

The Collection of



AL *S* HIRAA
ARABIANS

*Breeding Vision Coming
from
The Family Traditions*

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Based in their homeland of Abu Dhabi Al Shiraa owns farms in Europe and UAE, owing a large group of both Arabian and sport horses as the family passion started with Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan bin Zayed Al Nahyan - successful equestrian rider, descendant of the family of Zayed The First, ruler of Abu Dhabi (1840-1909), great warrior and horsemen, owner of the snow white stallion Rabdaan being so famous for his beauty and conformation that it has been mentioned in major Arabic poetry. Al Shiraa Arabians is a separate and successfully managed breeding plan of Purebred Arabian horses (with an addition of small but fancy quality Andalusians) run by His great great-granddaughter - HH Sheikha Fatima bint Hazza bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan who seems to be inspired by the family legend of Rabdaan. Looking through her collection of snowy white exotic horses recalls the family tradition without a doubt. *"Ever since I opened my eyes to the world, the love of the Arabian horse has been an indispensable part of me and my very first horse was an Arabian"* – she says. It was Polish crossed

stallion called Jazel (Posejdon x Beijing), bred by the Bautista Vich family, renamed Malaak /angel/ at his new home, who became the first true Arabian horse friend of Sheikha Fatima. *"He would go swimming with me in the ocean, and do medium level dressage and also let me ride him and gallop with him without a saddle in the track"* – she recalls – *"He restored my confidence and my trust in horses and myself. This great legacy prepared me for Eralda – my dream horse"*.

Searching for the most exotic and most beautiful Arabian horses has started to begin her Al Shiraa dream. Nowadays at the stables of Sheikha Fatima we can find some unique pearls dug out around the world – from Poland to South Africa through Western Europe and Egypt, Middle East and the US the exceptional horses have been brought to fulfill the great plan and continue the family heritage: "My vision is to pass on the legacy and dream of my grandfathers to spread the interest in the pure Arabian horse internationally." - Sheikha Fatima said in her farm introduction.

The focus seem to be, following the legend of poetry quoted Rabdaan, on collecting the eye catching grey horses and so we can find there the entitled Aja Arabella by EKS Alihandro – Gold Champion Yearling UKHIAS A level show, dam of Al Shiraa homebred champion colt Hani Al Shiraa (Fa El Rasheem x Aja Arabella) – 2021 Unanimous Spanish National Gold Champion Junior Colt and Gold at Barcelona International Show 2020, offered as a breeding stallion nowadays. Another grey champion and great producer for Al Shiraa is Nesj El Daikhima by Ajman Moniscione – European Silver Champion Mare, Silver Champion at Elran Cup, class winner in Menton, dam to beautiful grey Faaizat Al Shiraa (Fadi Al Shaqab x Nesj El Daikhima). Amongst the grey collection of champions we can not overlook the great Fahera by TS Apolo – class winner in Menton, European Championship and Top Five as well as second and Top Ten at World Championship or the lovely Ghawiat Al Shiraa (D Seraj x PF Panama/WH Justice) 2019 grey filly bred by Ajman Stud – 2021 Spanish National Silver Champion Junior Filly and second in the class in Menton (92,08) with Best Mover Junior Fillies Trophy. The collection of pearls found around the globe was also enriched by rare, grey daughter of Wadee Al Shaqab - La Dolce Dea – Gold Champion at Barcelona Arabian Cup, Silver Spanish National Champion Mare or - sired by famous Excalibur EA - Kizbe

Bernadette – Dutch National Bronze Medal Champion. Exceptional bloodlines cross example in Al Shiraa stables is grey MM Estefania by WH Justice out of Fame VF daughter, then snowy white Ghala Al Khalediah sired by F Shamaal out of the famous World Champion Mare Robin K or unique pedigree of EKS Madmoiselle by Abha Qebec out of MSA Veroniqa by Versace.

Going to non-greys at Al Shiraa we can find Jewels Temptation GA by Da Vinci FM - Bronze Champion at Vichy International Show, dam of Isabella Al Shiraa (AJ Portifino x Jewels Temptation GA) foaled 2020, grey, 2021 Bronze Champion Barcelona International Show Yearling Filly.

Some time ago Al Shiraa Arabians announced also the purchase of embryo rights to Madinat Al Baydaa - grey daughter of RFI Farid that acquired the titles of World Bronze and then World Silver champion Filly in the following years 2016 and 2017. The grey line of mares was also completed by some outstanding producers and champions themselves – the stallions kindly offered by Al Shiraa to worldwide breeders: ultra exotic Straight Egyptian multichampion and several times Best Head winner BK Latif, Mahder al Jamal – Gold Champion at Chantilly, Bruges, Wels and Prague shows, Silver in Abu Dhabi and Sharjah, the sire of exquisite outcrossed foals or AJ Sanad by AJ Mardan – Spanish National Silver Champion Stallion.

The above mentioned, grey in majority herd may took the breath of any Arabian horse breeder away but yet - the queen of Al Shiraa Arabians happened to be the bay filly purchased as a fury foal in Falborek Arabians, Poland, the filly that changed the history of Al Shiraa as well as Arabian horse showrings for ever. Enhancing with her charisma and beauty – she became Sheikha Fatima dream coming true – Eralda. Sired by World Champion and multiple winner of shows around the globe – Emerald J with the best Polish E-line of Milordka, carrying the inbred to World Champions Gazal Al Shaqab and Marwan Al Shaqab Eralda electrified and caught en eye of anyone who approached her. *“She can go from sweet and quiet filly to to a powerful individual who looks like a statue – said her trainer, David Pujalt – its very difficult to ignore her in finals”*. Indeed from the first show she started - 2017 Campeonato de Baleares she easily took Gold Champion Yearling Filly as her debut. In 2018 she continued her path to glory taking Gold Champion title at European Championship and Bronze at Abu Dhabi International Show in strong competition. The same strong competition she met next year when took Silver at Menton 2019 followed by her biggest life achievement so far – Silver Medal Champion at World Championship 2019 as a Junior Filly. Sheikha Fatima was so impressed by the new Queen of her stables that she has also purchased the two embryo rights of Eralda’s dam propopsed to her during this World Championship. One of them

- Ivala Al Shiraa born 2020 (RFI Farid x Enezja) became Silver National Yearling Filly Spanish Nationals 2021 already.

In the meantime Eralda had a chance to proven herself as a great producer – her first son born in 2019 by Fa El Rasheem – Herodotous Al Shiraa took 6th place at strong competition in Menton and is debuting as a sire while his full sister born the year later Iralda Al Shiraa was Spanish National Gold Champion and Gold at Barcelona Arabian Cup ans well as 4th placed in World Championship 2021. Another one to come was a striking filly by RFI Farid born in 2021 called Jheselle Al Shiraa and last but not least – the new baby filly born this year by RFI Unique and she is the one most her dam look alike! And while Sheikha Fatima took an artist to make a sculpture of Eralda’s beautiful head to keep her at home for ever – she decided to let her go into big world again soon. She may now return in glory as a senior mare competition at the biggest world shows. It would be exciting time to come for Al Shiraa thanks to Eralda again!

“The love for horses run through my family’s’ blood like blood runs through our veins and oxygen in our lungs.” - Sheikha Fatima says. Quoting these words I’m sure that like the history of Zayed The First is written in the Arabian culture and traditions, the next Al Shiraa bred Arabian horse generations to arrive to the showing would write the name of Al Shiraa Arabians and its owner in golden letters in Arabian horse history. □



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HANI AL SHIRAA

FA EL RASHEEM | AJA ARABELLA



AJA ARABELLA

EKS ALIHANDRO | AJA ANTALIYA



FAAIZAT AL SHIRAA

FADI AL SHAQAB | NESJ EL DAIKHIMA



NESJ EL DAIKHIMA

AJMAN MONISCIONE | NESJ EL KHIMALA

GHAWIAT AL SHIRAA

D SERAJ | PF PANAMA



FAHERA

TS APOLO | EPY





MAGIC MA CHERIE

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