

Marjan Albidayer

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The champion of the hearts!



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Aachen 2012 – the national anthem is played to honor a beautiful grey stallion who is named German National Champion already for the second time in his young life. With his type, his solid body, his elegance and movement he follows in the footsteps of his famous father Marajj (Marwan al Shaqab x RGA Kouress) and his beautiful mother Pustynna Droga (Laheeb x Pustynna Tarcza). His name is Marjan Albidayer and he's one of the most promising young stallions in the world today.

*Five years ago at the beautiful stables of Specifically Equine Training Center, a gorgeous polish mare gave birth to a very special colt that captured the hearts of everyone around him from the day he was born. It was soon obvious that Marjan Albidayer was a special colt with a great future ahead. His stellar pedigree and his beautiful look made him stand out from the very beginning. The promising colt is proudly bred by the well-known Albidayer Stud of **Sheikh Mohammed Bin Saud Al Qasimi** in Sharjah and was purchased as a weanling by the Marjan Syndicate of Germany. While breeders and owners were still looking for a name for their special boy, his girls at Specifically Equine Training Center had already found his nickname, that will stay with him for life: They welcomed „Roger“ aka Marjan Albidayer.*

Marjan's road to success started when he was very young. Already as a foal he was Champion at the international Casino Cup in Baden/Vienna – Austria. Just one year later he was Junior Reserve Champion Colt at the international B-show in Boario Terme/Italy, Bronze Champion Colt in Baden-Baden/Germany and he crowned his successful season with the National Champion title of Germany 2009! As a 2 year old colt Marjan rocked Italy and was Champion at the international B-show in Manerbio as well as class winner and Bronze Champion at the Fiera Cavalli in Verona. At the age of three Marjan started to compete at several A-shows. He was Champion three year old colts at the Elran Cup/Belgium, third place at the All Nations Cup in Aachen as well as TOP TEN at the World Championships in Paris against a very tough competition.

Marjan Albidayer's results in the show ring are no coincidence. A closer look at his pedigree shows that the roots for success can be found in his famous ancestors.

Marjan's father Marajj (Marwan al Shaqab x RGA Kouress) doesn't need further introduction.

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He won almost all there is to win in today's Arabian show horse world – starting with Unanimous Junior Champion Colt in Scottsdale 2005, continuing with championship titles in Ajman, Qatar, Dubai and last but not least he was World Champion in Paris. But Marajj is not only a star in the show ring, he is also famous for his beautiful offspring. Maharaja HDM (out of Yahsminah Elamal by Antar Elamal), Perugino (out of Precious by Gazal al Shaqab), Kalif OS (out of Khaleifa by Kubinec), My Fair Rose D (out of WH Marissa Rose), Nastya OS (out of AB Nastrapsy) are just some of the successful horses Marajj sired. Currently Marajj is leased to Dubai Stud to show his quality as a breeding stallion also at this special stud.

*Marjan's grandsire **Marwan al Shaqab** (out of Little Liza Fame) is most likely one of the world's most famous Arabian horses today. He was twice World Junior Champion Colt and twice US National Champion Junior Stallion and other than Marajj he also produced some high quality offspring like Marquis (2006 Dubai International Junior Champion Colt and 2006 Sharjah International Junior Champion Colt), World Champion Baanderos and the US Regional Champions and Reserve Champions Abha Myra, Star of Marwan, Marhabbah and the new upcoming breeding stallion ZT*



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German National Championships 2010

*Marwteyn. Marwan's father **Gazal al Shaqab** was World Champion with Specifically Equine Training Center himself, and is father to such famous horses as Pianissima and Magora. Marjan's granddam **RGA Kouress** is a beautiful daughter of Kowway Bey who was Champion Yearling colt at the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show in 1992, High Selling Horse at the 1993 Sotheby's Auction, Scottsdale Reserve Grand Champion Stallion, Pacific Slope Champion Stallion, US Top Ten Futurity Colt and Region 18 Champion Stallion. RGA Kouress is the center piece of the breeding herd at Markelle Arabians / USA.*

*But also Marjan's mother line is more than special. His dam **Pustynna Droga** is a snow white mare that was bred by the famous Michalow stud in Poland. She was known as a moving machine – you could hear her snort and blow from miles away – and as one of the sweetest mares you could ever imagine. Riding Pustynna was a joy as well as handling her in the show ring. Although very rarely shown, Pustynna was International champion mare at the Casino Cup in Baden/Wien and reserve champion mare in Ströben/Germany for her new owners of Albidayer Stud in 2009. She only ever scored 20 for movement, no less!*



*Pustynna's father is the straight Egyptian Imperial Imdalson **Laheeb** (out of AK Latifa). Laheeb is bred and owned by Ariela Arabians of Israel. Among his most famous offspring are World Champion Al Labab, All-Nations Cup Champion Emira and the 2007 Polish National Champion Stallion Poganin. Laheeb is Dahman Shabwan by strain and was three times National Champion of Israel. As a 2 year old in 1998 and with no foals on the ground yet, Laheeb was chosen as a chief sire at the famous National studs in Poland Michalow and Janow Podlaski for the 1999 and 2000 breeding seasons. This was the time when Laheeb was mated with a very elegant polish mare of the well-known P-line, **Pustynna Tarcza** (Pamir x Prateoria by Penitent). Tarcza is a very refined grey mare with just a few flea bitten spots. She combines the polish style with some Egyptian influence through two crosses to the Aswan-daughter Parma in her pedigree, which is the influential dam of horses like Partner and Pamir. Being a daughter of Pamir, Tarcza is half sister to such exclusive Arabians as show champion Emilda and Derby winner as well as Polish National Champion Batskaf. Tarcza's dam Pretoria is full sister to Palestra, multi-international champion in Europe and the Middle East and dam of World Reserve Champion Mare Palmira, three times Swedish National Champion Mare Prognoza, Hunter Pleasure Champion Palisada, and All Nations Cup & Polish National Class winner Palestyna, record seller at the 2004 Pride of Poland auction for 300,000 Euro.*

German National Championships 2012
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With this heritage the resulting filly of mating Pustynna Tarcza with Laheeb – Pustynna Droga – was destined to be the perfect mother for Marjan Albidayer. At the 2005 Polish Prestige Sale Pustynna Tarcza was sold to the USA, where she's currently the queen of Aldebaran Arabians.





Verona 2011
photo by Bukra Torazza



Baden, Vienna/Austria 2008
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Marjan Albidayer is what we call the “total package” for a sire in the Arabian horse world today. He has a correct body, a well shaped neck, good legs as well as the beauty and sweet temper but also the fire of a precious Arabian stallion. In 2012 he showed his tremendous quality as a show horse again. He was named champion stallion and overall Best in show at the international B-Show in Ittenwiller/France. Back in Aachen he was crowned Gold Champion Senior Stallion at the German National Championship – the second win at this prestigious show for Marjan, always perfectly shown by his longtime trainer, handler and friend Mary Lang of Specifically Equine Training Center.

And Marjan is much more than „just“ a show star. Started as a 4 year old under saddle, he is currently doing some dressage training and shows great talent for this discipline. And he is of course the favorite riding horse for Mary Lang’s 2-year old daughter Junia!

*Marjan’s course is set towards an exciting future as a sire as well. His first foals on the ground are very promising. His son **GI Raji** (out of GI Rawwa by Psyches Ambassador), bred and owned by StraightBlue Arabians of Gudrun Irtzing/Germany was already named german breeding association for arabian sporthorses (ZSAA). Family Denner of Austria is more than pleased with their colt **Al Taahir** (out of Tazizia Bint Mabadin). The Amurath stud in south of Germany is eagerly awaiting a foal by Marjan out of Amurath Dschala (by Madkours Impuls) to join Marjan’s beautiful son **Amurath Demir** (out of Amurath Diandra by Amurath Deria). Noemie Zeller of Fha Arabians in Switzerland had the joy to welcome a wonderful and very promising filly foal out of her Spanish beauty Fhamina (Arams de Pins x Nabila de Nautiac). With her refined head and enchanting attitude we will surely hear more about **Fha Faye Y Medina** in the future. For the breeding season 2013 Marjan Albidayer will stand at stud at Specifically Equine Training Center in Lauterach/Austria. He is CA-clear and SCID-free. Mary Lang invites everyone to see Marjan “live” during the Arabian Horse Sales Show at the Specifically Equine Training Center on March 17th! Mary and Marjan would love to welcome you that day – or on any other day by appointment. □*

His Progeny



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