

Kamal

Coloring Outside the Lines

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The Norwegian-bred multi-champion halter stallion Kamal, sired by Authentic Kharazi and out of Shaula, recently landed in Israel where he will spend the next two breeding seasons at Ariela Arabians. He will be joining the impressive Ariela stallion line-up which includes the highly respected homebred stallions Laheeb and Al Maraam, and the junior stallion Al Ayal AA, who will return home from Ajman Stud in early spring 2012.

The eight-year old Kamal was bred by Svensrud Arabians in Norway and has an enviable show record. This includes a long list of titles won throughout Europe, including the National Championships in Norway, championships at major shows in Britain, and 2009 and 2011 Egyptian Event Europe Silver Champion Stallion; in 2011 he won his age class with the great score of 93.5 points.



The Ariela team believes that Kamal's exceptional genetic heritage is the reason behind his show ring success. Kamal's sire, the highly-respected Authentic Kharazi, is a gold medal winner at the German Stallion Licensing as well as a multi-champion in Europe. Kharazi is a direct son of the superb sire Maysoun (Ansata Halim Shah x Maysouna), the only stallion in Germany to sire ten sons who won gold medals at the German Stallion Licensing. Included among them are the renowned Maydan-Madheen, F Shamaal, Authentic Dahman, and Orashaan. Maysoun was a leading son of the legendary Ansata Halim Shah, the American-bred Egyptian Arabian who spent just eighteen months in Germany but was almost solely responsible for a dramatic change in the entire direction of European Arabian horse breeding. Kharazi's dam Kaliya (Al Kidir x Kaythara Halima) was 2000 Egyptian Event Europe Reserve Champion Mare and carries close up blood to the international sires The Egyptian Prince, Ibn Moniet el Nefous, and Ansata Ibn Halima.

Kamal is out of the lovely Shaula, sired by the double Kaisoon grandson Zahi Ibn Maymoon, and she carries several lines tracing to valuable German foundation horses, many of whose bloodlines are increasingly difficult to come by these days. These early foundation animals can be likened to 'buried treasure' and especially contribute to Kamal's great athleticism and beautiful fluid movement. Shaula's dam Faranah is by the double Bint Kamla grandson Nizam (Shaarawi x Nazeema) who served as a foundation stallion in the Ariela program some decades ago, and brings forward the blood of both influential broodmare sire Alaa El Din and the very important Hadban Enzahi mare Kamla. Like the majority of modern Egyptian stallions, Kamal's pedigree shows strong linebreeding to Nazeer; in his case these lines trace through many different sons, serving to broaden rather than limit the genetic possibilities.





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AUTHENTIC KHARAZI x SHAULA by ZAH I BN MAYMOON

Ariela's Chen Kedar likes the fact that Kamal's dam Shaula carries the very same tail-female line as Ariela's legendary foundation mare, The Vision HG, and wonders what might be created by doubling up on this blood. Both The Vision and Shaula trace back to the prolific Egyptian broodmare El Ameera (Nazeer x Zaafarana), a foundation mare for the Al Badeia Stud near Cairo, and full sister to the important American imports Talal and Ansata Bint Zaafarana. Zaafarana is a direct tail-female descendant of the extremely influential Saklawi Jedraniyah Egyptian root mare, Radia.

Although to date Kamal has currently sired only a few foals, the Ariela team find his potential genetic contribution at least as impressive as his sterling show record. "Today's straight Egyptian gene pool is very limited, and the majority of modern breeders seem to stick with what is safe and comfortable and almost everyone ends up using the same proven popular horses", Chen explains.





Kamal at Egyptian Event 2011

2004 : Norwegian National Champion Colt and “Best in Show”

*2005 : 2nd place at the Egyptian Event Europe
and Most classic head Champion at the Egyptian Event Europe*

2008 : Gold Champion at the Norwegian Nationals and “Best Norwegian Bred”

*2009 : 1st place at the International B Show, Strohen - Germany and Silver Champion
Stallion at the Egyptian Event Europe - Most classic head Champion at the
Egyptian Event Europe*

*2010 : Bronze Champion Stallion at the Liverpool Spring Show, UK and Silver Champion
stallion at the Hocon C International Show, UK*

2011 : Silver Champion Stallion at the Egyptian Event Europe



"All over the world, within Egyptian breeding one sees the very same horses and mostly the same bloodlines. It's almost like when we were children in kindergarden and were taught to color within the lines. Using a horse like Kamal is making a choice to color 'outside the lines' and utilize valuable lesser known bloodlines which, if we are not careful, might soon disappear forever."

"Perhaps it is no mere coincidence that we first saw Kamal at the very same time that we first set eyes on Al Ayad. This was at the Egyptian Event at Baden Baden in 2005, when we watched Kamal take Second Place in his age class behind

twice World Champion Royal Colours. We were so impressed with his classic head and beautiful movement that we have been closely following him ever since. I also remember being very impressed with Kaliya, his granddam through Kharazi, who we first saw at the Egyptian Event at Kauber Platte back in 2000. We felt that she was an exceptionally lovely mare, and recall that she moved just like a Russian horse. Following the Baden Baden show we leased Al Ayad, a horse who had yet to sire his first foal, on the basis of his rare Old German pedigree and our feeling that he would fit well with our mares."



Ayad proved an incredible sire for Ariela, siring offspring of world class quality including Baha AA (x Baraqai AA), 2011 Israel Gold Champion Colt; Nashwah AA (x Insha Sha Latifa), 2010 Gold Champion Filly at both the Egyptian Event Europe Cup and European Egyptian Event;

and Al Ayal AA (x The Vision HG), Gold Champion Colt at the 2011 Sharjah Int'l Show, the 2011 Dubai International Championships, and the 2011 Egyptian Event Europe.





Insha Sha Latifa (Ansata Selman x Naffada)





Al Hala AA (Laheeb x The Vision HG)

The first two mares that Kamal will cover in Israel are the lovely bay Insha Sha Latifa (Ansata Selman x Naffada) and the exotic grey Al Hala AA (Laheeb x The Vision HG). Each represents a different Ariela mare family and each is a proven producer in her own right. Chen is hoping that Kamal will pass on his overall type, exquisite carriage and movement, beautiful dark liquid eye and beautifully sculpted face. "With a bit of luck", she says, "who can say what might be achieved?"

"We owe a big thanks to Kamal's owner, Nena Bjerke, for her faith in us and for giving us the opportunity to lease her beloved stallion. His arrival means the start of a great adventure and a new chapter for Ariela." She grins, adding, "All we want is that Kamal should do as well as Al Ayad. We couldn't wish for anything more."