred twice to German-bred Gadir (Saudi x Garda/Negatiw) producing Emiliana and Erminia. Emiliana is the dam of Austrian National Champion Stallion Emfatyk (by Monogramm) and Erminia was sold to Silverdale Arabians in UK leaving no progeny in Poland.

Ernestyna had only four offspring, 3 colts and one filly. Her daughter Ernera was the only full sibling to Ekstern and she left 13 offspring at Michałów before she was sold to Sinus Arabian Stud in Sweden. Ernestyna is today 28 years old and lives together with her long-time friend Gaskonia (Probat x Gizela/Palas) who turned 30 this year, and two other retired mares, Palmira (Monogramm x Palestra/Penitent) and Zagrobla (Monogramm x Zguba/Enrilo).

Mariusz Liśkiewicz, a licensed riding instructor, came to Michałów in 1994 after working both at Białka and Janów Podlaski training endurance horses. He was approached before the show season in 1995 started by Director Jaworowski who thought that he should train and show one or two horses to broaden his knowledge. The handlers had already divided the horses among themselves and Mariusz was given a grey colt with great movement but as he was too small no one believed that he was a strong contender. This would be the first show for both Ekstern and Mariusz so Mariusz asked Scott Benjamin, one of the handlers, to show him the basic position and how to train the colt and Mariusz started to train and condition Ekstern for their mutual debut in the show ring. "I needed people to help me so the horse would stand up good and be presented good in hand,

JANÓW PODLASKI BROODMARES



Atma
(Ekstern x Altona/Eukaliptus)



Anima
(Ekstern x Anilla/Pesal)



Ewodia
(Ekstern x Epikryza/Gazal Al Shaqab)



Wologda
(Ekstern x Wanilia/Alegro)



Bigamia
(Ekstern x Barka/Ararat)



Potentilla
(Ekstern x Panonia/Eukaliptus)

JANÓW PODLASKI BROODMARES (SOLD)



Altamira
(Ekstern x Altona/Eukaliptus)



Cenoza
(Ekstern x Celna/Alegro)





Pepita (Ekstern x Pepesza/Eukaliptus)
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trotting and walking as this was new for me and of course the same for Ekstern because this was two fresh guys who stayed together and worked together”, recalls Mariusz. “Sometimes when I took Ekstern and trained to run and people helped me shake Ekstern up he would look very strong moving with ears forward and that was very nice, but I was not thinking that he would be champion, for me he might be 3rd or 4th among the yearling colts.”

“The result was a big surprise and I remember the first I went into the arena, the first time ever for both me and Ekstern, and the judges were looking at him and Ekstern got more expressive with a lot of charisma. He is a very intelligent horse and was standing up very good, giving the neck and was standing still. At this time the movement was shown as the last feature after the standup and he was showing great in the trot with all 3 judges giving him the highest score for movements.”

The big favorite was the bay Ganges, a colt that already gained attention from breeders in Poland and internationally, but Ganges would have to settle with the Reserve Champion title because to everyone’s surprise the mouse grey Ekstern dominated the ring and would claim the Champion title.

“I remember that people were looking at the scores with Ekstern first in the class and I was very happy and thought it



Biruta
(Ekstern x Bajada/Pamir)



Sefora
(Ekstern x Sawantka/Pepton)

was very funny because no one believed in us and the same was for the Championship. Ganges looked like a million dollars, you know, very strong, massive and absolutely the best mover with power and charisma, so many people including me were sure that he was the champion and not the small mouse grey Ekstern”.

But Ekstern went into the Championship and won easily his first championship and his amazing show career had just been launched. Both Ekstern and Mariusz had started their path to glory and recognition and the first step to conquer the world was made.

Mariusz continued to train Ekstern and they were now forever united. The following year he was shown at the International Show at Babolna and he returned home to Michalów with the Babolna International Junior Champion title. When I ask Mariusz what he likes most with Ekstern, he smiles: “You know he is a very smart guy and a super horse for the showring, the two best horses for me are El Dorada and Ekstern, they are the same, very smart and they like to show. Many times I was looking in the collecting ring and these two were standing like donkeys, ears down, relaxing and when it was time to enter the ring and people started to shake they turned into totally different horses with their tails up, head and neck up and moved in the absolutely best way an Arabian horse can move. Both enter the ring looking at

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Ellena
(Ekstern x El Kahira/Piber)



El Emeera (sold)
(Ekstern x Emanacja/Eukaliptus)



Endrra
(Ekstern x Endorra/Pesal)



Laranda
(Ekstern x Larissa/Eukaliptus)



Palanga
(Ekstern x Panika/Eukaliptus)



Lawinia
(Ekstern x Luanda/Emigrant)



Mesalina
(Ekstern x Mata Hari/Werbum)





Ekliptyka
(Ekstern x Ekspozycja/Eukaliptus)



Polonica
(Ekstern x Panika/Eukaliptus)

the people like they are talking to them: Look at me because I am in the arena. I like this type of horses because I am only the handler, I hold and present the horse but the horse is number one and not me. My job is to present the horse and not myself and these horses make it very easy to do my job”.

At the end of 1996 Ekstern was sent to the racetrack together with all the other soon to be three-year old youngsters. He raced 10 times the following season with one 3rd place, one 4th and three 5th placings. Back at Michałów Ekstern bred a handful mares in 1998 producing three fillies and one colt the following year. The resulting foals were great and the star was the charismatic great moving Wilga (out of Wenessa/Egon), who would be a very important mare for the breeding program at Michałów. Wilga herself was named 2001 Białka Spring Show Junior Reserve Champion but it is as a producer she has excelled producing the beautiful great moving daughters Wilda (by Gazal Al Shaqab) and Waranga (by QR Marc). Both mares have been successful in the showring and even more important great producers. Wilda was 2009 Polish National Reserve Champion Mare and 2012 All Nations Cup Bronze Champion Mare. Wilga was sold to DB Arabians at the Pride of Poland in 2010, but with Wilda and Waranga retained at Michałów.

Ekstern’s story is very much about visions and a strong faith

combined with trust and love between human and horse. Mariusz and Ekstern gave each other the best possible start to a future that would very strongly be combined but also with success and careers on their own. Mariusz went on to be the head trainer at Michałów and today he can look back at an extremely successful career with 8 World Champion titles, numerous international titles and more than 50 titles at the Polish Nationals.

Ekstern has found the right people in his way conquering the world and just as much as they have helped him bloom to become the incredible sire and show horse that he is, giving him the chance to utilize all his potential which definitely has given him a place in the history books, just as much as he helped these people to grow and succeed and to build their dreams and achieve their goals and obtain the vision.

Ekstern’s path was going to change direction when Christine Jamar-Demeersseman of Jadem Arabians in Belgium came to Michałów at the end of 1998 in search for a new stallion to her breeding program. She was traveling with Jörgen Fredriksen and they were looking at a stallion offered to her for sale, but Christine felt that he was not what she was looking for. Then when the other stallions were presented a steel grey, wooly ball came out but with such charisma and expression in his eye and when learning that he belonged to the E-line which Christine cherished

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Wieża Marzeń
(Ekstern x Wiażma/Arbil)



Wieża Róż (sold)
(Ekstern x Wieża Babel/Laheeb)

SONS BY EKSTERN

Esparto
(Ekstern x Ekspozycja/Eukaliptus)



Prado (Ekstern x Pętle/Visbaden)



HORSES BRED BY BIAŁKA STUD



Antaja (Ekstern x Abba/Pesal)



Celsjusz (Ekstern x Carina/Pesal)



Cirilla (Ekstern x Cirka/Borek)

very much her interest aroused. Christine recalls: "Urszula Bialobok took me by the arm and brought me to the office and there was a big picture with old broodmares from the E-line and then I knew that this was what I wanted, this kind of horses I want in my breeding program. But when I asked Director Jerzy Bialobok, the answer was that Ekstern was not available for lease, so when I returned to the hotel, because there were no mobile phones then, I called my husband Guy and told him that we need to come back in two weeks and we have to offer the double of the normal leasing fee. And that is how it happened, we came back after two weeks, negotiated and offered the double and an agreement was made that Ekstern would come to Jadem for the following two years".

When asking Christine what she saw in Ekstern and what she thought that he would contribute to her breeding program, the answer comes quick: "His body and the attitude... and of course the movements. I had most Bandos and Eukaliptus daughters in my breeding program and especially the Eukaliptus-daughters are long in the back and short in the croup, so I needed to shorten the back and get a longer croup. And when they showed me the mother of Ekstern, Ernestyna, I saw that she was perfect for that. Then it was the attitude because my Eukaliptus-daughters did not have the same attitude, they were more quiet just as the Bandos-daughters. And I knew that if Ekstern improved the

attitude and the bodies he was exactly what I was looking for. He also had the face and the eyes, but it was especially the bodies I wanted and he gave me 10 times more than I could ever expect. He exceeded all expectations and was very consistent and he also added shape of neck to all his offspring, the Eukaliptus sometimes have an underslung neck but he took that away and always left good shapes. We were really happy with the result. He fixed in one generation what normally would have needed three generations."

One part of the leasing agreement was that Ekstern should be shown, so plans were made for Ekstern to be shown at the UK International Show in August 1999. Christine had used Erik Dorssers as her handler for several years, so Ekstern was sent to him for training and showing. "Erik is very good with horses" Christine tells, "Ekstern and Erik loved each other and Ekstern loved more to show than collecting semen, that is how he is. And when he went to Erik he changed and you could see it, he was more happy. Erik had him for 10 days and the horse already changed completely also in his conformation. I was really not interested in showing him, I am a breeder, but Director Bialobok called me and said that now you need to show the horse, so then we decided to show him in UK. The show was very special, he was totally changing from how he was at the farm where he shows good, but not like in the showring, never. He transformed and showed with such expression, he is a born

HORSES BRED BY BIAŁKA STUD



Ekina (Ekstern x Eklera/Ecaho)



Herlina (Ekstern x Heroldia/Eukaliptus)

HORSES BRED BY BIAŁKA STUD (BY ESPARTO)



Perfinka
(Esparto x Perfirka/Gazal Al Shaqab)



Egema
(Esparto x Egira/Emigrant)



Egiria
(Esparto x Egira/Emigrant)

HORSES BRED BY PRIVATE BREEDERS



Psyche Kreuza
(Ekstern x Pallas-Atena/Ecaho)



Psyche Victoria
(Ekstern x Pallas-Atena/Ecaho)



HORSES BRED BY PRIVATE BREEDERS



Emarc
(QR Marc x Eksterna/Ekstern)



Fuerte
(Shanghai EA x Frymuszka/Ekstern)

showhorse. I remember how everybody came to ask me about him when he was winning because he got so many high scores, almost perfect 20s on type, head/neck and movements. I never thought when I saw him at home that he would be such a show horse but he never lost and won the Triple Crown as well as the Polish National Champion title with Erik”.

Christine’s first offspring were born in 2000 and she got 7 colts and 3 fillies, among them the colts Eternal (out of Elegantkah), Mecano (by Starlight) and Vangelis (out of Galifa) and the fillies were Enya (out of Eldora), Faithless (out of Fifa) and Maradisha (out of Moonlight). The big number of fillies came the second year when Christine got only 1 colt and 9 fillies. After Ekstern conquered the showring people came to Christine and wanted to buy the fillies, but they were the future of Jadem Arabians so Christine was firm in her decision to not sell any of them yet.

The third person that would come to mean a lot to Ekstern was the talented Erik Dorssers who showed him during his International crusade where he undefeated managed to bring home the most prestigious titles in Europe and the coveted Triple Crown title. Erik and Ekstern had a special bond and everyone that saw them in the ring remember the magic and silent language between them. “Ekstern... well, where do you start when you know him in person”, says Erik with a smile. “He is not a horse in my opinion, he thinks more than the average horse and if he accepts you he will

trust you and because of that he will give you all he has. Many people who came to my farm walked and passed his stall because they did not recognize him until he came outside. Ekstern was lazy in his work so I played with him to condition him. The first show was Towerlands and from the moment I hit the ring with him I did not hear the crowd because I was one with him and he was with me. It was like if I was floating on air when I trotted with him, it was magic every time. Every show was special because of this feeling”.

After his extraordinary show season Ekstern went back to Michałów as the Triple Crown winner and his name was on every breeders lips all over the world – the amazing Polish stallion that was unbeaten in the showring. The interest in him after his return was big and he bred close to 50 mares in 2001 with 22 foals born at Michałów the following year including El Emeera (out of Emanacja/Eukaliptus), El Ghazala (out of Emigracja/Palas), Esparto (out of Ekspozycja/Eukaliptus), Palanga (out of Panika/Eukaliptus) and Wieża Marzeń (out of Wiaźma/Arbil). Palanga and Esparto are two of Ekstern’s most successful offspring in the showring, with Palanga being named 2003 European Junior Champion Mare, 2004 Białka Spring Show Junior Reserve Champion, Falborek Junior Reserve Champion, Polish National Junior Reserve Champion, 2006 All Nations Cup Senior Reserve Champion Mare, European Senior Reserve Champion Mare, World Top Ten, 2007 Polish National Reserve Champion Mare, 2015 Polish National Silver Champion Mare, Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse



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Ernestyna
(Piechur x Erwina/Palas)



Monogramm
(Negatraz x Monogramma/
Knippel)



Festival Senior Gold Champion Mare and Best in Show. Esparto started out his career as a yearling as Polish National Junior Reserve Champion and Poznań Junior Champion. In 2004 he was named Falborek Junior Champion and Polish National Junior Reserve Champion. After a year at the racetrack with four starts he returned in 2006 to the showing as Bełzyce Senior Champion Stallion and Best in Show and was Top 5 at the All Nations Cup. In 2007–2008 he was leased by Ajman Stud in UAE and was shown quite extensively in both Europe and Middle East winning Arab Emirates National Senior Champion Stallion Abu Dhabi, International Senior Champion Doha, International Reserve Champion Stallion Dubai, International Senior Champion Stallion Sharjah, All Nations Cup Reserve Champion Stallion, Al Khalediah Arabian Horse Festival Reserve Champion Stallion and United Arab Emirates Champion Stallion. When Esparto returned to Poland he was standing for two seasons at Bialka Stud and was later in 2009 named Polish National Champion Stallion.

Bialka decided to use Ekstern in 2003 to introduce the Monogramm blood to strengthen the breeding program and it would prove to be a very wise decision as among the first 9 foals they got Polish National Junior Champion Stallion Celsjusz (out of Carina/Pesal), the exotic Ekina (out of Eklera/Ecaho), exported to Belgium, and the great moving Halima (out of Heroldia/Eukaliptus), exported to Valley Oak Arabians in USA. Breeding manager Renata Kurzyńska recalls: "Ekstern produced very good offspring for us, he improved bodies and passed on his head and phenomenal movement. His offspring have been very successful for us both in the showing and in the breeding program, his daughters are very good mothers and they produce excellent babies. Ekstern's offspring are very balanced, they can easily be recognized among other horses for their Ekstern-look". Bialka would use Ekstern also in 2004, 2005 and 2007 with great result producing the mares Herlina (out of Heroldia/Eukaliptus), Cirilla (out of Cirka/Borek), Cella (out of Celina/Metropolis NA), Esmeta (out of Emika/Eldon) and Eustyna (out of Euspira/Gazal Al Shaqab). They also got the premiere broodmares Calatea (out of Calineczka/Metropolis NA) and Frymuszka (out of Fabryszka/Gazal Al Shaqab), both sold to private breeders in Poland where Calatea produced the successful Vitorio TO sons Calateon and Calatorio and Frymuszka is the dam of the 2016 Polish National Champion, 2017 Dubai Junior Champion and Menton Junior Champion Stallion Fuerte (by Shanghai EA).

With the success of using Ekstern in the breeding program it was an obvious choice for Bialka to stand Esparto for two seasons and he would produce his best offspring at Bialka: Egema (out of Egira/Emigrant), Wrocław Arabian Horse Weekend Junior Gold Champion Mare, Autumn Show Junior Gold Champion Mare and Best in Show Janów Podlaski, Abu Dhabi International Junior Bronze Champion Mare, Arab Emirates National Junior Reserve Champion

Mare and her full sister Egiria, Bialka Spring Show Junior Bronze Champion Mare, Pelmira (out of Pelgrima/Emigrant), Saint Petersburg International Cup Senior Gold Champion Mare, Swiss Mountain Cup Senior Bronze Champion Mare and International Senior Reserve Champion Mare, Travagliato, as well as the colts Pernal (out of Perfirka/Gazal Al Shaqab), Wrocław Arabian Horse Weekend Junior Silver Champion Stallion, Autumn Show Junior Gold Champion Stallion, Arabian Horse Festival Arabia –Polska Junior Gold Champion Stallion and Peron (out of Perolia/Gazal Al Shaqab), Polish National Junior Silver Champion Stallion. But the star of Bialka and Esparto's best offspring is the beautiful Perfinka (out of Perfirka/Gazal Al Shaqab), 2012 Polish National Junior Silver Champion, World Yearling Top Ten Filly and while on lease to Al Muawd Stud she was Tulip Cup Gold Junior Champion, North West Championships International Junior Gold Champion Mare, North Staffs Arabian Horse Show Junior Silver Champion Mare, U.K.I.A.H.S. Junior Gold Champion, All Nations Cup Junior Gold Champion Mare, European Junior Silver Champion Mare and World Junior Silver Champion, 2016 PSALAHF Junior Gold Champion Mare and Qatar International Junior Silver Champion Mare.

Ekstern would return to stand at Jadem Arabians in 2003 and he was invited to the Mercedes Diamond Cup to be competing with other famous champion horses. Erik remembers: "The show that is still top of my career is the Mercedes Diamond Cup. This performance, from my point of view, was so special for what he gave me. It was a show for big winners and I decided to show him free and do my thing with him, but how he followed and performed with me was way past my wildest dreams. He stayed with me loose in full show mood and even in standup in spotlights with a crazy crowd this boy was only connected with me. He proved yet again that he liked me too. I am proud to have led him to his wins but I am more proud and honored that he was a part of my life and it was the best time ever".

Christine's visions for the cross with Ekstern on her broodmare band have proven time after time to be a golden cross and two great representatives of Ekstern's influence at Jadem are the colt Gallardo J (out of Gomera J/Ekstern), the 2016 Triple Crown Winner in Europe (All Nations Cup, European and World Gold Champion), as well as the European Gold Junior Champion Mare Mounira J who is out of Magnificent Lady J (Extreme x Mauhiba J/Ekstern).

Ekstern has been standing at Janów Podlaski in 2004–2006 and 2010–2011 and he has left an immense impact on the breeding program. Janów never used Monogramm when he was standing at Michałów and one cannot help wondering what produce he might have got with Janów's mares. Janów used the Monogramm-son Furiat (out of Furora/Pepton) in 2000 when they bred about 10 mares to him. But it was with the use of Ekstern and Ganges that the huge impact would show and their offspring have been very

successful in the showring and on the racetrack. But the biggest impact would be in the breeding barn and the daughters have proved to be very valuable for the success of Janów Podlaski the last decade.

In Ekstern's first foal crop born at Janów in 2005 some great names were born like Altamira (out of Altona/Eukaliptus), Bigamia (out of Barka/Ararat), Biruta (out of Bajada/Pamir), Cenoza (out of Celnia/Alegro), Sefora (out of Sawantka/Pepton), Pinta (out of Pilar/Fawor), Pepita (out of Pepesza/Eukaliptus) and the two chief sires: Polon (out of Pianosa/Eukaliptus) and Prado (out of Pełta/Visbaden). Both Pinta and Pepita were high-selling lots on the prestigious Pride of Poland auction selling for 500.000 and 1.400.000 Euro respectively with Pepita being the record-breaking horse so far. Other high-selling Ekstern-daughters have been Laverna (out of Loretta/Wojśław) sold in 2007 to UAE for 140.000, Ekina (out of Eklera/Ecaho) sold for 100.000 to Belgium in 2008. In 2009 Felicjana was sold to Athbah Stud in Saudi Arabia for 104.000, Biruta in 2012 was sold for 100.000 and in 2014 Cenoza was sold for 240.000 Euro, both mares found their new home at Halsdon Arabians in UK. Wieża Róż sold to Al Thumama Stud in Qatar in 2015 for 270.000 and at the same auction Halsdon Arabians purchased Altamira for 250.000 Euro.

Prior to her sale Altamira produced chief-sire Amanito (by Eden C), Białka Spring Show Junior Champion Anawera (by Piaff), European Gold Yearling Champion Adelita (by Kahil Al Shaqab) and Polish National Show class winner Abdank (by Empire).

Ekstern was standing at stud at Michałów between the two periods he was serving at Janów Podlaski and since 2012 he has been at Michałów indefinitely and the interest in breeding to him is still in high demand from private breeders as well as the State Studs.

His influence at Michałów has been huge and the biggest success has not been with his direct offspring but through his daughters produce as Wieża Marzeń (out of Wiaźma/Arbil) produced the great Wieża Mocy (by QR Marc), 2011 Polish National Junior Gold Champion, European Junior Bronze Champion, 2012 Białka Spring Show Junior Gold Champion and Best in Show, European Junior Gold Champion, World Junior Gold Champion, 2014 Arabian Breeders World Cup Senior Gold Champion Mare, Arabian National Breeder Finals Senior Champion Mare, US National Champion Mare and 2015 Scottsdale Arabian Show Senior Champion Mare; Ekliptyka (out of Ekspozycja/Eukaliptus) produced Equator (by QR Marc), 2011 Białka Spring Show Silver Junior Champion, Polish National Junior Bronze Champion Stallion, 2012 Białka Spring Show Gold Junior Champion, Polish National Gold Junior Champion, All Nations Cup Junior Bronze Champion Stallion, European

Junior Gold Champion, World Junior Silver Champion, 2014 Polish National Gold Champion, Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival Senior Gold Champion Stallion, All Nations Cup Senior Bronze Champion, European Gold Champion and World Bronze Champion Stallion, 2015 All Nations Cup Senior Silver Champion, European Gold Champion, World Silver Champion, 2016 International Arabian Breeders Classic Senior Gold Champion Stallion, Arabian Breeders World Cup Senior Gold Champion and US National Reserve Champion Stallion; Pustynna Malwa (out of Pustynna Róża/Emigrant) is the dam of Pustynia Kahila (by Kahil Al Shaqab), 2014 Polish National Junior Bronze Champion, Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival Junior Gold Champion Mare, All Nations Cup Yearling Bronze Champion, European Yearling Silver Champion and World Yearling Gold Champion, 2015 Polish National Junior Gold Champion Mare; Mesalina (out of Mata Hari/Werbum) produced Morion (by Kahil Al Shaqab), 2014 Białka Spring Show Yearling Gold Champion and Best in Show, Polish National Gold Junior Champion, Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival Junior Gold Champion and Best in Show, All Nations Cup Yearling Silver Champion, European Yearling Silver Champion, World Yearling Silver Champion, 2015 Białka Spring Show Junior Champion and Best in Show, All Nations Cup Junior Gold Champion Stallion and World Gold Junior Champion Stallion.

In 2008 Ekstern returned to the ring when he was awarded with the prestigious WAHO trophy for his own achievements and his influence as a sire. He was shown by Stuart Colvin and Ekstern loved every minute of it and put on the greatest show. This would be Ekstern's last big public appearance outside Michałów but at every presentation at his mother stud he comes in like the king he is loving the attention and he always put on the Ekstern-spark filled with expression and charisma.

Breeding is all about visions, dreams and hope. And the story of the great Ekstern all began with a chestnut great moving three-year old colt on the other side of the Atlantic that brought the hope to bring back the valuable blood of Bask to Poland and hopefully leave a progenitor of the sireline in Poland. But Monogramm did so much more than that looking at all the incredible offspring he left in Poland. And the grey, smallish colt that did not impress in the coltbarn in the Spring of 1995 would alter the path and the breeding program not only of Michałów but the Arabian breeding worldwide. Ekstern brought a charisma with presence and movements that never had been seen before and this put him in the history books as one of the most important stallions in Polish Arabian horse breeding and he is truly the Polish National Treasure personified. ■

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