Símeon Stud

t a recent seminar in Sydney, Australia, owner of Simeon Stud Marion Richmond was asked what she feels her greatest achievements have been thus far.

"Obviously the success Simeon horses in show rings and endurance races all around the world is incredibly satisfying and exciting. That said, and I truly believe this, I feel my greatest achievement is the continued production of great stallions that go on to beget their own legacies, wherever they go."

Simeon Stud is of course just as famous for the quality of the mares it produces, however there is something truly magical about the stallion roster at Simeon, and the sons this team of Arabian legends has given the world including Simeon Sharav, Simeon Sadik, Simeon Shai, Simeon Sochain, Simeon Shemini and so many more.

A world-renowned trio are what immediately springs to mind when considering stallions at Simeon – Asfour, Imperial Madaar and Anaza Bay Shahh.

Australian Champion Imperial Madaar (Imperial Madheen x Ansata Nile Mist) gave stretch, conformation and a unique charm.

Anaza Bay Shahh (Shaikh Al Badi x Bint Deena), the only surviving member of this trio continues to give black skin, amazing tear bones, beautiful bodies with excellent legs and feet.

Asfour (Malik x Hanan), the 'little bird' gave incredible movement and type, most often demonstrated by the tiny muzzles and tipped ears of his offspring. Anything by Asfour, and indeed for several generations, could fly like the proverbial bird he was named after.

Together, these three stallions have blended to create what Marion describes as the 'best horses I have ever bred".

Today Simeon Shifran (Asfour x Simeon Shavit) is heir to Asfour's throne, and with his dam Shavit a daughter of Anaza Bay Shahh and Simeon Safanad, he exhibits greater strength of body than his sire. His first foal crop is very promising, with outstanding individuals from both the Simeon mares and those recently imported from Germany. Close to half of the foals expected this season are sired by Simeon Shifran, and there is a lot of excitement at Simeon with the impending birth of these foals, including a foal from the black Simeon Shatkin (Anaza Bay Shahh x Simeon Simona), Australian Champion Simeon Salome (Asfour x Simeon Safanad) and the German import El Dahma II (Montasar x Bint Iman).

Simeon Sahron (Imperial Madaar x Simeon Setavi) takes up the reins from his sire, and also demonstrates the type and movement of his maternal grandsire, Simeon Sadik (Asfour x Simeon Safanad). In his first season, Sahron was bred to some of the studs most impressive mares including Simeon Shiraz and Ibtehag Albadeia. He has proven to add magnificent toplines and lovely eyes to his progeny. His son Simeon Shabtay from Simeon Shiraz is world class, and two of his daughters are being retained. Due to injury Simeon Sahron was not used extensively last season, but several breedings are planned for the upcoming months.

Mulayh Ibn Maareesa (Ansata Amir Zaman x Maareesa) is an exciting new addition to the team at Simeon. A tall, athletic bay, he is on lease from Germany. After importing his daughter CM Moussameh in 2010, Marion knew she had to incorporate these special old bloodlines into the program and when the chance to lease the stallion arose, she jumped at it. Such is the faith in this stallions ability as a sire, roughly the other half of Simeon's foals for this year are by him including foals from such mares as champion Simeon Se (Asfour x Simeon Seda), Simeon Salit (Asfour x Simeon Shavit) who is a full sister to Simeon Shifran and the matriarch Simeon Shuala (Simeon Shai x Ramses Tinah).

Immesmerize (Imtaarif x Bint El Mareekh) was imported to Simeon several years ago from the US, and has been a successful sire and show horse. Immesmerize has three crosses to Deena, and passes on the black skin and large, dark eyes this family is loved for. Immesmerize has been shown in Australian twice, for Champion at both events. His daughter Simeon Sara from Simeon Sibolet (Asfour x Ramses Tinah) is being retained by Simeon, and he has a son Simeon Sitvani (x Simeon Simone) in South Africa.

Anaza Bay Shahh is still in residence of course, and Simeon has recently used his son Simeon Samech (x Simeon Shuala) with great success, leaving two daughters retained for the program, including one from Simeon Salome. Still big, bay and beautiful, he is an old man these days and does not have as many foals as he once did, but his daughters are amongst the best broodmares at Simeon and they continue his legacy. His last foal is an exciting black/grey colt from Simeon Saadia (Imperial Madaar x Simeon Saada), who will be retained. This colt carries the blood of all three of Simeon's original stallions, and his damline is that of Simeon Safanad and 27 Ibn Galal V.

There are several younger stallions waiting in the wings, whose futures are yet to be determined. The last Asfour foal Simeon Shinui (x Simeon Seda) is a full brother to Simeon Se who exhibits the wonderful attributes this family is famous for; Simeon Sadakah (Asfour x Simeon Saada) is double Asfour and is a moving machine; Simeon Savorai (Asfour x Simeon Shavit) is a full brother to Simeon Shifran who, unlike his charcoal grey older brother, is almost pure white already and finally the aforementioned Simeon Shabtay, the son of Simeon Sabron and Simeon Shifran who looks set to be a show ring super star. While their futures are yet to be determined, these colts will set the world on fire for their new owners, wherever they may land. At home, the future of Simeon Stud looks set to be as exciting and inspiring as ever, continuing to be one of the world's premiere breeders of Straight Egyptian Arabian horses.

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CM Moussameh (Mulayh Ibn Mareesa x Moussah Bint Moussameh)



Simeon Shabtay (Simeon Sahron x Simeon Shiraz)



Simeon Sa-nur (Simeon Shifran x Simeon Shavit)



Simeon Shaarin (Simeon Shifran x El Dahma II)



Simeon Salit (Asfour x Simeon Shavit) Simeon Shavit (Anaza Bay Shahh x Simeon Safanad)



Simeon Sara (Immesmerize x Simeon Sibolet)



Simeon Shinui (Asfour x Simeon Seda)



Colt (Anaza Bay Shahh x Simeon Saadia Seda)



Simeon Sahron (Imperial Madaar x Simeon Setavi)Shavit (Anaza Bay Shahh x Simeon Safanad)



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