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218 Elf Layla Walayla

*"Let my legend make its way in life.
I wish it a long one"*
-Coco Chanel-

by THERESA CARDAMONE
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At 25 years old, 218 Elf Layla Walayla still glitters as the Crown Jewel of Nayla Hayek's Hanaya Stud. Her charismatic presence, feminine grace, and ethereal beauty have done nothing but deepen in her maturity. Her dry, chiseled head seems sculpted by a master's hand and she is even more refined than she was during her impressive show career. A crowd favorite, Elf's dynamic motion always brought the audience to its feet as she garnered her many honors, including being named the 1998 European Horse of the Year and Reserve World Champion Mare.

Upon retiring from competition, Elf fulfilled the promise of her pedigree by producing offspring that will carry on her legacy for many generations to come. Already the dam of United States National Champion Stallion El Nabila B when she came to Hanaya, Elf is also the mother of Spanish National Champion Stallion Hanaya Barique who is owned by HRH Teresa De Borbon. Elf's Alidaar son Hanaya Auwwali was retained to represent his dam in the Hanaya breeding program along with half sisters. It is through her daughters that Elf's family is so beautifully unfolding. And a powerful family it is. Just as Wizja did for Michalów State Stud and Ansata Bint Bukra did for Ansata, Elf has given Hanaya Stud a female line so pre-potently charged as to make her the taproot mare of a new matriarchal dynasty.

Breeders strive to get even one daughter from their precious foundation mares who can carry on their legacy in future generations. In a mind-blowing display of genetic capacity and astute breeding decisions, in 2010 Elf produced not one, but two heirloom daughters sired by two different stallions. Hanaya Elissar was the result of crossing Elf with Nader Al Jamal, a son of Ansata Sinan and the Thee Desperado daughter Savannah CC. Hanaya Elissar earned the Gold Champion Filly title at the Egyptian Cup as a two-year old before joining the broodmare band.

Foaled later that year was Hanaya Habibtee, sired by El Khaled, who is also by Ansata Sinan but out of the Shahir IASB mare, Shahirs Abriel. It was as if the perfect recipe had been repeated, with the resulting filly a mirror image of her slightly older sister. The Elf daughters are so like their mother and each other that it is sometimes difficult for visitors to tell them apart in the pasture. They have the same profile, the same neck and throat, the same gleaming white coat, the same stride, the same high-flung tail carriage. It is easy to imagine Elissar and Habibtee in harness as an ideal driving team, so perfectly are they matched!

Like a fern unfurling in the spring, Elf's family continues to expand. Last year, Hanaya Habibtee produced a daughter of her own, sired by Hanaya's exotic stallion Kenz Al Baydaa. Named Hanaya Layla, she is the "heiress apparent" and a worthy successor to her exalted grand dam. Already lightening into a sterling silver grey, she will undoubtedly carry her family's banner to many championships in the future before making her own contributions to the breeding program. From the taproot springs the tree, each branch an extension of the source. It is through Layla and her future daughters, sisters, and cousins, that the lasting legacy of 218 Elf Layla Walayla will be guaranteed.







hanaya Habibtee

by El Khaled out of 218 ELF LAYLA WALAYLA

Elf's daughter Hanaya Habibtee is sired by El Khaled (Ansata Sinan x Shahirs Abriel by Shahir IASB).

El Khaled was the 2011 Gold Champion stallion at the Frankfurt Egyptian Cup as well as the 2015 Gold Champion Stallion at the Scottsdale Egyptian Show.

Hanaya Habibtee was bred in 2014 to the Hanaya stallion Kenz Albaydaa. The resulting foal is a stunning grey filly that captured everybody's heart from the first moment. The importance of her pedigree, and the fact that she carries forward the blood of Elf were the reasons why Nayla chose Hanaya Layla as her name.



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hanaya **Layla**

by Kenz Albaydaa of HANAYA HABIBTEE





hanaya **Elissar**

by Nader El Jamal out of 218 ELF LAYLA WALAYLA

This precious daughter of Elf was the 2012 Gold Champion Filly Egyptian Cup in Frankfurt before joining the broodmare band. She is continuing the legacy of her illustrious mother through her beautiful 2016 filly by Ezz Ezzain.



A white Arabian horse is captured in a full gallop across a green field. The horse's body is sleek and muscular, with its legs extended in a powerful stride. Its mane and tail are long and flowing, catching the light. In the background, a dark wooden fence runs across the frame, and beyond that, a line of trees is visible under a bright, slightly hazy sky. The overall image has a soft, painterly quality with a warm, golden light. A small, faint circular logo is visible on the left side of the horse's body.

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She is the Crown Jewel of Hanaya. Her name means "1001 Nights", but she is known as Elf.
So very dear to Nayla, she spends her days at home with her in Switzerland. The unique Hungarian breeding on her dam's side combined with her sire Assad produced an outstanding broodmare.



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pictured above at 20 years young

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