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# BEAUTY BEYOND BORDERS

*Magnificent Mares of the Polish State Studs*

## PART I

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Emandoria (Gazal Al Shaqab x Emanda) in 2022  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda

For decades in the world of Arabian horses, the word 'Polish' has been synonymous with 'perfect', especially when it comes to the mares born in the Polish state studs. 200 years of documented breeding of Arabian horses in Poland has resulted in establishing some of the most appreciated and admired dam lines in the world. These important families have survived the turmoil of wars, uprisings and communist regime to flourish in the last few decades and have influenced the breeding of Arabian horses in every part of the globe. It is impossible to cover all the magnificent mares born in the Polish state studs in the recent years but this selection of mares that reached for the highest laurels of the most prestigious shows should put some light on what a precious gene pool the Poles have gathered and have so persistently preserved in the three state studs of Janów Podlaski, Michałów and Białka.

The meritorious dam line of MILORDKA, better known as the champion producing 'E' line, is one of the most numerous and highly valued Arabian families not only in Poland but also in the world. Originated in 1810 in the Princes Sanguszko's Stud of Sławuta, the family is nowadays represented mainly in Michałów State Stud and it has become their trademark in the recent years. The snow-white or flea-bitten, and more recently also bay, representatives of 'E' line have been among the most sought-after broodmares in the world due to their extreme femininity,



ESTOKADA 1951 (Amurath Sahib x Saga)

harmonious built and powerful movement. Between the correct but rather unpretty foundation mare ESTOKADA 1951 (Amurath Sahib – Saga / Hardy) that joined the Michałów broodmare band in 1953 and her flea-bitten great - granddaughter EMIGRACJA 1980 (Palas – Emisja / Carycyn) that started the subbranch of the family known for remarkable refinement, there was an unprecedented breeding progress, unseen anywhere else in the world. All thanks to one of the most talented breeders of Arabian horses and a true visionary when it comes to selecting stallions, first director of Michałów State Stud, Ignacy Jaworowski as well as director Jerzy Biatobok and his wife Urszula who continued Jaworowski's work in Michałów. EMIGRACJA's show career can hardly be called impressive, especially when it is compared to the number of trophies her own descendants have won over the years.

Named 'just' Polish National Reserve Champion Senior Mare in 1991, EMIGRACJA however became one of the most cherished Arabian broodmares who commenced the dynasty of champions known to all Arabian horse aficionados. Thus, it was right to award the beloved broodmatron of Michałów with the WAHO trophy for outstanding individuals of the Arabian breed, which she therefore received in 2006. Twelve out of fourteen EMIGRACJA's foals were fillies, six of whom were sired by the epochal Polish stallion EUKALIPTUS 1974 (Bandos – Eunice / Comet).

Their first daughter was the elegant grey EMIGRANTKA 1985, 1991 European Champion Senior Mare and 1992 Polish National Champion Senior Mare, best remembered as the dam of the legendary sire, EMIGRANT 1991 (by Ararat 1985), 1999 All Nations Cup



El Dorada (Sanadik El Shaklan x Emigrantka) - Paris 2012. Photo by Sylwia Itenda

Reserve Champion Senior Stallion, 2001 European Champion Senior Stallion and 2002 Polish National Champion Senior Stallion, as well as an equally celebrated mare, EL DORADA 1998 (by Sanadik El Shaklan 1983), whose countless titles include: 2000 Polish National Champion Junior Filly, 2000 European Champion Junior Filly, 2002 Polish National Champion Senior Mare, 2002 All Nations Cup Champion Senior Mare, 2002 European Reserve Champion Senior Mare, 2004 European Champion Senior Mare, 2004 World Reserve Champion Senior Mare, 2006 Scottsdale Reserve Champion Senior Mare, 2006 US National Champion Senior Mare, 2012 All Nations Cup Silver Champion Senior Mare, 2012

European Silver Champion Senior Mare, 2012 World Bronze Champion Senior Mare and 2013 PSAIAHF Silver Champion Senior Mare. Today, there are several broodmares in Michałów that trace back to EL DORADA, the most valuable of whom seems to be the flea-bitten EL MEDONIA 2014 (Shanghai EA – El Medina / Gazal Al Shaqab), the dam of three up-and-coming offspring, all by 2015 World Gold Champion Junior Colt, MORION 2013; EL MADERA 2019, EL MAESTRO 2020 and EL MEDAR 2021. Before being sold at the 2021 Pride of Poland auction for 155 000 EUR, EL MADERA was named 2020 Polish National Silver Champion Yearling Filly. EL MAESTRO became Gold Champion Yearling Colt

at the 2021 Białka Junior Spring Show as well as 2021 Polish National Bronze Champion Yearling Colt, while his full brother, EL MEDAR, won the gold medal as a yearling in both Białka and Janów Podlaski in 2022.

It may seem impossible to break EL DORADA's record regarding the number of trophies, yet it was achieved by one of her younger cousins. It all started with the second daughter of EUKALIPTUS and EMIGRACJA, the stunning snow-white EMANACJA 1986, who outshone her dam both in the showring and in the breeding barn. 1987 Polish National Champion Junior Filly, 1988 European Champion Junior Filly, 1988 World Reserve Champion



Emigracja (Palas x Emisja)  
Photo by Stuart Vesty



Emigracja at the age of 26  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Emigrantka (Eukaliptus x Emigracja)  
Photo by Stuart Vesty



Emigrantka (Eukaliptus x Emigracja)  
Photo by Stuart Vesty



El Dorada (Sanadik El Shaklan x Emigrantka) - Aachen 2007  
Photo by Erwin Escher



El Dorada (Sanadik El Shaklan x Emigrantka) - Paris 2011  
Photo by Erwin Escher



El Madera (Morion x El Medonia)  
Photo by Glenn Jacobs



El Medonia (Shanghai EA x El Medina)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Emanacja (Eukaliptus x Emigracja) - Aachen 1998  
Photo by Erwin Escher



Emanacja (Eukaliptus x Emigracja)  
Photo by Stuart Vesty



Emanacja (Eukaliptus x Emigracja)  
Photo by Stuart Vesty



Emilda (Pamir x Emanacja)  
Photo by Joanna Jonientz



Emilda, Emanacja, Emigrantka, Emigracja - photo by Stuart Vesty

Junior Filly, 1998 All Nations Cup Champion Senior Mare as well as 1999 Polish National Champion Senior Mare and Best in Show, EMANACJA blessed Michałów with some outstanding offspring. Like her dam, she was the mother of mares. Her firstborn filly EMILDA 1990 (by Pamir 1984) was 1992 Polish National Champion Junior Filly, 1996 and 1997 Polish National Reserve Champion Senior Mare, 1999 All Nations Cup Reserve Champion Senior Mare and 2000 UK National Champion Senior Mare. Before being sold to Halsdon Arabians in 1998 for 200 000 USD, EMILDA left in Michałów two extraordinary grey fillies by MONOGRAMM 1985, EMBRA 1995 and EMMONA 1998. EMBRA, the 2009

Arabian Breeders World Cup Silver Champion Senior Mare, has mainly stamped the Michałów herd with two of her get: the gorgeous grey EMIRA 2000 (by Laheeb 1996) and the classy chestnut EL OMARI 2008 (by Enzo 1999). EMIRA was not only a multi-champion mare with such significant titles as: 2001 Polish National Champion Junior Filly, 2002 All Nations Cup Champion Junior Filly, 2004 Polish National Champion Senior Mare, 2004 European Reserve Champion Senior Mare, 2013 Qatari International Silver Champion Senior Mare, 2013 and 2014 European Bronze Champion Senior Mare, 2014 All Nations Cup Bronze Champion Senior Mare and 2014 World Bronze Champion Senior Mare, but she

was also a prolific producer. Among EMIRA's most valuable get there is the grey GALBA 1994 daughter EL SAGHIRA 2007, sold for 500 000 EUR to UAE and a multi-champion in the Middle East, and the grey ENZO son EMPIRE 2009, 2010 Polish National Champion Junior Colt, European Bronze Champion Junior Colt and 2016 Polish National Bronze Champion Senior Stallion. The other daughter of MONOGRAMM and EMILDA, the ethereal EMMONA, had a long and lustrous show career, winning such prestigious prizes as 2000 World Champion Junior Filly, 2010 Polish National Silver Champion Senior Mare and 2011 Polish National Gold Champion Senior Mare. In 2017,



Embra (Monogramm x Emilda) Paris 2006 - photo by Erwin Escher

EMMONA followed in her dam's footsteps, joining the broodmare band of Halsdon Arabians. Shirley and Charlie Watts paid 45 000 EUR for the then 19-year-old mare whose most renowned progeny is the dark bay GAZAL AL SHAQAB 1995 son, ERYKS 2003. EMILDA's full sister, EMANTA 1991, sold to Falborek Arabians for the then record price on the Polish market – 70 000 USD, produced one of the most beautiful mares ever bred by the Polish private breeders, the exquisite grey EKSTERN 1994 daughter, EKSTERNA 2005, the dam of 2020 Polish National Gold Champion Senior Stallion, EMPOWER 2015 (by WH Justice 1999). What is more, EMANACJA produced valuable

progeny when crossed with various stallions; with WOJSŁAW 1986 she gave the electrifying grey EMANOR 1993, 1998 Polish National Champion Senior Stallion, 1999 US National Champion Senior Stallion and 1999 Canadian National Reserve Champion Senior Stallion who also won many titles in English Pleasure and Park Horse divisions. With MONOGRAMM, she produced three fantastic fillies: EMBELLA 1995, sold at the 2003 Pride of Poland for the record price of 140 000 EUR, ESPADRILLA 1997, two times Polish National Reserve Champion Senior Mare and a valuable broodmare for her home stud and, last but not least, EMPIRYKA 1998, 2000 Białka Junior Spring Show Reserve Champion

Junior Filly. Yet probably the most valuable of all EMANACJA's daughters was the snow-white EMANDA 1996 (by Ecaho 1990), 1998 Polish National Reserve Champion Junior Filly, 1998 All Nations Cup Champion Junior Filly, 2001 All Nations Cup Reserve Champion Senior Mare, 2001 European Reserve Champion Senior Mare, 2001 World Champion Senior Mare and twice Polish National Reserve Champion Senior Mare in 2003 and 2006. Still, even being named a World Champion would not count as EMANDA's greatest achievement. Her biggest success was her 2004 delightful daughter by GAZAL AL SHAQAB, the enchantingly beautiful EMANDORIA. EMANDORIA is the one



Emira (Laheeb x Embra)  
Photo by Elisa Grassi



Embra (Monogramm x Emilda) Aachen 2006  
Photo by Erwin Escher



Emmona (Monogramm x Emilda)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Emmona (Monogramm x Emilda)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



El Saghira (Galba x Emira) - Aachen 2012  
Photo by Erwin Escher



Espadrilla (Monogramm x Emanacja)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda





Espadrilla at the age of 23  
Photo by Karolina Misztal



Emanda (Ecaho x Emanacja)  
Photo by Erwin Escher



Emanda (Ecaho x Emanacja)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Emanda (Ecaho x Emanacja)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Emandoria as a two-year-old in Białka  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Emandoria (Gazal Al Shaqab x Emanda) - Aachen 2013  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Emandoria (Gazal Al Shaqab x Emanda) - Paris 2013  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda

that surpassed EL DORADA's accomplishments in the showring, as she stood on the podium of most prestigious shows not once but several times. In Europe, as a junior filly, she was named 2005 and 2006 Polish National Reserve Champion, 2005 European Reserve Champion, 2005 World Champion and 2006 European

Champion. Then, leased to the USA, EMANDORIA became 2007 US National Champion Junior Filly and 2009 Arabian Breeders World Cup Champion Senior Mare but it was just the beginning of her success as a senior mare. In 2009, she was named Polish National Champion and Best in Show, All Nations Cup Silver

Champion, European Bronze Champion and World Bronze Champion and only a year later she surpassed her own success, becoming All Nations Cup Gold Champion, European Gold Champion and World Silver Champion Senior Mare. After a short break, she came back to the showring in 2013, achieving even more as PSAIAHF Bronze Champion, Abu Dhabi International Gold Champion, DIAHC Gold Champion, All Nations Cup Gold Champion, European Gold Champion and World Gold Champion Senior Mare. A year later, she again won the title of DIAHC Gold Champion Senior Mare and paused on her path to glory until 2018, when she became Gold Champion Senior Mare in Dubai and Sharjah. The crowning achievement in EMANDORIA's show career was the title of World Platinum Champion Senior Mare in Paris in 2018, which together with the other titles makes her one of the most highly decorated mares in the history of the Arabian breed. As the authentic ambassador of the Arabian horse, she was also the recipient of the 2016 WAHO trophy. With mares as successful as EMANDORIA, the breeders have high expectations when it comes to the quality of their progeny. It must be said that EMANDORIA did not disappoint, producing a very successful sire, EMERALD J 2010 (by QR Marc 2005), for Christine Jamar of Jadem Arabians in Belgium, as well as a few superb daughters who themselves became valuable broodmares for Michałów Stud. An excellent example is the EDEN C 2005



Emarella (Sahm El Arab x Emandorella) - photo by Ewa Imelska-Hebda



Emandilla (Om El Shahmaan x Espadrilla)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda

daughter, EMANDORELLA 2012, the dam of EMARELLA 2018 (by Sahm El Arab 2013), 2021 Qatari National Gold Champion Junior Filly, or the full sister to EMERALD J, ESMERALDIA 2013, the dam of EL ESMERA 2018 (also by Sahm El Arab), 2021 European Gold Champion Junior Filly, just recently crowned 2022 Polish National Gold Champion Senior Mare and Best in Show in Janów Podlaski. These two sensational young mares are the sixth generation of the champion making family, started by EMIGRACJA. While only considering numbers, EMANDA mostly produced stallions that played a minimal role in breeding, however when she produced a mare, the result was no less than spectacular. Her

other daughter by ABHA QATAR 2007, the phenomenal flea - bitten EMANDORISSA 2012, was not only a winner in the show arena, proudly wearing the rosettes of 2020 Polish National Silver Champion and 2020 European Silver Champion Senior Mare but she also fetched the record price at the 2021 Pride of Poland sale, bringing 450 000 EUR to her maternal stud in Michałów. The last daughter of EMANACJA was EL EMEERA 2002, sired by the undefeated multi-champion EKSTERN. Although she did not end up in the show winners circle, she was a valuable addition to the Michałów broodmare band as the dam of EL MEDARA 2013 and EL LARINERA 2014. EL MEDARA, a fantastic flea-

bitten daughter of SHANGHAI EA produced the gorgeous grey EL MEDIDA 2019 (by Morion), 2020 Białka Junior Spring Show Gold Champion Yearling Filly, 2021 Białka Junior Spring Show Gold Champion Junior Filly and Best in Show, 2021 European Bronze Champion Junior Filly and 2022 Polish National Gold Champion Junior Filly, while the beautiful bay EL LARINERA, one of the best daughters of the recently deceased EMPIRE, is the dam of EL BRILLO 2020 (by Morion), this year's Gold Champion Junior Colt and Best Male at the Białka Junior Spring Show, recently also named Polish National Silver Champion Junior Colt in Janów Podlaski.



Emandorissa (Abha Qatar x Emanda)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Esmeraldia (QR Marc x Emandoria)  
Photo by Glenn Jacobs



El Medida (Morion x El Medara)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



El Esmera (Sahm El Arab x Esmeraldia)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Ignacy Jaworowski with Estarta  
Photo by Rik van Lent



Estarta (Gadir x Estancja)  
Photo by Anette Mattsson



Egzonera (Monogramm x Egzotyka)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Emocja (Monogramm x Emigracja)  
Photo by Sywia Itenda



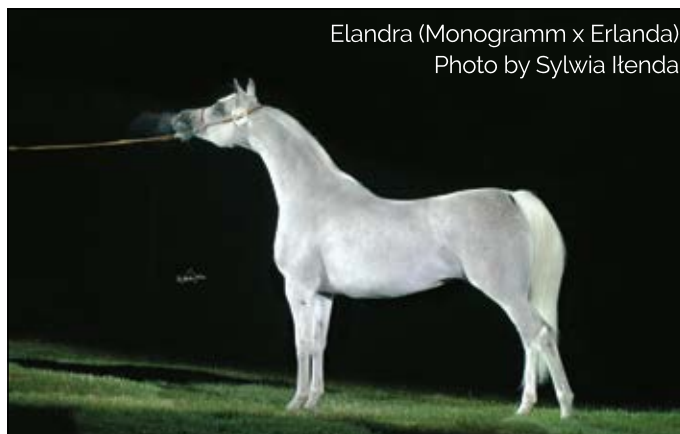
Estebna (Nabor x Estokada)



Emisja (Carycyn x Espada)



Ejrene (Gazal Al Shaqab x Emocja)  
Photo by Stuart Vesty



Elandra (Monogramm x Erlanda)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Ekliptyka with Equator  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda

Another crossing of EUKALIPTUS with EMIGRACJA produced the fabulous ERLANDA 1990, 1994 International Champion Senior Mare and Best in Show in Babolna as well as 1995 Polish National Reserve Champion Senior Mare. Her only progeny was the painting-like precious ELANDRA 1995 (by Monogramm), sold to the USA for the record price of the 2005 Pride of Poland auction, 290 000 EUR. She surely made her new owner happy by becoming Scottsdale Champion Senior Mare and US National Reserve Champion Senior Mare two years after the sale.

Apart from crossing well with EUKALIPTUS, EMIGRACJA also

produced valuable progeny with MONOGRAMM. This blend of priceless genes resulted in two daughters, the grey ETENTA 1994, best known as the dam of 2005 European Champion Senior Stallion, HS ETIQUETTE 1998, bred by Halsdon Arabians, and the chestnut EMOCJA 1995, widely known as the dam of the beautiful bay EJRENE 2004 (by Gazal Al Shaqab), 2007 Polish National Champion Junior Filly, 2008 and 2011 Wels International Champion Senior Mare and 2011 Polish National Silver Champion Senior Mare, sold for the record price of the 43rd Pride of Poland auction, 440 000 EUR.

Interestingly enough, not all remarkable representatives of the

MILORDKA dam line stem from EMIGRACJA, not even from ESTOKADA as a matter of fact. Two mares need to be mentioned here, ESTARDA 1990 (Gadir - Estancja / Palas) and EGZONERA 1995 (Monogramm - Egzotyka / Probat). The grey ESTARDA was born in 1990 as a result of the successful cross between the great-grandson of NABOR 1950, GADIR 1977, brought to Poland to reintroduce the precious blood of his great-grandsire, and the beautiful grey PALAS 1968 daughter ESTANCJA 1983, maternal half-sister to EMIGRACJA's dam EMISJA 1974. ESTARDA's remarkable refinement was well ahead of her time and some breeders thought she was heavily overbred. Nonetheless, she



Ekliptyka (Ekstern x Ekspozycja)  
Photo by Sywia Itenda



El Bellisima (Ascot DD x Ekliptyka)  
Photo by Glenn Jacobs

managed to secure the titles of 1991 Polish National Champion Junior Filly and 1995 European Reserve Champion Senior Mare before her premature death in 1996. ESTARDA was also one of director Ignacy Jaworowski's favourite mares. It is a shame that ESTANCJA rebred to GADIR the following year produced a stallion that later became gelding, while ESTARDA gave only two stallions before she died, yet this is the unpredictability of breeding. Without a doubt, what MONOGRAMM did for Michałów Stud could not have been predicted either. He left behind a hundred and twelve fantastic fillies and colts, of whom the grey EGZONERA is another incredible individual representing the 'E' line. Tail

female, she traces back to the second foundation mare of MILORDKA line, the grey MIECZNIK 1931 daughter ELA 1951. EGZONERA was 2005 Scottsdale Reserve Champion Senior Mare and is best known as the dam of ARIA EGZALT 2006 (by Gazal Al Shaqab), a multi-champion in the US and Canada and an extremely popular North American sire.

In the MILORDKA dam line, there are also mares that have never won a show but have still shaped the modern Arabian horse scene as highly influential broodmares. Such a priceless mare that needs to be mentioned here is the grey ERNESTYNA 1989 (Piechur – Erwina /

Palas) who tail female traces back to ESTEBNA 1961 (Nabor – Estokada / Amurath Sahib), the first horse bred in Michałów to win the European Champion title in 1973. Although ERNESTYNA produced only four foals, her firstborn son by MONOGRAMM was more than enough to consider her one of the leading broodmatrons of the Arabian breed as it was none other than the phenomenal flea-bitten EKSTERN. Undefeated as a show horse, and thus nicknamed 'King of the Ring', EKSTERN was also a supreme sire of magnificent mares, spreading his precious blood all around the world. His countless champion titles and outstanding offspring would suffice for a separate story but it is



Ernestyna (Piechur x Erwina)  
Photo by Anette Mattsson



Pianissima (Gazal Al Shaqab x Pianosa) - Paris 2013  
Photo by Sywia Itenda



Pianissima (Gazal Al Shaqab x Pianosa)  
Janów Podlaski 2012  
Photo by Sywia Itenda





Pianissima (Gazal Al Shaqab x Pianosa)  
Photo by Sywia Itenda



Pianissima (Gazal Al Shaqab x Pianosa) - photo by April Visel

enough to mention that only in 2000 he became Polish National Champion, All Nations Cup Champion, European and World Champion Senior Stallion. In 2008, EKSTERN was also awarded with the WAHO trophy for remarkable representatives of the Arabian breed, a well-deserved and adequate trophy for such a superb stallion.

One of EKSTERN's excellent daughters that represents 'E' line at her maternal stud is the captivating chestnut EKLIPTYKA 2003 (out of Ekspozycja 1992), a full sibling to the best son of EKSTERN, the grey ESPARTO 2002, who unfortunately died at the age of thirteen without leaving his heir. Tail female, EKLIPTYKA is the fourth

generation of chestnut mares and like ERNESTYNA, she traces back to the first Michałów - bred European Champion Mare, ESTEBNA. Another similarity to ERNESTYNA lies in the fact that EKLIPTYKA has never won a champion title and she will be best remembered as the dam of an excellent stallion, the multiple winner at most significant shows, the beautiful bay EQUATOR 2010 (by QR Marc). EQUATOR stood on the podium of most prestigious shows in Europe; three times in Janów Podlaski as the 2011 Polish National Bronze Champion Junior Colt, 2012 Gold Champion Junior Colt and 2014 Gold Champion Senior Stallion; four times in Aachen as the 2012 All Nations Cup Bronze Champion

Junior Colt, 2014 Bronze Champion Senior Stallion, 2015 and 2018 Silver Champion Senior Stallion; four times as a European Champion: 2012 Gold Champion Junior Colt as well as 2014, 2015 and 2018 Gold Champion Senior Stallion; six times in Paris as the 2012 World Silver Champion Junior Colt, 2014 World Bronze Champion Senior Stallion, 2015 and 2017 World Silver Champion Senior Stallion, 2018 World Gold Champion Senior Stallion and 2021 World Platinum Champion Senior Stallion. As if it was not enough for EQUATOR, he travelled to the USA where he became 2016 Scottsdale Gold Champion Senior Stallion, 2016 Arabian Breeders World Cup Gold Champion Senior Stallion and 2016 US



Pamina (Pogrom x Pianissima) - photo by Sylwia Itenda

National Silver Champion Senior Stallion. In 2018, EQUATOR competed in the Middle East, winning silver medal in Dubai and gold medal in Sharjah. It is hard to find a more spectacular show career than the one of EQUATOR and his younger maternal half-sister, EL BELLISIMA 2017 (by Ascot DD 2011), stays in his shadow for now, having won 'just' three medals, two silvers and one bronze, at the Polish Nationals.

Another very valuable Polish dam line is the famous family of SZAMRAJÓWKA, better known as the precious Janów Podlaski 'P' line. Similarly to MILORDKA, SZAMRAJÓWKA was born around 1810, yet she belonged to the

old aristocratic family of Branicki in Biata Cerkiew. Its most recognized representative, who in the recent years has become the symbol of the perfect Arabian horse, is the breathtakingly beautiful bay PIANISSIMA 2003 (Gazal Al Shaqab - Pianosa / Eukaliptus). Tail female, PIANISSIMA traces back to another highly admired mare, European and World Champion, PILARKA 1975 (Palas - Pierzga / Negativ) and further to the foundation mare PIEWICA 1953 (Priboj - Włodarka / Ofir), bred at Tersk Stud in Russia and imported to Poland to reintroduce the precious blood of this old Polish family to the state studs. The birth of PIANISSIMA in 2003 took the breeding of Arabian horses to the next level as

she became the international showing phenomenon and the inspiration for breeders around the world. Shown six times as a yearling, every time she finished the competition as the unanimous champion. She started at a national level, winning the shows in Białka, Falborek and Janów Podlaski, to later conquer the arenas of the three significant title shows, being named unanimous champion at All Nations Cup, European and World Championships, and thus capturing the European Triple Crown as a yearling filly. PIANISSIMA's impressive show career continued in the USA where she gained the title of 2006 US National Champion Junior Filly, and later in the Middle East where she became 2008



Pilar (Favor x Pipi)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Pinga (Gazal Al Shaqab x Pilar) - Moorsele 2012  
Photo by Anette Mattsson



Pinga (Gazal Al Shaqab x Pilar)  
Photo by Anette Mattsson



Pinga (Gazal Al Shaqab x Pilar) - Paris 2015  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Palmeta (Ecaho x Pilica)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Palatina (QR Marc x Palmeta)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Pascuala (Ascot DD x Palmeta)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Pascuala (Ascot DD x Palmeta)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Pepita (Ekstern x Pepesza)  
Photo by Ewa Imielska-Hebda



Piniata (Eden C x Pinga) - Polish Nationals 2015  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Pepita (Ekstern x Pepesza) - photo by Alessio Azzali

Al Khalediah International Champion Senior Mare. After her return home, PIANISSIMA continued her victorious run through the European show arenas, becoming 2008 Polish National Champion, All Nations Cup Champion, European Champion and World Champion Senior Mare, each and every time by a unanimous decision of the jury. She was the first horse in the history of the Arabian breed to be decorated with European Triple Crown, both as a junior filly and as a senior mare. She was also the first ever World Platinum Champion Mare, the title which she acquired in 2013. However, the unprecedentedly spectacular show career was not the only record established by PIANISSIMA. In 2009,

her embryo fetched 175 000 EUR at the Pride of Poland sale, the highest price paid for the right to a single embryo at a public auction as far as Arabian horses are concerned. PIANISSIMA left three daughters in Janów Podlaski to continue her incredible legacy: PIA 2009 (by Ganges 1994), PIANOVA 2011 (by Eden C) and her last foal, PAMINA 2015 (by Pogrom 2009). One of the Polish private breeders, Klikowa Arabians founded by Marek Rzepka, put a lot of effort to bring PIANISSIMA's son, PROMETEUSZ 2012 (by FA El Shawan 2005), born in the USA from an embryo and later exported to the UAE, to Poland. Not only is PROMETEUSZ the son of PIANISSIMA but he is also the paternal

half-brother to the international sensation, FA EL RASHEEM 2011. With such a precious pedigree, both state studs and private breeders set their hopes on PROMETEUSZ as a worthy successor of both his legendary sire and his one-in-a-million dam. Sadly, PIANISSIMA, like her dam PIANOSA 1998, died prematurely at the age of twelve, leaving the whole Arabian horse world in grief and sorrow.

A similar hole in the heart of all Arabian horse enthusiasts left PIANISSIMA's close cousin, PINGA 2004 (Gazal Al Shaqab – Pilar / Fawor), when she passed away at the age of seventeen while on lease to the USA. Like PIANISSIMA, she was the daughter of



Paterna (Eden C x Pinga)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Paterna (Eden C x Pinga)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Perforacja (Ernal x Pentoza)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Petula (Kahil Al Shaqab x Pinga)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda

the 2001 World Champion Stallion, GAZAL AL SHAQAB, and a great-granddaughter of the 1983 World Champion Mare, PILARKA. PINGA's dam, PILAR 1996, was the highest selling horse of the 2010 Pride of Poland auction, fetching the price of 240 000 EUR from the Qatari Al Shaqab Stud, the owner of GAZAL AL SHAQAB as well as the whole dynasty of sires stemming from this superb stallion. As a yearling filly, after a quick warm-up at the local Polish shows in Falborek and Betzyce, PINGA became

Polish National Champion Junior Filly and Best in Show, with probably the highest score in the history of the Polish National Show - 96.33 points! In 2012, she repeated her success at the Polish Nationals, this time as a senior mare, becoming Polish National Champion and Best in Show. It was just the beginning of her long and lustrous show career in the senior mares' category. In 2012, she became European Gold Champion and World Gold Champion Senior Mare and in 2015 she added the silver medal at the

All Nations Cup in Aachen and a World Platinum Champion Senior Mare title in Paris to her already impressive collection of trophies. Like PIANISSIMA, PINGA left behind three delightful daughters in her maternal stud, PINIATA 2011 and PATERNA 2012 (both by Eden C) and PETULA 2014 (by Kahil Al Shaqab 2008). In 2015, the beautiful bay PINIATA, following in her dam's footsteps, became Polish National Champion Senior Mare and Best in Show at the age of four.



Perfirka (Gazal Al Shaqab x Perforacja)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Perfirka (Gazal Al Shaqab x Perforacja)  
Photo by Sylwia Itenda

As the family of SZAMRAJÓWKA was restored with the use of a single mare, PIEWICA, all its representatives count as close cousins. So is the exquisite ECAHO daughter, PALMETA 2001, whose dam PILICA 1994 was the full sister to PINGA's dam, PILAR. 2003 Polish National Champion Junior Filly and Best in Show, 2005 European Champion Senior Mare as well as 2012 Polish National Champion Senior Mare and Best in Show, PALMETA was one of the three mares, next to her great cousins, PIANISSIMA and PINGA, to not only achieve the titles of Polish National Champion as both junior filly and senior mare, but also to receive Best in Show award in Janów Podlaski with both junior and senior champion titles. In 2015, PALMETA received the prestigious WAHO trophy for ambassadors of the Arabian breed, the award that PIANISSIMA received three years before, in 2012, and PINGA two years after, in 2017. Apart from being a highly decorated mare, PALMETA has been a prolific broodmare for Janów

Podlaski, leaving behind two chief sires, PALATINO 2006 (by Pesal) and PARIS 2014 (by Kahil Al Shaqab). The former is 2012 Polish National Champion Senior Stallion, 2013 All Nations Cup Bronze Champion Senior Stallion and 2014 European Bronze Champion Senior Stallion, while the latter has so far managed to win the titles of 2015 European Bronze Champion Yearling Colt, 2018 Polish National Silver Champion Senior Stallion, 2021 Polish National Gold Champion Senior Stallion and 2021 Gold Champion Senior Stallion at the Prague EuroCup. As far as daughters are concerned, PALMETA did not fail to leave some valuable broodmares behind, including PALABRA 2007 (by Enzo), 2008 Białka Junior Spring Show Champion Junior Filly and Best in Show as well as 2008 Polish National Champion Junior Filly, sold in 2011 at the Pride of Poland auction for 400 000 EUR to Saudi Arabia; PALATINA 2009 (by QR Marc), 2010 Białka Junior Spring Show Champion Yearling Filly, 2010

Prague InterCup Silver Champion Junior Filly, 2012 Prague InterCup Gold Champion Junior Filly and 2016 Polish National Gold Champion Senior Mare; PATRIA 2012 (by Eden C), 2013 Polish National Silver Champion Junior Filly and PASCUALA 2017 (by Ascot DD), 2019 Białka Junior Spring Show Silver Champion Junior Filly.

The SZAMRAJÓWKA family is full of record-breaking representatives such as the highest selling horse in the long history of the Polish annual auction, the phenomenal PEPITA 2005 (Ekstern – Pepesza / Eukaliptus). Sold for 1 400 000 EUR to Akmal Stud of Saudi Arabia in 2015, the mare was nicknamed 'WONDER PEPITA' by her new owner, which must have stemmed from her wonderful show record. Among others, PEPITA was named 2014 All Nations Cup Silver Champion Senior Mare, 2014 European Silver Champion Senior Mare, 2015 Polish National Gold Champion Senior Mare, 2017 Chantilly AHO World Cup Silver Champion





Pentoza at the age of 28  
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Perfinka (Esparto x Perfirka) - Janów Podlaski 2012  
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Senior Mare, 2019 Sharjah International Gold Champion Senior Mare, 2019 Dubai International Gold Champion Senior Mare, 2019 Gold Champion Senior Mare at King Abdulaziz Arabian Horse Centre Show and 2020 Gold Champion Senior Mare at Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Arabian Horse Festival. PEPITA's son PITAWAL 2013 (by Kahil Al Shaqab) has had a pretty impressive show career himself, also winning several titles: 2014 Białka Junior Spring Show Silver Champion Yearling Colt, 2014 Polish National Silver Champion Junior Colt, 2015 Białka Junior Spring Show Bronze Champion Junior Colt, 2015 Prague InterCup Bronze Champion Junior Colt, 2019 Polish National Silver Champion Senior Stallion and 2021 Silver

Champion Senior Stallion at Montefalco Arabian Summer Festival.

The closest to beating PEPITA's price record came her charismatic cousin PERFINKA 2011 (Esparto – Perfirka / Gazal Al Shaqab), bred by Białka State Stud and sold in 2020 to Al Rajhiat Stud of Saudi Arabia for 1 250 000 EUR. While PIANISSIMA, PINGA and PALMETA are all descendants of PIERZGA 1964 (Negatiw – Piewica / Priboj) through her incredible daughter PILARKA, PEPITA and PERFINKA trace back to PIEWICA via her valuable BANDOS 1964 daughter PENTODA 1970, 1983 Polish National Reserve Champion Senior Mare, whose bay daughter PENTOZA 1978 (by Ellorus 1972) was one of the foundation mares

of Białka Stud. In 1986, PENTOZA produced a flea-bitten filly by ERNAL 1975, marked with a distinct bloody shoulder. Her name was PERFORACJA 1986 and she is by far the best broodmare born in Białka in the 40-year history of the stud. Her firstborn foal, PESAL 1991 (by Partner 1970) was 1993 Polish National Champion Junior Colt, 1996 Polish National Reserve Champion Senior Stallion, 1996 All Nations Cup Reserve Champion Senior Stallion, 1997 Polish National Champion Senior Stallion and 2003 Dutch National Champion Senior Stallion. Out of seven daughters that PERFORACJA left behind, the grey PERFIRKA 2003 (by Gazal Al Shaqab) was undoubtedly the most valuable one. Sold at the 2014 Pride of Poland



Perfinka (Esparto x Perfirka)  
Photo by Javan



Perfinka (Esparto x Perfirka)  
Photo by Ewa Imielska-Hebda

auction for 220 000 EUR to Cedar Ridge Arabians in the USA, she won the title of 2016 Scottsdale Classic Champion Senior Mare. However, this significant title at a prestigious show could not compare to the accomplishments of her highly decorated daughter PERFINKA, whose show career started in 2012 with the Polish National Silver Champion Junior Filly title to further thrive in 2013, when she became All Nations Cup Gold Champion as well as European and World Silver Champion Junior Filly. As a senior mare, she also won the title of 2017 Polish National Bronze Champion Senior Mare but her biggest achievements were yet to come in the North American show arenas. Leased by the owner of her distinguished dam,

PERFINKA proudly wore the US Triple Crown in February 2020 which consisted of 2019 US National Gold Champion, 2019 Arabian Breeders World Cup Gold Champion and 2020 Scottsdale Gold Champion Senior Mare titles.

So many significant awards, titles and trophies have been mentioned here, and yet it is just a fraction of what the mares of the Polish state studs have achieved so far. No wonder that in the recent years the fascination with bewitching beauty and commanding charisma of the Polish mares have spread across the continents, reaching as far as the Middle East, the birthplace of the Arabian breed. It is no exaggeration to say that the mares

bred by Janów Podlaski, Michałów and Białka Stud to a large extent have shaped the Arabian horse as we know it today. Therefore, it is of utmost importance to preserve this priceless heritage and to protect the bewitching beauty of the Polish mares that reaches beyond borders. To be continued... ♦



Author of the article with one of the most decorated mares of our times - Emandoria  
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