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Maysoun's Ten "Golden" Sons

ADAWI

(x Ameenah by Nijamin), sE, *1992

AUTHENTIC DAHMAN

(x Classic Dahra by Alidaar), sE, *2000

AUTHENTIC IBN NAWAAL

(x AK Nawaal by The Egyptian Prince),
sE, *1999

AUTHENTIC KHARAZI

(x Kaliya by Al Kidir), sE, *1999

F SHAMAAL

(x Saramena by Fa Ibn Sar), sE, *2000

MADRAS IBN MAYSOUN

(x Waceka by Madkour I), Es, *1999

MAHMUDI

(x Mahdeenah by Ansata Amir Zaman),
sE, *2000

MAYDAN-MADHEEN

(x Mesoudah-M by Messaoud),
sE, *1993

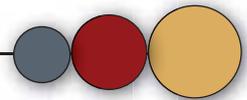
NABEEL II

(x AK Bint Nabilah by Ibn Moniet
El Nefous), sE, *1995

ORASHAAN

(x Orasha by Malik), sE, *1988

Maysoun Maysoun



(Ansata Halim Shah x Maysouna)

1985 - 2010

His Heritage Lives On

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What do the majority of the straight Egyptian horses have in common that won big in Europe and the Middle East last year? Let's find out. We'll begin with the European Championships in Italy, where the flamboyant F-Shamaal was named Senior Champion Stallion. The typey chestnut with the big dark "apple eyes" is one of the most decorated straight Egyptian show horses of his time - and a son of Maysoun.

Let's now have a look at the International Show in Sharjah. Like always, it was a tough competition but The Princess of Egypt's refinement and presence stood out and won her the title of the Reserve Senior Champion Mare. Now owned by HH Sheikh Ammar of Ajman, this highly decorated mare is a granddaughter of Maysoun. At the same show, F-Shamaal added another title to his already impressive show record and ended up as the Reserve Senior Champion Stallion.

Dominated by the phalanx of the exquisite Marwan Al Shaqab get, the judges of the International Show in Qatar saw many outstanding horses paraded in front of them. The delicate bay filly Shamaa Al Khalediah from Saudi Arabia obviously made a good impression and ultimately trotted away with the Reserve Champion title. A big success not only for the filly herself but also for her grandsire Maysoun.

At the National Show in Ajman, the snow-white Maydan-Madheen ruled the ring from the second he set foot in the arena. Elegant like a swan, he outclassed every other stallion of the show and to the delight of the audience he was announced as the Senior Champion Stallion. A deserved victory for this ultra-refined son of Maysoun.



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MAYSOUN - seventeen years old



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"Maysoun and his owner Günter Maiworm at the German Stallion Licensing in 1987"



MAYSOUN - four years old

Maysoun



MAYSOUN under saddle



The Reserve Senior Champion Stallion of the prestigious Egyptian Event Europe in Belgium was the beautiful Maysoun grandson Kamal (who also won the “most beautiful head” class) and Maysoun’s very classic granddaughter Authentic Monisa shone as the Senior Champion Mare at the German Nationals.

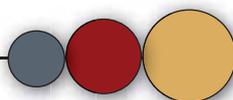
At the annual German Stallion Show in October 2009, 40 stallions came in front of the judges but just eight of them were awarded with the highly coveted “gold” medal. Among them were the straight Egyptian Maysoun sons Authentic Dahman (who is owned by Al Waab Stud in Qatar but currently on lease to his German breeder Rosemarie Kolster) and Mahmudi who helped their sire to set a new record: Maysoun is the only Arabian stallion in Germany who sired ten “golden” sons (the well-known super sire Kubinec is runner-up with eight sons).

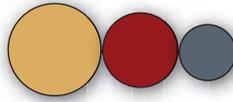
This short and rather incomplete list of champion horses at least should give you a hint of Maysoun’s enormous impact on the breed. “As Maysoun’s breeder and caretaker for nearly twenty-five years, I guess I am well aware of his ability as a sire”, muses Karin Maiworm. “But still it amazes me how many outstanding horses he has left and how successfully they bred on to further generations.” Indeed, his achievements as a show horse and sire are impressive and today his influence is felt around the globe and seems to grow stronger with every succeeding generation.

From zero to hero

When Maysoun’s sire Ansata Halim Shah (Ansata Ibn Halima x Ansata Rosetta) had been on lease to Dr. Nagel for two seasons, he was a rather obscure stallion with no record as a sire at all. When his first foals began to hit the ground in 1985, this virtually changed overnight. The Halim Shah foals looked different from anything else that had been seen in Germany before. Their refinement and distinct type almost made them a different breed within the breed and they were destined to change the face of the straight Egyptian breed in Europe forever.

Born at the Maiworm’s studfarm in 1985, Maysoun was one of Halim Shah’s first foals in Germany. His mother Maysouna (Ibn Galal x Kis Mahiba by Ibn Galal) was born at Dr. Nagel’s place and rooted back to the Moniet El Nefous daughter Mahiba (Alaa El Din x Mona), imported by him together with Hanan from El Zahraa. Mahiba was the cornerstone of Dr. Nagel’s once famous chestnut breeding program from which horses like the World Champion Stallion Sherif Pasha emerged. The Maiworm’s chestnut mare Maysouna was an incest product of the statuesque and very masculine stallion Ibn Galal (Galal x Mogha), who was her sire and maternal grandsire at the same time. Maysouna displayed all the desired features of a true Egyptian mare: Though rather small, she possessed a deep body with substance and a perfect topline, sound and very strong legs and moved as tireless as





a steamboat. In fact, when she trotted her way through the deep sand of her paddock, you easily could imagine how she would carry her Bedouin master into battle. "And to top it off she had a true-blue character, was a perfect mother for all of her nineteen (!) foals and never really needed a vet", Karin Maiworm remembers. Indeed, she personified values that some breeders seem to overlook in a broodmare today: sweet temper, longevity, fertility, and soundness of body and brain. "We always aimed to breed horses that were not only typey and correct but also should have people-loving disposition", explains Karin Maiworm. "Horses that were easy to ride and willing to perform."

Maysoun had inherited his dam's inner values and his sire's elegance and beauty. All pieces had fallen into the right places and even as a yearling which is a difficult phase for every horse, Maysoun looked perfectly balanced and was named Junior Champion Colt at the prestigious Asil Cup International in 1986. It was his first show and the beginning of a stellar career as a show horse. At the lead-shank was his proud owner, the late Günther Maiworm who showed Maysoun to all of his many titles. Günther Maiworm had a special rapport to all of his horses. He played with the youngsters in their paddocks and used to go with them for a walk into the woods for hours. All the horses at the farm followed him wherever he went. Maybe this is the reason all the Maiworm bred horses have a reputation for being notoriously sweet? Maysoun was no exception. In

fact, he was such a lovely character that he was even allowed to share the living room with his owners from time to time. "This came so natural because he always behaved like a perfect gentleman and we could rely on him in every situation", says Karin Maiworm.

Maysoun's career really gained momentum after his appearance at the annual Stallion Licensing in October 1987. I am sure that everyone who attended this show, still can remember the historic moment when Günther Maiworm and Maysoun entered the ring. Both looked totally relaxed and all of Maysoun's senses were concentrated on his owner. Even when Günther Maiworm turned him loose, Maysoun followed him around the arena like a committed dog. They played with each other in front of the judges and it was obvious that they shared a strong bond of love and respect which I had seldom seen. When they finally left the arena the audience went wild and spent thunderous applause. The late Dr. Wolfgang Cranz, then the head of the famous Marbach State Stud and member of the panel of judges, praised Maysoun for his ideal type, his very good set of neck, the textbook shoulders and his floating movement. He got an overall score of a nearly perfect nine, a score only a handful of stallions ever received before or after Maysoun.

At the end of the show, three sons of Ansata Halim Shah were awarded with a premium and Maysoun was named not only Junior Champion Colt but also Overall Champion of the show.



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AUTHENTIC DAHNA
(Nabeel II by Maysoun x Classic Dahra),
bred and owned by Rosi Kolster/Germany
German National Reserve Champion Filly 2004
Junior Champion Filly at Bábolna 2004

ADAWI
(Maysoun x Ameenah II), stallion
Awarded a gold medal at the annual German Stallion Show



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*AUTHENTIC DAHMAN
(Maysoun x Classic Dahra),
bred by Rosi Kolster/Germany, owned by Al Waab Stud/Qatar
On lease to Germany 2009 - 2010
Awarded a gold medal at the annual German Stallion Show 2009*

*AUTHENTIC MONISA
(Nabeel II by Maysoun x Monisa Halima),
bred and owned by Rosi Kolster/Germany
German National Champion Mare 2009*



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*AUTHENTIC EL MALAKUTI
(Maysoun x Mosa El Nile),
bred by Rosi Kolster/Germany*





AUTHENTIC NAFISA
(El Ahhim Shah x Autentic Nabeelah by Nabeel II by Maysoun)
 bred and owned by Rosi Kolster
 Champion Foal, European Egyptian Event 2006

AUTHENTIC IBN NAWAAL
(Maysoun x AK Nawaal),
 bred and owned by Rosi Kolster/Germany
 Awarded a gold medal at the annual German Stallion Show,
 sire of champions



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F SHAMAAL
(Maysoun x Sarameena)
 European Champion Stallion 2009
 International Champion Stallion of Egypt (twice)
 Sire of multiple champion get
 owned by Al Khalidiah Stud,
 HRH Prince Khalid bin Sultan/Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 Bred by Friedmann/Germany

It was the first time in the history of the German Stallion Licensing that the Senior Champion was beaten by the Junior Champion and therefore Maysoun really caused a furore.

Promises fulfilled

As a result many breeders sent their mares to him in the following year: Would he fulfill their expectations? Well, his two first foals were the colt Orashaan (x Orasha by Malik; bred by the Maiworms) and the filly Nil Nafoura (x Nil Nafiza by Jamil; bred by the Aeschbacher family of Switzerland), both born in 1988. At the first Egyptian Event Europe in 1989 Nil Nafiza was named Junior Champion Filly and Orashaan

emerged as the Junior Champion Colt. And this was just the beginning of Maysoun's career as a sire.

Maysoun's outer beauty won him many championships but it was his inner beauty that won him the hearts of the breeders. Over the course of his life he bred over 250 mares and was one of the most popular stallions in Germany. He sired National Champions of three different countries, and countless International and European Champions. Many of the mares he bred were rather coarse and of average quality because Karin Maiworm did not believe in selecting the mares for a breeding stallion. In her eyes a good sire was strong enough to "upgrade" the mares - or he wasn't a good sire at all. To the delight of the mare owners, Maysoun did exactly this and many of his champion get were sired out of rather mediocre mares.

Many stallions sire good quality in only one sex. Maysoun sired equally good colts and fillies - but his exquisite sons made him famous. The masculine Shahil (x Shahila by Ibn Galal) became the head sire of the now famous „La Fräsera Stud“ in Italy and put this farm on the map. The exotic Orayan (x Oraya by Messaoud) was named European Reserve Champion Stallion but tragically met an untimely death before he could be used in the breeding shed on a broader scale. One of his few straight Egyptians daughters, the lovely The Egyptian Princess gives you a hint of what might have been...

As mentioned above, Maysoun is the only stallion to sire ten "golden" sons and many of them went on to become respected sires in their own right. His first-born son Orashaan, who is still owned by Karin Maiworm, is one of his most prominent



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AUTHENTIC KHARAZI
(Maysoun x Kaliya)
 bred by Rosi Kolster/Germany
 Awarded a gold medal at the annual German Stallion Show, sire of Kamal,
 the Reserve Senior Champion of EEE 2009

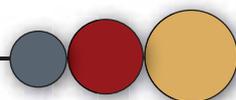


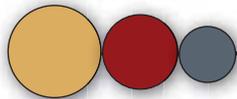
HAMASA NIYABA
(Maysoun x Nafteta), one of the most beautiful
 daughters of Maysoun, is owned by the El Thayeba Stud
 in Germany



Photo: Erwin Eschler

FRASIER MASHARA
(Shahil by Maysoun x MB Madara)
 Breeder: La Frasier, F. & S. Santoro/ Italy
 Owner: Dubai Arabian Horse Stud/ UAE
 2008 Arabesque International Festival:
 Senior Champion Mare





ones with many show titles to his credit. Like his sire, he is a wonderful riding horse and Karin Maiworm enjoys the daily outings with him. When he was on lease to Emrys Jones in Wales, he sired some very good foals, including the multi-champion Ora El Masri who now resides in the Middle East. "We were absolutely thrilled with Orashaan's foals", said Emrys Jones. "In fact, we were that much impressed that we wanted to try his sire also. Maysoun made waves when he stood at our farm in 2000. He was Supreme Champion Stallion of the Egyptian Event UK and bred 40 mares, which is awfully lot for English circumstances." Maysoun's most famous „English“ son is Qamar El Dine (x Raqqisa), who is standing at Silverdale Arabians for 2010 and is siring offspring of great potential.

One of Maysoun's greatest admirers is Rosi Kolster, owner of „Authentic Egyptian Arabians“ in Northern Germany. „I bred him to a wide variety of mares and Maysoun's distinct type and correctness of body always came through“, she says. Take the refined and typey but not very correct mare AK Nawaal (The Egyptian Prince x Dahmah Shahwaniah by Ansata Ibn Halima) and the correct but rather plain mare AK Bint Nabilahh (Ibn Moniet El Nefous x AK Nabilahh by Antar): Both presented her with ultra typey and correct colts and both Nabeel II (*1995, who now lives in Egypt) and Authentic Ibn Nawaal (*1999, who is still at Rosi's place) were awarded a „gold“ medal at the annual Stallion Show. „Later I was able

to lease Maysoun and the more I worked with him, the more I began to admire his wonderful, people-oriented disposition which really became his trademark and can be seen in all of his get and grandget“, she says. „In my eyes, Maysoun was the epitome of the classic Egyptian stallion and overshadowed every other stallion of his time. His personality was second to none and his prepotency is legendary.“ Maysoun presented Rosi not only with four (!) „golden“ sons but also with the 2007 Egyptian National Champion Stallion Authentic Shamani (x Sajida by Ansata Ibn Jamila) and the Reserve Senior Champion of the Italian Egyptian Event 2007, Authentic Khazim (x Kaliya). Is it any wonder, that Maysoun still is her hero?

The final curtain

Last January, Karin Maiworm had to make the difficult decision to put Maysoun to sleep. It was shortly before his 25th birthday. „He hardly could stand up without any help anymore“, she says. „I did not want to let him suffer, so I called the vet.“ For nearly twenty-five years, she was on his side – and now Maysoun took his last breath in her arms. The final curtain may have fallen for Maysoun but when you attend your next show in Italy, Qatar, Egypt or England you will see that his heritage lives on for generations to come. □



FRASIERA FUTURA
(Shahil by Maysoun x Ansata Nefer Isis)
Breeder & Owner: La Frasiera, F. & S. Santoro/ Italy



SHAHIL
(Maysoun x Shahila)
Bred by Maiworm, owned by La Frasiera Stud/Italy
Sire of Champions, National Champion of Italy,
Senior Champion Stallion, Egyptian Event USA

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*MAYDAN-MADHEEN
(Maysoun x Mesaoudah-M)
Breeder: Prof Paufler/Germany
Owner: Al Zobair Stud/Sharjah*

*MAIWORM
Karin Maiworm, breeder of Maysoun, together with Dr. Nagel
(breeder of Maysoun's dam) at the All Nations Cup 2006 where Maysoun
was awarded the WAHO Trophy.
Right: Maysoun's son Maydan-Madheen*



Photo: Joanna Jontentz



*ORASHAAN
(Maysoun x Orasha)
bred and owned by Karin Maiworm
Maysoun's first-born foal and one of his most successful sons*

Photo: Erwin Escher



*THE PRINCESS OF EGYPT
(Orayan by Maysoun x Shahneekha)
Breeder: Horst Preuss/ Germany
Owner: Ajman Stud,
HH Sheikh Ammar bin Humaid Al Nuaimi/ Ajman
Reserve Champion Mare, Sharjah
International A Show 2009*

