

Balance & Harmony

THE STORY OF AL BADIA ARABIAN STUD



by Joe Ferriss

In life all things in balance and harmony end up being the things we value the most, whether a fine work of art such as a Rodin sculpture, or a perfect meal of the right balance of flavors, even the finest of automobiles which never seem to be out of style.

Creating balance and harmony is a slow and patient process that requires time to learn and time to explore and this is the story of Al Badia Arabian Stud of Martin and Laurie Schmelzle in Seneca, Kansas, in the U.S. whose namesake was chosen for its simplicity. Realizing that the farm name sounded similar to the larger renowned Arabian horse breeding farm in Egypt, the Albadeia Stud of Dr. Nasr Marei, he was contacted about the name choice. Dr. Marei considered it a compliment approving of the choice and aware that it is similar sounding but not exactly the same. Yet the Albadeia Stud of Egypt would become an important ancestral contributor to the breeding program of the Schmelzles.

Laurie began riding Arabian horses at age 11 as a student of Gatewood Arabians in Florida which led to her traveling in the U.S. and Canada, showing her Supreme Legion of Merit winning gelding Windward Allmajed+//, a son of the Davenport straight desertbred stallion Aramis. Horses of this kind of athletic quality and keen intelligence were a perfect exploration for Laurie. These experiences would later lead her to riding and showing straight Egyptian Arabian horses for Willis and Immogene Flick's famed Glenglade Arabian Horse Farm. From this remarkable experience Laurie learned the intricacies of the powerful families of straight Egyptian breeding.

About same time Martin Schmelzle, living nearly 3000 miles away in California, was honing his skills in the field of Audio Engineering, a field with its own intricacies of developing the fine sense of getting things 'just right.' Martin developed an interest in Arabians, beginning with a race-bred Arabian mare named Ellipse (Pesniar x Enora) who is from the same dam line as renowned Polish sire Bad Afas, famous for his grandson Comet. From Ellipse, Martin produced the endurance winning Tychos Comet, twice a finisher in the grueling Tevis Cup and 2005 AERC National Champion in the 50 mile division.



When Laurie moved to California to continue her university studies, she met and married Martin which set the stage for a well thought-out Arabian horse breeding operation. With the patience that good choices require, they took their time seeking a small foundation of quality. Al Badia Arabian Stud is based on two key mares: Shadenn of the Anzar-Hanaa line and Ramses Effendi from the Ramses Sadaka-Ameena line.

SHADENN

A 1988 grey mare, Shadenn is a daughter of legendary Shaikh Al Badi (Morafic x Bint Maisa El Saghira), the most prolific sire line in straight Egyptian breeding. Laurie describes Shadenn as a mare with excellent legs and feet, a prominent jibbah and nice dish, large eyes, high straight tail carriage, and wonderful motion. She stands 15 hands tall and is a good-natured, animated mare. Shadenn's dam, El Sharie, was bred by Willis and Immogene Flick, sired by Ansata El Naseri, a three-quarter brother to Ansata Rosetta, dam of the celebrated sire Ansata Halim Shah. El Sharie's dam is Sharara (Kayed x Anzar), imported in 1975 by Willis Flick from the famed Albadeia Stud in Egypt.

This line from Anzar originates in the Royal Inshass Stud, the result of a gift from King Ibn Saud of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to King Farouk of Egypt, as a consequence of diplomatic visits to improve relations between the two countries. The gift was the fine grey mare Hind of the Saqlawi strain, the granddam of Anzar. Horses of this line are often very fine skinned and dry with a special elegance and beautiful facial expression.

This page: Shadenn (Shaikh Al Badi x El Sharie, by Ansata El Naseri)

Cover (l-r): Shadenn and SA Alaa Sashay (Ali Zaar x Ramses Effendi, by Prince Ibn Shaikh)



Shadenn came into the Schmelzles' life as an aged mare but she produced the exquisite Hanaa Al Badia sired by the incomparable Al Adeed Al Shaqab. Born in 2008, Hanaa Al Badia is the fulfillment of balance and harmony in the flesh and in pedigree. Her ancestry is the perfect balance of the stock of Gleannloch, Ansata and Egypt's renowned Albadeia Stud. In fact this statement can also be applied to her sire Al Adeed Al Shaqab, one of the world's most celebrated international champions and a sire very much in demand. Al Adeed Al Shaqab symbolizes the perfect balance of influence from two of Egypt's most important foundation sires because he imparts the classic look of Nazeer with the structure and powerful reaching motion of Sid Abouhom. For this reason he won universal acclaim as Salon du Cheval World Champion Stallion, US Egyptian Event Supreme Champion Stallion, and Qatari National Champion Stallion, to name a few.

Even with only one replacement daughter for Shadenn, the Schmelzles made the ideal choice in Al Adeed Al Shaqab as a male line at their farm. The success of this combination is illustrated in two much talked about mares: Nouf Al Shaqab and Laian Al Shaqab. Both are by Al Adeed Al Shaqab and from mares who trace to Sharara's full sister Nagwa. Nouf Al Shaqab has many wins including 2008 Qatar International Show, 2nd in Top 5 Yearling fillies, and 2009 Egyptian Event Europe - Gold Champion Filly. Following in her footsteps, her full sister Laian Al Shaqab went on to win 2009 Qatar International Arabian Championships - 1st Place Yearling Fillies, 2009 Egyptian Event Europe - Bronze Champion Filly, 2009 Qatar Emir's Cup Arabian Show - 1st Place Yearling Fillies, 2010 US Egyptian Event - Reserve Champion Junior Filly, 2011 Egyptian Event Europe - Silver Champion Junior Filly, 2011 US Egyptian Event - Champion Mare and Unanimous Supreme Champion Female. With this kind of proven formula, great things are in store for Hanaa Al Badia.

This page: Hanaa Al Badia (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Shadenn, by Shaikh Al Badi)





RAMSES EFFENDI

'Ramses' became a renowned name many years ago when Martin Loeber of Plum Grove Farm imported the superior Nazeer son Ramses Fayek, a stallion who appears in the pedigrees of many national winners and international champions. A horse of high quality, he also stood at stud at Albadeia Stud in Egypt prior to his importation to the U.S. The dam of Ramses Effendi, Ramses Safina, is a daughter of Ramses Fayek out of the imported mare Ramses Sadaka (Seef x Yomna) representing the Kuhaylan Rodan strain coming down from the lovely Ameenah of the Bint Rissala line. When Safina was bred to the exceptional sire Prince Ibn Shaikh (Shaikh Al Badi x RDM Maar Hala), the result was Ramses Effendi.

Ramses Effendi has proven to be a superior broodmare. Her first daughter Ramses Minx (x Thee Desperado) was the 2009 U.S. Egyptian Event Supreme Champion Mare and 2009 European Egyptian Event Reserve Supreme Champion Mare. At Al Badia Arabian Stud, Ramses Effendi is represented by 3 females: SA Alaa Sashay (Ali Zaar x Ramses Effendi), Safina Al Badia (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Ramses Effendi) and Amal Al Badia (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x SA Alaa Sashay).

SA Alaa Sashay is a 12 year old daughter of Ali Zaar, the handsome Ruminaja Ali son with a high set neck, and excellent body proportions for which this cross of Ruminaja Ali on Glorieta breeding is famous. Ali Zaar's son Ali Bayfire sired race winner Mia Bint Bayfire. Ali Zaar's full brother Ali Zafir won 2005 Reserve Champion stallion in Egyptian Event Italy and is a celebrated sire for Bebo Stud in Egypt. As Laurie describes SA Alaa Sashay, "she exemplifies the classic Arabian horse with her balance, substance, and type. She is a short coupled mare with a high set elegant neck, a kind temperament, straight tail carriage, and excellent legs. She is a good athlete and talented under saddle."

Top: Ramses Effendi (Prince Ibn Shaikh x Ramses Safina, by Ramses Fayek)

Bottom (l-r): Ramses Effendi and SA Alaa Sashay

Opposite page: SA Alaa Sashay (Ali Zaar x Ramses Effendi)







SA Alaa Sashay became an excellent candidate for breeding to Al Adeed Al Shaqab. The result was Amal Al Badia. Laurie describes her as “an animated and elegant 2008 grey mare with a high set neck of very good length.

She is well balanced with excellent legs and feet, and good motion. She shows promise as a competitive future show mare with her dynamic presence and type.” Amal Al Badia won 2009 U.S. Egyptian Event Top Ten

Yearling Fillies (3rd). While her mother SA Alaa Sashay is currently out on lease, Amal Al Badia will represent her in the breeding program.



Ramses Effendi's final daughter for Al Badia Stud is Safina Al Badia, a 2008 grey mare sired by Al Adeed Al Shaqab, making her a three-quarter sister to Amal Al Badia. Laurie describes Safina as having a short head,

expressive dark eyes, and a well balanced body with good substance. She was bred by Lyday Farms, and purchased in-utero for her line breeding potential. Safina Al Badia won 2009 U.S. Egyptian Event Top Ten Yearling

Futurity Fillies.

Opposite page: Amal Al Badia (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x SA Alaa Sashay)

This page: Safina Al Badia (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Ramses Effendi)



THE FUTURE...

The next sire of choice for the mares at Al Badia Arabian Stud is Kamal Ibn Adeed (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x NF Bint Sajha, by Ansata Hejazi), a young Al Adeed son who was 2010 U.S. Egyptian Event World Class Yearling Champion colt and Yearling Futurity Champion colt. Kamal Ibn Adeed descends from the Saklawi Jidran line of Ragaa in the Royal Inshass Stud. His dam line to Ragaa has proven to be successful internationally with winners such as Turkiya Al Rayyan, Thamraht Al Naif, and Kenz Noor to name a few. Amal Al Badia and Hanaa Al Badia will be expecting foals this year by Kamal Ibn Adeed.

Starting with a small well chosen foundation, Al Badia Arabian Stud is the result of patiently planning ideal matings that produce beautifully harmonious individuals with balance, type, quality and superior movement.

All this comes from consistent pedigrees that can maintain balance and harmony—because in all things, including Arabian horses, that is what is valued the most.

Top: Kamal Ibn Adeed (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x NF Bint Sajha, by Ansata Hejazi)

Bottom (l-r): Amal Al Badia, Hanaa Al Badia, Safina Al Badia



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