

THE STORY OF Lumiar Amadeus



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Everybody has heard off the stallion Lumiar Amadeus, a horse that got his fame not only through his show winning offspring but mostly through his daughters that prove to be outstanding producers as well. This is his story, the story of Lumiar Amadeus.

It all started when a couple of new breeders were visiting a famous Arabian horse farm to buy a mare to start their breeding program. Once there five mares were shown, three of

them in foal to the stallion RSD Dark Victory. (RSD Dark Victory is by the legendary Bey Shah and is through him tracing back to the Mirage db sire line.) They choose just one and a few months later a high quality colt foal was born, who over the years ends up becoming a National Champion and a world-renowned stallion.

This happened in Brazil to Antonio Carlos Moraes Rego Filho and his wife Monique when visiting Haras Nossa



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Senhora de Fátima – known as the breeders of the horses that use the prefix Hafati. To establish in Rio de Janeiro the newly created Haras Lumiar (which in Portuguese means something on “illuminated”), Antonio and Monique were looking for a solid mare to start their breeding program with. One of these five mares that were presented to them was CA Sabrina (Sabal x Amurath Saratoga, by Amurath Baikal), tracing back to Murana I (branch: Soldateska). Born in the

United States in 1985, Sabrina was exported to Brazil at the age of four. Antonio & Monique decided that CA Sabrina was the one for them. On September 29th 1990, she foaled a grey colt. Its breeder named him Lumiar Amadeus. Soon its main qualities were already becoming clear: excellent movement, well balanced body, long neck and a vibrant presence.

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CA Sabrina

Lumiar Amadeus with handler Manuel Balarini when he was named Brazilian National Champion Junior Colt and Golden Champion Colt. Greg Gallun, who became his handler in the future is watching him.

Today, Lumiar Amadeus has become one of the most renowned breeding stallions in the world. In his youth, he was Brazil's all-time leading halter winner, starting with his victory at the Brazilian Nationals in 1991, presented by handler Manuel Balarini, winning the Brazilian National Junior Champion Colt (Unanimous) and also the Gold Championship, in a dispute with all the colts up to 36 months. Furthermore he was named the best junior colt of the year. He continued his impressive show career with being named Brazilian National reserve champion in 1995 and ended his show career in Brazil with earning the maximum title of 1996 Brazilian National champion stallion, presented by Greg Gallun, after being presented at the semi-final by 15 years old Rego's stepson Gabriel.





Lumiar Amadeus Brazilian National Champion Stallion.
Breeders Monique and Antonio Carlos Moares Rego (with the trophy)

As entering at the age of reproduction, Lumiar Amadeus became sought after by breeders from around the country and the first generations demonstrated that he was able to play a major role and was making a difference to the market. His first daughter was Lumiar Symphony (x Last Danse VV), exported to Prince Sultan Bin Abdul aziz, of Saudi Arabia where she made a brilliant show career. Another highlight of the first generations was Deska HJE (x Soldadeska), initially sold to Italy. She went World Champion Filly in Paris and today belongs to Ajman Stud.

Lumiar Amadeus' breeder, Antonio Rego Filho says; "to have created Lumiar Amadeus was a source of great pride for us. I think he is contributing a lot to the breeding worldwide for being a well balanced horse with a high hit rate with mares of varied kinds of blood lines. Also our other crossings of RSD Dark Victory with CA Sabrina where successful as Lumiar Balzac, who produced Lumiar Bint Balzac, was exported to Dubai Stud and Ibn Lumiar Balzac went 2011 Reserve Brazilian National Champion Senior Stallion."

It was during the Brazilian Nationals in 1999, when Amadeus catches the eye of Dixie North of North Arabians, America. "We were attending the Brazilian Nationals in 1999, when I saw a beautiful white iridescent stallion go by," Dixie tells us. "It was Lumiar Amadeus. I got my husband and we went to look at him. He had been Brazilian National Champion previously. I fell in love with him on the spot. We had never owned a stallion, so it was a huge step for us to buy

him. He had so much presence, but was gentle as a lamb. We had a lady come to see one of his foals for sale. She saw him in the stall, and fell to her knees in front of him, hugging his legs - I was astounded, as I had no idea what he may do. She was crying and saying "Thank You God, there is a perfect horse in the world." He lowered his head and nuzzled her hair. Lumiar Amadeus loved peppermints, and she sent him a bucket of peppermints every year."

Once imported to the United States, he started his show career with a unanimous win at the prestigious 1999 Scottsdale All-Arabian Horse Show. He then proceeded to the Ohio Buckeye Horse Show and was named Grand Champion Stallion. In Reno, Nevada, at the Region 3 Championships, he was the unanimous Champion Stallion and culminated his United States show career with the honor of being named a United States National Top Ten Stallion. However, his best results came out of the breeding barn. "He had some beautiful babies," Dixie tells us. "Some who had a great show career, and some of these mares are excellent producers. Lumiar's Love Song, now owned by the Bensyls has had many championships, and I love her. I think the foals were all endowed with his wonderful disposition and beautiful eyes. We still own a beautiful bay daughter of his that would do well in the show ring, but due to an injury, we have been unable to show her. Unfortunately, she is not able to carry a foal, but a sweet and loving, beautiful mare."

Also in Brazil, the demand remained strong for his daughters. Not only domestically, but also by international



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buyers. Besides the aforementioned Lumiar Symphony and Deska HJE, ten other daughters of Lumiar Amadeus were exported to different countries in the following years: Hafati Futurista (x Last Danse VV), went to United States and later to England; Fayara HVP (x Farraba HVP) was exported to Uruguay; Endyara HRO (Alisha El Jamaal x) to the United States; Karmen CT (x Dabila Nahar RMC) to Italy and then to Jordan; Iluminata HBV (x Fames Delight) to Argentina; Hafati Isabella (x Hafati Charlotte) to Uruguay; Mata Hari HY (x Kursk HG) to Italy; Lumiar Toska (x Struck By Love) to England, Lumiar Georgia (x Lumiar Khemontkha), to Denmark and more recent, the beautiful Riadin (x HE Riantka) was sold to The Riadin Partnership in Europe.

Lumiar Amadeus was exported to Halsdon Arabians, England in may 2006 where he is still resident today.

"We sold Lumiar Amadeus to England because after we

bought Padrons Psyche we were breeding our mares to him," Dixie says. "We thought that going to Shirley and Charly Watts would be a great move for him with their beautiful mares for him to breed. I must say I cried when he left. I felt a very strong bond with him, and he always was so kind to everyone. Owning our first stallion was not so bad after all. He taught us a lot with his wise ways."

At Halsdon Arabians, Lumiar Amadeus is living his well deserved life as a king, breeding their best mares and simply enjoying life. "When I was shown his video, I knew right away that Lumiar Amadeus was the stallion for us," says Shirley Watts of Halsdon Arabians. "I wanted him to give those large brilliant eyes and that unforgettable neck and body he has to his offspring. He did that and also passed on his attitude and wonderful athletic conformation."

"He is a kindly horse, friendly and very intelligent and a tremendous showman, loves to put on a lively display at the slightest invitation," Shirley continues. "When he first arri-



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ved here he jumped out of his grass paddock and took himself off for a mini tour of the immediate environs of the stud. After satisfying his curiosity he then jumped back into his paddock. He leads a happy life, I think. He goes out to grass from 8.00am and comes back to his loose box at about 4pm. He lives with five other stallions and it seems to suit him. He is very loved, a very sweet individual and respected by us. He settled well at Halsdon.”

Now resident in Europe, Lumiar Amadeus was a leading sire of champions in Brazil and has sired numerous champions in the United States. His pedigree is spotted with the great bloodlines of Polish, Egyptian, and American bree-

ding. His foals are sweeping the show rings across the world. In Europe and the Middle East, he is mostly known for his daughters, which are proving to be exceptional broodmares. Among his many champion offspring are 1999 World reserve Champion filly Deska HJE (out of Soldateska), 2005 World Championships top ten mare Hafati Futurista (out of Last Dance) and 2004 Middle East Reserve Champion mare Lumiar Symphony (out of Last Dance). At the moment, Lumiar Amadeus is still available to the public for breeding through Halsdon Arabians, UK. □

