

FOLLOWING THE BIG DREAMS

ANOTHER CHAPTER OF SWEDEN ARABIAN STUD

Interview with **KATHLEEN OHLSSON**
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Kathleen Ohlsson - who developed from a small family farm in Sweden into the owner of one of the most beautiful stallions and most successful sires in the world - Magic Magnifique. While the famous black stallion is spending his days on lease to Israel Sweden Arabian Stud of Kathleen Ohlsson is opening new chapter to create its future new blood champions!

Tutto Arabi: Kathleen, you are well known for promoting stallions into the great sires worldwide already – is the way to reach it the same always?

Kathleen Ohlsson: I just want to work with stallions I really believe in and I know how they produce. To be honest with people and show them real photos without any photoshop on both the stallion and his offspring.

TA: After promotion and successful use of Magic Magnifique as a sire in your stud and worldwide you decided to choose another great bred stallion in your program – why your choice went for Massai Ibn Marenga being the one?

KO: By following Massai Ibn Marengas offspring during many years, he was a naturally choice for my breeding programme. I love what he produce. A lot of type with huge eyes - a correct horse with movements. His offspring are both very successful at shows and in the breeding barn. Darius Family used Magic Magnifique on some of their Massai Ibn Marenga daughters and the result is just outstanding! They really got the best parts from both of the stallions, so - of course - I will use Massai on my Magic Magnifique daughters. The combination is what we call -magic!



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MASSAI IBN MARENGA
(Mirokan x Marenga)

Its time to start thinking "outside the box" in this industry today. The genepool is starting to be small when many breeders are using the same popular stallions, and for me, Massai Ibn Marenga, with his fantastic straight Russian pedigree, is a great sire to use.

TA: What do you admire in Massai Ibn Marenga career and what are his most significant babies so far?

KO: Flying the flag of the United Arab Emirates for his then owner HRH Sheikh Ammar Bin Humaid al Nuaimi of Ajman Stud, Massai Ibn Marenga speeded from one success to the next as a yearling, winning numerous Championship titles from renowned B-shows in European countries. At the end

which is quite obviously just the right kind of genetic background for a sire destined to put his stamp in his breed.

From his first foal crop, there are the lovely bay Da Rhomara (out of Rosinka by Princip) and the extremely typey Da Afrika (out of Aplikala by Karnaval) who caused quite a stir for her stud even during her first presentations. Top scores for type as well as for head and neck earned her class wins and reserve champion titles at international B-shows and a nomination for the Top Five Junior Females at the Wels A-Show and at the German National Championships in Aachen.

And this was just the beginning. Massai is now a Multi



Filly MY MAGIC
(Magic Magnifique x DA Magnifiqua by Massai Ibn Marenga)
German National Gold Champion Foal 2014
Owner: M.Ferraroni

of the year, he could call himself TopTen Colt for the World Championships in Paris.

A short time later, the young stallion moved over to the Darius Arabian Stud in Germany and as a three-year-old in the following year, managed to start off right where he had left, winning a number of important national and international Championship titles at A and B-shows.

In 2005, his first and anxiously awaited offspring was born, confirming the hopes of the breeders Franz-Josef and Claudia. Massai's pedigree is marked by strong line breeding through the line of Russia's treasure Mammona,

Champion sire with offspring all over the world, famous for their exquisite type and movements.

TA: What are your goals and expectations on bringing Massai to Sweden Arabian Stud?

KO: My plan is to hopefully have some nice Massai daughters to keep in my breeding programme and future wives for Magic Magnifique.

We will use him on all my mares in 2017. Also on the amazing BJ Thee Mustafa daughter Mayana, who already produced the famous Massai son, HDB Sihr Ibn Massai. He has been shown very successfully being for example, 3 times Brazilian National Champion Stallion!

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TA: When and in what circumstances this decision was made?

KO: Together with Darius family we made the dream come true during the Aachen show 2016.

TA: Massai came to your farm some time ago already – how would you compare him to Magic Magnifique? Do they have any common features of look or behaviour?

KO: They are both two very gentle stallions. They are sweet and easy, they can be together close to mares and they are both very playful. At the same time, they have attitude and are both showy. The temperament is very important for me. Both stallions have also been ridden under saddle.

TA: Did you use to owe any of his offspring before and what are your favourite foals?

KO: This summer I bought a very beautiful and successful daughter of Massai. But because of some craziness in this industry, I didn't get the mare. Its a long story that will require a full article in the future... When I had the chance

to lease Massai, I was more than happy! Now I have the chance to create my own future champions.

My favorite is HDB Sihr Ibn Massai. At Darius family, you also find some great mares like DA Kristalnaja, DA Magnifika and some more amazing produce.

Maximus ibn Magnifique
(Magic Magnifique x Mayana)



TA: What will be the conditions to use Massai Ibn Marenga for outside breeders while at Sweden Arabian Stud?

KO: Yes, Massai Ibn Marenga will be available by fresh shipped semen all over Europe and by frozen semen worldwide.

TA: How far your dreams of Arabian horses reach? :) any next big plans on the way?

KO: Arabian horses are big passion of my life and I always have plans and dreams. If I stop dreaming, I think its time to stop breeding, that I think I never will. Next plan is to take my young, promising colt Maximus Ibn Magnifique to shows in Europe 2017. Maximus is by Magic Magnifique and out of Mayana by BJ Thee Mustafa.

TA: Good luck then and see you at the shows in 2017! ■