

WE, WOMEN

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JULIA DOHMEN



Photographer, Breeder

My name is Julia Dohmen, I'm 32 years old and live in Germany, near the Dutch and Belgian border.

Next to my job in the office at the haulage company that my husband runs with his mother, I started my own business as a horse photographer two years ago.

I approached the world of the Arabian horse by accident at the age of nine years old. At that time I rode a Haflinger horse who moved to the farm of a small Arabian horse breeder.

It took me some time to fall in love with the Arabian horses as I was only used to ponies and the Arabians were completely different than all the other horses I have met before.

But once I realized how special the Arabians are, there was no way back.

Together with the farm owner I visited famous German stud farms like Gut Alemich, Darius Arabians and Sax Arabians and also started to attend the All Nations Cup in Aachen year after year.

From the moment on I fell in love with the Arabians, I was fascinated by everything that had to do with breeding horses.

So after school I spent hours on my computer, learning pedigrees and horse names. My computer was full of pictures from stallions and mares from around the world and within a short time, I learned a lot about bloodlines and stud farms.

I got included in the choice of stallions and the management of the mares and foals at a really young age of 12 or 13 years old.

At the age of 14 I managed the first foal birth on my own as the farm owner was on vacation on that time. In 2009 I experienced the birth of a very beautiful, straight Russian colt, that is still by my side since then. I knew very early, that one day I want to create my own breeding program.

Many years later I met one of my biggest idols in the Arabian horse world: Johanna Ullström.

It was (and still is) very helpful to have someone by

my side who is willing to share his knowledge and experiences.

I first got the chance to lease a wonderful mare and after this I bought my first broodmare Tamarine JJ (Borsalino K x Tamara LL). This was really a dream come true.

Meanwhile I take care of four horses and expect two foals in 2025, what I am very excited about.

Being rather introverted, it's not always that easy for me to get in touch with new people. I came to the Arabian horse world without knowing anyone. As the Arabian horse world is a close community where most of the people know each other for decades, I sometimes feel difficulties to find my place in the group.

But what I learned in the last years is, that it's worth to get out of my comfort zone. Once you are willing to try different things, new doors will open and new adventures will begin.

My dream is not only to become a renowned breeder but also to expand my business as an Arabian horse photographer or in another position in the Arabian horse world.

I think that you can only pursue your dream if you are willing to work hard, get out of your comfort zone and don't give up when it gets difficult.

And yes, maybe you have to work a little harder when you're a woman. As a mother of two young children, I have to be well organized even more.

It might be a long way but I am sure that keeping your focus and dedication will always pay off.

In my experience it's important to look for the right people to work with. It is always easier to work with people that share similar values than with those who don't match your energy.

I don't like being too competitive. In my opinion life gets much easier when people support each other.

When I look back, I would not be where I am today without the help of other breeders and friends.

MY MESSAGE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS OF YOUNG WOMEN IS TO FOLLOW YOUR HEART WHEREVER YOU GO. IF SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT, DON'T DO IT. STAY TRUE TO YOUR VALUES AND DON'T PRETEND TO BE SOMEONE ELSE. GET OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE AND BE BRAVE. TRAVEL AS MUCH AS YOU CAN, GET IN TOUCH WITH PEOPLE THAT INSPIRE YOU AND NEVER STOP BELIEVING IN YOURSELF. YOU GO, GIRL!

RANIA TAHA



Arabian horse lover

My name is Rania Taha, 46 years old. I have 4 children and am married to Sufian Taha. I was born and raised in the biblical village of Silwan, just south of the Old City of Jerusalem. I have 5 sisters, no boys.

Our father and mother taught us to be independent since we were children. I studied English at Al-Quds University. I work with my husband in our real state company and help my son and daughter in their tailor-made clothing project.

I will always be very grateful to the love of my life, my husband Sufian, for introducing me to this wonderful world of the Arabian horse. Being a city girl, I never thought that one day the Arabian horse would play a very important role in my life.

I was enchanted by the beauty and character of the Arabian horse.

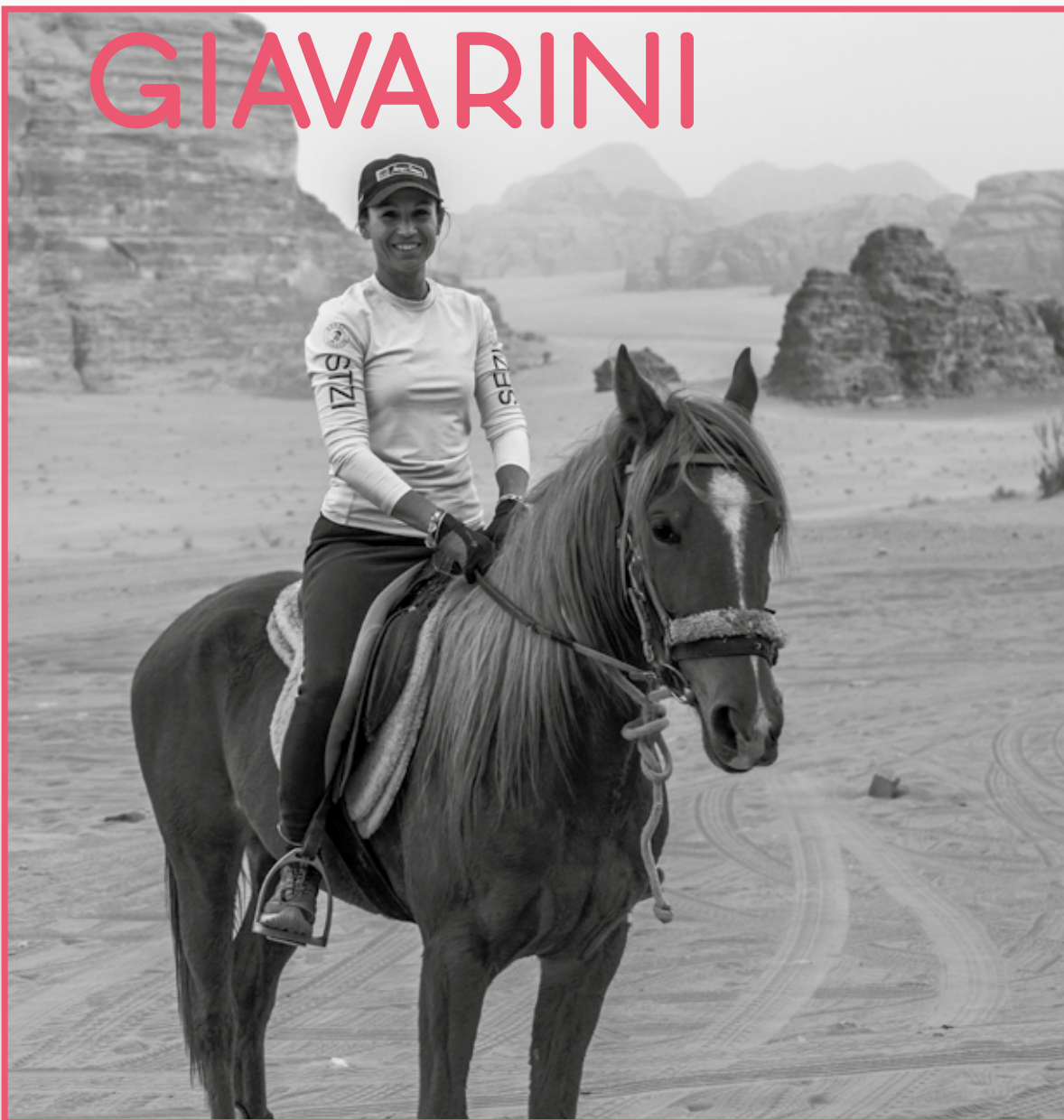
I believe that women have played a very important role throughout history especially in the Arabian Peninsula like Naseeba Bint Kaab and Khawla Bint Al Azwar 1450 years ago.

There are always challenges being an oriental woman in the Arabian horse world, but with the support of my husband I have learnt that you have to work hard to achieve your goals.

You must always be strong, patient, intelligent, caring, always listen to the advice of your friends and never think that being a woman is an obstacle to achieving your ambitions, but rather an advantage.

MY MESSAGE TO ALL WOMEN IN THIS WORLD IS TO BE STRONG, BE CALM AND ALWAYS BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. THE SKY IS THE LIMIT.

SARA GIAVARINI



Jumping and endurance rider and trainer, jockey, equestrian tour leader, horseback documentaries for Italian national television producer, equestrian journalist

My name is Sara Giavarini, born in Milan but a bit of a citizen of the world. Passionate about horses since I was a child, I earned my FISE First Level certification at the age of just 15, competing in show jumping, dressage, and eventing. Always very drawn to the world of thoroughbred horses, I then obtained a license for flat racing, maintaining this competitive spirit even today. However, my curiosity led me to try polo and compete in various endurance races. My passion for travel and horses led me to make a career shift a few years ago, founding a tour operator dedicated to equestrian tourism. Thanks to this professional journey, I began producing horseback documentaries for RAI, the Italian national television, and later obtained my journalist card, which allowed me to start creating in-depth content on equine breeds, both Olympic and non-Olympic disciplines.

I became involved in the world of Arabian horses a few years ago when I had the chance of participating for two consecutive years in a flat racing championship for Arabian horses, reserved for women, organized and sponsored by Sheikha Fatima Bint Hazza Bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Later, I had the opportunity to take part in various endurance competitions, where I was able to further appreciate the many facets of this horse.

I believe that the horse is a common denominator, a shared passion capable of bringing together

people from any background, social class, and education. When talking about horses, there is curiosity and mutual respect for the journeys of the people we meet.

I have never found difficulties in proposing myself especially when speaking about my tourism business. I have often traveled the world and recently throughout the Middle East to meet new business partners and create new travel experiences, and I haven't encountered any difficulties except for different perspectives on hospitality. For example I just have introduced Saudi Arabia into my itinerary and I am working on a combined trip that extends to Wadi Rum in Jordan.

I am persuaded that in life one must be fortunate enough to discover their own dream and pursue it with all the passion possible. This should be the purpose of our life here - the happiness of fulfilling our deepest vocation. Clarity, perseverance, and a lot of passion are the essential ingredients.

I would love it if my experience could be an inspiration to a future generation of women in this world. I consider myself incredibly lucky, but at the same time I have had the determination and drive to turn my passion for horses into something much more - a fulfilling career that allows me to do what I truly love every day.

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO ALL WOMEN, NO MATTER WHERE THEY COME FROM, IS TO ALWAYS LOOK UP, THINK BIG, AND REMEMBER THAT IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS.

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