



# Mustang's Magnum

## AUSTRALIA'S ARABIAN ARISTOCRAT

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Only rarely in the best breeding programs do the two coincide: accomplished show mare and meritorious matron. While ever the aim of the most experienced and dedicated breeders, creating and discovering those mares which can both achieve at the highest level of competition as well as contribute her best qualities with remarkable consistency to the next generation as a broodmare is a cause of great celebration. For Mulawa Arabian Stud, that convergence of greatness in both phenotype and genotype is the defining legacy of the remarkable Mustang's Magnum. Incredibly, at just ten years of age, Mustang's Magnum has rewritten the record books for the Arabian breed in Australia as both show horse and broodmatron, with nine foals of world-class quality and counting.

Born in November 2005, Mustang's Magnum was bred in

Victoria by Kay & Phil Edward of Shane Edward Arabians, respected small breeders with more than a three-decade record of success with both purebreds and Arabian derivatives. She was the first purebred foal bred by the Edwards, using the Mustang stud prefix, out of South Australian Champion Mare Sahtarah, a recent acquisition that possessed a classic Australian-blend pedigree of the best genetics available from around the world. Sahtarah's sire, the US-bred import Sahjat, was a son of the Straight Egyptian Ruminaja Bahjat, a full brother to legendary supersire Ruminaja Ali, and out of a well-bred, heavily Crabbet-influenced granddaughter of breed pillars Fadjur and Saki. Sahtarah's dam, the Forest Hill-bred Dantarah, represented strength of Polish bloodlines through Bask & Comet, Egyptian beauty through El Hilal, and substance and athleticism through the best Crabbet



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*Mustang's Magnum*  
AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF MULAWA IN SYDNEY

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IN 2009

bloodlines available Down Under. Sahtarah's ideal combination of beauty, balance, structure and performance proved the perfect cross with Mularwa's newly imported Magnum Forty Four, a son of the immortal Magnum Psyche, grandson of the equally influential Bey Shah, and a great-grandson of important Polish sire Fortel.

As a yearling, Mustang's Magnum proved indomitable, winning Champion Yearling Filly honours on her first three outings. These show ring appearances just happened to be at the National Stud Show in November, the East Coast Championships in February and the Australian National Championships in March, an achievement which made Mustang's Magnum the first yearling filly in the history of the breed to win all three of the most important shows in Australia with an undefeated record. Universally admired by a continent of adoring fans and supporters, Maggie proved to be the iconic standard of the Magnum Forty Four elite, and a sterling example of the near-ideal Arabian filly.

Phenotypically, Mustang's Magnum is impressively complete. Beautifully balanced and harmoniously proportioned, Maggie possesses a pleasing three-dimensional substance, broody capaciousness, strong smooth coupling and solid confirmation with admirable length of leg. Her strength, width and levelness of topline as well as her depth of girth, spring and arch of rib and fullness through the quarter are especially inspiring, traits reinforced from both sides of her pedigree. Her cleanliness, elegance and length of neck are distinctly Magnum Forty Four, as are those trademark eyes: luminously large, dark, round and decisively alluring. Her head is classically feminine with great width between the eyes, a prominent jibbah, a deep defined jowl, a tapering muzzle with large voluminous nostrils and distinctively dry refinement. That



regal air of charismatic confidence that defined her as a foal is still unequivocally evident as a mature broodmatron, making "Maggie" a stand-out in a paddock of exceptional mares with her extraordinary type, quality and presence.

After rewriting the record books as a yearling, Mustang's Magnum became an integral part of the rapidly expanding breeding program at Alabama, Mularwa's impressive 1500-acre breeding facility in the Upper Hunter Valley, blessing the forthcoming foal crop with two recipient-accepted embryos. Her first foal to be born in October of 2008 was a bay colt by Australian, United States & Canadian National Champion Fame Maker R. Handsome, upright, charismatic, extremely correct and athletically gifted, the promising colt was named Fames Phantom MII after fortunately surviving a disfiguring accident during a particularly fierce thunderstorm, the consequence of which were dozens of stitches across his forehead and face, resulting in the loss of his prominent star.

Gelded at three years of age to pursue a career under saddle, Fames Phantom has since gone on to become one of the most highly decorated Arabian saddle horses in Australia. Like

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AT ALABAMA IN 2014



his dam, Phantom is a National Stud Show, East Coast & Australian Champion, having earned important titles in the largest purebred performance division at each show over the last four seasons under saddle. At just four years of age, Fames Phantom won the coveted East Coast Cup for purebreds, making him one of the youngest horses ever to win this prestigious honour. Repeating as East Coast Cup Champion in 2015, Fames Phantom has earned his place in the annals of Australian show ring history as one of the most accomplished purebred performance geldings of all time.

Mustang's Magnum first filly was born later in 2008, just ten days before Christmas on the 15th of December. This stunning filly was one of the very first foals sired by four-time East Coast Champion and soon to be three-time successive Australian Champion Klass. Exactly like her dam, this filly was special from moment she hit the ground, aptly earning the imposing name Klassical Dream MII. Very much the image of her dam with the added refinement, extreme beauty, scope and style of the daughters of Klass, "Dream" entered the Mulawa show team in her yearling year. Finishing with a record of

East Coast Champion, National Stud Show Reserve Champion & Australian National Top Ten Yearling Filly, Klassical Dream showed great promise to mature into even a better show mare than her dam, as is typical with the family of Karmaa, from which her sire Klass descends. Dream returned to claim both the East Coast Champion Two Year Old Filly and Australian Champion Junior Mare titles the following year, before earning a well deserved break from the show ring to relax and mature in the spacious fields of Alabama. Returning to work as a four year old with an enthusiastic zest for life, DREAM swept the competition at the National Stud Show as Champion Senior Mare and at the East Coast Championships as Champion Junior Mare, while finishing just behind stablemate

Mulawa Aspiring as Australian Reserve Champion Senior Mare. Highly pursued by several of the leading international breeding programs, Klassical Dream was purchased in January 2014 by HRH Prince Khaled bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud of Al Khalediah Stables, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Under new ownership, Dream returned to win the most important titles of her career on home soil: East Coast Champion Senior Mare, an unprecedented fourth consecutive title, and unanimous Australian National Champion Senior Mare.

Under the Al Khalediah banner, Klassical Dream MII has conquered show rings all over the globe, winning hearts and legions of ardent admirers while earning championship titles on an astounding five continents. Her impressive list elite of achievements includes: UK International Gold Champion Senior Mare; El Jadida Gold Champion Senior Mare; West Coast Cup Gold Champion Senior Mare & Best in Show Female; as well as Dubai International Bronze Champion Senior Mare. Two of her most successful performances to date

# Klassical Dream MI

IN 2011 AT MULAWA



KLASSICAL DREAM MI  
IN 2013 AT MULAWA

KLASSICAL DREAM MI  
IN 2015 IN MENTON



have been in Menton at the All Mediterranean & Arab Countries Championships. In 2014, at her very first European show, she stunned the international crowd by besting World Champion Najdah Al Zobair in her class. A year later, Klassical Dream made a triumphant return to Menton to claim ultimate victory over all the mare competitors as Gold Champion Senior Mare & Best in Show Female, her most important show ring victory to date.

An equally stunning full sister to Klassical Dream was born two years later in November of 2010: MI Klassic Fantasy. More compact and upright than Dream, with a finer, longer and higher set neck as well as a shorter head with a more extreme dish, Fantasy followed her sister's triumph at the East Coast Championships as Champion Yearling Filly. Like Dream, Fantasy also finished a strong second behind another Mulawa female, in this case MI Harmony, as Australian

National Reserve Champion Yearling Filly. Given time to mature to blossom into the magnificent mare she will become, Klassic Fantasy entered the Mulawa breeding program as a three year old, producing her first foal by unanimous Australian & Scottsdale Champion Kavallo MI in late 2014. This enchanting filly, Fantasia MI, has extended the record-setting success of the Mustang's Magnum legacy to the second generation, winning the Junior Filly Championship at the important NSW State Titles in her show ring debut this past September.

2008 was a particularly fertile year for Mustang's Magnum, resulting in three foals born in 2009, MI Klassic Fantasy included. The remaining two were the first of three successive foals for Mustang's Magnum by unanimous Australian National Champion Guiliano. Born just two weeks apart, the bay brother and sister pair of Maximilliano and Majesta MI,

# MI Klassic Fantasy



MAXIMILLIANO



MAXIMISE MI

respectively, were raised together with MI Klassic Fantasy at Alabama until weaned. Beautifully conformed and smartly marked with an especially elegant head and a fantastic show attitude, Majesta has been both a New South Wales Arabian Futurity Sweepstakes & East Coast Champion, as well as an Australian National Top Ten Champion as a Junior & Senior Mare.

Full brother Maximilliano was the first of the Mustang's Magnum sons to be shown at halter. Big, strong and extremely flamboyant in the show ring, "Max" dazzled the crowds at both the East Coast Championships and the Australian Championships to earn the titles of Champion Yearling Colt on both occasions. A powerful mover with commanding presence, Maximilliano has since earned the titles of Victorian Classic Junior & Senior Champion Stallion, as well as unanimous Australian National Champion Junior Stallion. In 2015,



MONARQUE MI

# Magnum Forty Four

SIRE OF MUSTANG'S MAGNUM



*Maximilliano became the first horse ever to win all three age divisions at the Australian National Championships, winning the Senior Stallion title in a unanimous decision. Most poignantly, Maximilliano now competes for Kay & Phil Edward under the banner of Shane Edward Arabians, the proud breeders of Mustang's Magnum and unabashedly her greatest fans.*

*Maxilliano's look-alike full brother, Maximise MI, affectionately known as "Little Max", was born in 2011. More elegant and refined than his brother at the same age, Maximise proved himself a champion on his very first outing as National Stud Show Champion Yearling Colt. He finished that season just behind another Mularwa superstar, Kavalle MI, as Australian National Reserve Champion Yearling Colt. This next season as an improved and imposing two year-old, Maximise earned the titles of National Stud Show Reserve Junior Champion Stallion behind stablemate Konquest MI, East Coast Champion Two Year Old Colt, and Australian Reserve Champion Junior Stallion behind full brother Maximilliano. This accomplishment of full brothers winning Australian National Champion & Reserve National Champion honours in the same division together in the same year is an industry first, yet another show ring record for Mustang's Magnum, albeit one earned more importantly as a broodmare.*

*As for production records, the long list of unprecedented accomplishments for Mustang's Magnum just begins with the double Australian National Championship wins for*

*Maximilliano and Maximise MI. At the same Australian Championships in 2014, Mustang's Magnum was represented by four progeny. Most impressively, all four earned a major Australian National Championship title: Klassical Dream MI as unanimous Champion Senior Mare, Fames Phantom MI as Champion Arabian Gelding Under Saddle, Maximilliano as unanimous Champion Junior Stallion and Maximise MI just behind as Reserve Champion Junior Stallion. Given that both Max brothers were competing in the same division, no better result than that achieved by the four Mustang's Magnum progeny at the show could be realized: three Australian Championships and one Reserve, a show and industry first for Australia. Her record as a dam of champions at the East Coast Championships is especially profound. Her eldest daughter Klassical Dream Mi holds the distinction of being the only mare in the history of the show to have won all four halter divisions with an undefeated record. In 2014, Klassical Dream MI, Maximilliano & Maximise MI all earned East Coast Champion honours, marking the first time ever for a mare to have produced three purebred halter champions in the same year. In 2012, Mustang's Magnum achieved another East Coast first as the dam of both the champion yearling filly and yearling colt, MI Klassic Fantasy and Maximilliano, respectively. At just ten years of age with her eldest foals just six years old, Mustang's Magnum has produced champions in every Australian – yearling, junior & senior – and East Coast – yearling, two-year old, junior & senior – halter division as*



# Klass

SIRE OF KLASSICAL DREAM MI,  
MI KLASSIC FANTASY & KOMMAND MI

well as major performance champions at both shows. Most astonishingly, the first six Mustang's Magnum produce were all shown at the highest level of competition and ALL achieved championship honours in Australia: a perfect production record for a mare just on the cusp of her second decade of life. In total, the six produce of Mustang's Magnum that have thus far been shown have earned 45 titles at the three major shows in Australia, including six Australian Championships, five Australian Reserve Championships, six National Stud Show Championships, three National Stud Show Reserve Championships and an amazing twelve East Coast Championships. With Klassical Dream's multitude of accolades collected on five continents, Mustang's Magnum can now boast show ring influence in six countries outside of Australia – Belgium, France, Morocco, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates & the United States.

The latest additions to Mustang's Magnum constellation

of stars are Monarque MI, a September 2013 bay colt by Marwan Al Shaqab, and Kommand MI, the first full brother to Klassical Dream MI & MI Klassic Fantasy born in October of 2014. Both young stallions are brimming with potential as show horses and sires of extraordinary merit, both promising to contribute further glory to the unrivaled record of their incomparable dam. Safely back in foal for late 2015 to Klass, the sire with whom she has created her most universally esteemed success, Mustang's Magnum is in line to produce her ninth foal of merit at just ten years of age under Mularwa ownership.

In the arduous pursuit of Arabian horse breeding, the seasoned breeder knows that greatness can only originate from quality that can be both assessed phenotypically and inherited genotypically. In the case of Mustang's Magnum, the greatness she is just beginning to create, most astoundingly over the course of the past decade, stands to globally impact the breed positively and profoundly for decades yet to come... □

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