



## "Colossal we come, these renegades in the ring, Where the lost get found in the *crown of the king.*"

- Lyrics from The Greatest Showman soundtrack







## Berlin MP THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

By Evie Tubbs Sweeney

t's a moment where colorful prisms of possibility dance off his electric, snow-white body, when the impossible comes true. In America, his journey has become the Greatest Show. And should it make its way overseas, his performance will mesmerize you as well.

It's not simply his underdog story – born to the small program of a wildly passionate third-generation Arabian horse breeder from lowa – that has inspired hundreds of small breeders to want to breed again.

It's not his thundering, show-stopping ring performances, where arenas housing an array of competitors somehow withers down into a runway for just one.

It's not even his whole-package beauty that steals glances of both the halter and performance enthusiasts... a "whole horse," as many have called him.

No, what has people stirring is what he brings to the table as a sire in this breed – right here, right now. His ability as a sire is on point, producing one exotic baby after another, no matter who he's crossed with. Which brings us to our second, and perhaps most important value as a sire of today. In the midst of our shrinking gene pool dilemma, this horse offers a unique and distinctive pedigree that – without the blood of powerhouses like Marwan Al Shaqab and WH Justice – makes him especially appealing to the masses.

His siring saga will be his final encore yet has already begun.

So, tell me, do you wanna go to the Greatest Show? Let us give you a sneak peek.

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### OPENING SCENE

Mindy Peter's phone rings inside her Indaiatuba hotel room.

"Baraka [MP] foaled this morning," said Janina Merz, noted breeder and owner of the historic Om El Arab. Foaling duty had been outsourced to Janina's capable hands while Mindy judged the Brazilian Nationals. "She gave you a colt."

Janina paused, then said, "I think he's going to be a stallion, Mindy."

The young colt's sensational qualities as a weanling ebbed and flowed as a gangly youth. But Mindy knew more was coming.

"He was always beautiful," she said. "He always felt different."

Berlin MP grew up at Mindy's farm in Santa Ynez unfolding and blooming into his purest self... largely unnoticed by the bustling world around him.



#### In The Words of Breeders

"Not unexpectedly, I have very definite opinions regarding the path of the Arabian horse and its abounding pedigrees, as well as 'looks' that fall well within the standard, but are liable of being lost as 'unfashionable.' They are focused on one or two exceptional features, to the detriment of the rest. The breed standard is this: "The ideal Arabian horse is complete, balanced, and harmonious..." Berlin MP has a part to play in realizing my vision of the future of the Arabian horse."

#### - QUENTIN NAYLOR

"I first saw Berlin in Scottsdale at Sandro Pinha's Open House. Berlin was exactly the type of horse I'd been searching for to breed our mares to. He has the most beautiful big black eyes and dishy head, with a long, clean neck and lots of motion. I believe he will improve any mare he breeds. I also love his pedigree. We are breeding four mares to him this year."

#### - ROLAND WILLIAMS (GREEN PASTURES ARABIANS)

"Finally, we have a horse that, at least in America, can play in both arenas: Halter & Performance. I haven't felt excitement about a young stallion like this in years. He shows himself in the show ring. Berlin MP is a complete horse. He displays extreme Arabian type, but is also very athletic, tall, and elegant. I absolutely adore his mother, who is, I believe, the key to this horse. And with no Marwan at all, a lot of breeders see him as the answer they need as an outcross. I have no doubt the world will be looking for this horse soon.

#### - SANDRO PINHA (ARABIANS INTERNATIONAL)

"Certainly a horse to keep your eye on if you aiready consider his beautiful dam, Baraka MP. When I first saw Baraka presented at The Arabian Foal Festival, the race was on to make a lease deal with Mindy (Peters). It was accomplished, and Baraka produced for us the elder sister of Berlin MP, named Sweira Aljassimya. An exceptional typey bay championed as a yearing the Gold title in Menton. Berlin has the advantage to Sweira... he is grey... homozygous grey, in fact! Further, he has an excellent balance, good length of leg, and a snorting showy attitude. When I had the pleasure of judging him at the World Cup in 2021, there wasn't anyone competing with him for gold... the other judges thought the same. As a breeding horse, his first foals seem interesting... foals of the kind that make you think, 'Let's try him out and see where this brings us because this is interesting." I'm happy to say we will breed a few mares this year to him and wait with anticipation. I think Berlin MP is at his beginning. This young stallion's story is just about to be written, and it might well be a serious Roman in the making."

#### - BART VAN BUGGENHOUT (ALJASSIMYA FARMS)

"Every foal born at Om El Arab under our care remains special to us. To see Berlin MP – a horse who took his first breaths in our foaling stall – blossom into the individual he is today makes me feel as proud as if he were my own! Furthermore, I can't help but feel an attachment because of the deep Om El Arab blood in his tail female line. I can see so much of Om El Beneera (his great grand dam) in him! He is an outstanding breeding stallion whose influence is only beginning. I have no doubt his story will be as formidable as he."

Janina Merz, Om El Arab

- JANINA MERZ (OM EL ARAB)

# STAGE THE SETTING ä CENE

By the time he was three, Berlin's brilliance – previously only peeking out from behind his youthful cloak – now radiated. His team made what, to some, may have appeared a slightly risky, last-minute decision to unveil Berlin at the 2021 Arabian Breeders World Cup. But they knew his time had come. As Berlin walked off Mindy's humble two-horse trailer – alongside massive rigs – the contrast communicated a clear message: The odds were not exactly in his favor.

Yet, when destiny authors a story, the impossible becomes possible.

Don't fight it,
it's coming for you,
running at ya. It's only
this moment, don't care
what comes after. It's
blinding, outshining
anything that you know.
Just surrender, 'cause
you're calling and
you wanna go.

Berlin didn't just steal the show... He electrified it. This massive (16+hh and growing) white marching machine – his feet barely touching the ground – with his high flagged tail, upright, elastic neck and exotic face compounded by bulging black eyes seemed to stop time.

Chatter abounded around the showgrounds. Who was this young star? Where did he come from? What just happened?



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The masses' questions eventually became answered. Berlin MP arrived at those showgrounds virtually unknown. But he loaded back onto that humble trailer as the Arabian Breeders World Cup Junior Champion Stallion. Not only that, he won his class by a staggering, unprecedented seven points. An unknown no longer, Berlin's interest as a breeding stallion skyrocketed following his dramatic World Cup win.

The following year, Berlin reentered the ring for the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show's International Stallions class, led by his current partner, Sandro Pinha. And once again, he transformed an entire class into his own show. The curtain dropped, and when he was named Supreme Gold Champion Senior Stallion (and still only three by his calendar birthdate), Berlin was soaked with a roar of applause not just from his team, but from every corner of the arena. His score was the highest of the entire show. It was in this moment that Berlin no longer just belonged to Mindy... he belonged to the people.

When it's covered in all the colored lights.
Where the runaways are running the night.
Impossible comes true, intoxicating you.
This is the Greatest Show!



SCENE 3: THE EVOLUTION OF A HISTORIC BREEDING STALLION



At a time when Arabian horse breeding is experiencing the pain of steep decline, it is momentous and noteworthy when people are inspired to breed again merely by their moving experience within the presence of a particular horse.

Berlin MP is responsible for creating these stirring moments. His popularity is palpable – the horse bred over 100 mares this past year as just a four-year-old – and, like all young celebrities, he truly enjoys a worldwide fan base that is growing by the day.



Think about something for a moment if you will. Recall some of the greatest horses of our past that you were fortunate enough to see in the flesh. Remember their unmistakable brilliance, their magnetic energy that you could physically feel inside you? Remember pondering how much more he/she was in person than any photograph or video could convey?

Those who have seen him – experienced him – in person say the same about Berlin. Photos don't relay his haunting brilliance; videos fall short of imparting his evocative energy and weighty promise of tomorrow. It's a star quality, a presence unique to other peers of his species.

Those who know, know.



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But beyond the fact that he resonates an internal sparkle, what has him turning breeders' heads is his unique pedigree, particularly in light of the breed's fearfully shrinking gene pool. A welcomed change

toward Padrons Psyche and Bey Shah in his sireline, straight Egyptian power though Alfabia Ajib, and finally the potent linebred type of Om El Arab blood in his tail female line, Berlin is a rare individual without a stitch of Marwan Al Shaqab or WH Justice blood cursing through his veins.

Even more, Berlin is allowing the mares to come through while still stamping them with beautiful faces, refined muzzles, size, and motion to win on the world stage in Europe and the Middle East. Additionally, he's also passing on (and often correcting) upright necks and shoulders that set up his progeny for second careers in performance, should their owners choose that route.

The presence. The package. The pedigree. It's an authoritative trifecta of powerhouse factors that has rapidly thrust Berlin MP into the top echelon of world breeding stallions almost overnight.

And his offerings have reached the ears of breeders overseas as well. Frozen semen is now available to satisfy elevated international demand.

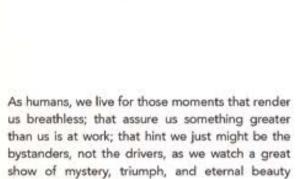


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While the world ebbs and flows, sometimes it takes the appearance of a master showman to remind us what it feels like to take a ride alongside history being written.

Berlin MP is, to many, the Greatest Showman of our day. Time will tell if he becomes one of the greatest in history. But what we do know is that his life story will continue inspire, evolve, expand, and influence the Arabian breed.

Ready to attend the Greatest Show?

flawlessly unfold before us.



#### Getting To Know Mindy Peters

Mindy's passion for breeding Arabian horses remains grounded in humble, industrious Midwestern roots. Mindy's late grandfather, Ed Brinkert, began MaRoSh Arabians (short for each of his daughters: Margo, Roxie, and Shelley) in 1957 in the comfields of Hartley, lows. By the 1980s, MaRoSh Arabians had developed into one of the largest, most active breeding programs in the state.

His daughter, Shelley, took the reins and continued the farm largely through her own individual toil. It wasn't until her niece, Mindy, was an early teen when Shelley finally had a true sidekick. The two formed a close bond as they worked the farm together, traveled to

horse shows, and divvied up the gamut of barn chores. At the same time, Mindy poured herself into absorbing pedigrees, aligned with her aunt and grandfather.

Mindy's daring journey eventually took her from the fermland of lows to the sparkling California coast. Mindy has stayed actively involved in every aspect of Arabian horses, taking her to Santa Ynez, a long stint in Hollywood, travels to Europe, the Middle East, and Brazil, and now the hub of Arabian activity in America: Scottsdale, Arizona.

Even aside from the allure of Berlin, her boutique breeding program, Mindy Peters Arabians, has become a hit factory, halling a proprietary blend of athleticism - fit for the performance ring - and the quality and type to wow on the world stages of Europe and the Middle East.

For Mindy, it's her true life's labor, and the MP Arabian is singlehandedly ushering in a new era of the Arabian horse.

Follow the continuing story of Berlin MP on Instagram (6) @MindyPetersArabian





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#### Additional Resources

Berlin's Full Story: "What the World Needs Now - The Inspirational Story of Berlin MP" Berlin's Breakout Year: "The Payoff of Persistence - A New Chapter for Mindy Peters Arabians" General Program Information: "The Story of Mindy Peters Arabians"

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