



The Color Of Fame

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Foaled in 1993, The Color Of Fame is a 17.1 hand, registered Pinto American Saddlehorse. Owned by John Tanner and Rhonda Baptiste-Tanner of Serr'Raa Arabians and the leading sire of Half-Arabian halter winners in North America for the last six show seasons, "Color's" roster of national winners becomes more impressive with each passing year.

Sired by Colour Me Hot (Hot August Nite x Stormy April Sky) out of Baroness Reverie (Commander's Cadence x Longacre's Baroness), The Color Of Fame became the leading sire of Half-Arabian national winners with only a handful of foal crops on the ground. Before he was 10, his daughters in particular were making his name famous at the national level.

At the 2004 U.S. National Show, Fames Serenade (x Sunhi Ddancer) stirred up the Arabian show world and took Louisville by storm, winning three major National Championships in a row, Half-Arabian Halter Mares Stock/Hunter Type Open and Amateur, as well as the Half-Arabian Futurity Fillies title. To add weight to the glory, the Reserve titles in all three classes also went to daughters of The Color Of Fame; DR Gilty Pleasures (x Alovalie) took the Reserve titles in Half-Arabian Mare Halter Stock/Hunter Type Amateur and the Futurity Filly class, and The Heiress To Fame (x DR Fostoria Doll) went Reserve in the Half-Arabian Halter Mare Stock/Hunter Type Open.

At the 2006 Youth National Championships, The Color Of Fame had Top Ten offspring in Halter, Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure and Walk/Trot, and DR Gilty Pleasures was the Champion Mare Stock/Hunter Type JTH 17 & Under. At last summer's Canadian Nationals, The Color Of Fame get won Top Ten awards in eight performance classes and six halter classes, including a National Championship in the Half-Arabian Halter Mares Stock/Hunter Type Open and a Reserve in the Amateur class.

At the close of 2006 The Color Of Fame offspring have won at the Youth, Canadian and U.S. National Championships a total of 156 Top Tens, 29 National Championships and 17 Reserve National Championships in Halter, Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure and English Pleasure, both Open and Amateur.

At the 2006 U.S. National Championships, The Color Of Fame made the elite again as the sire of 15 national winners. Four were brand new national winners for "Color." All but

three of the wins were in halter competition. Fantasy of Color (x Fandanska, by Gdansk) took Top Tens in IABS Half-Arabian Hunter Pleasure Junior Horse and Half-Arabian Hunter Pleasure Horse AAOTR 40 & Over, while Fames Lady Jane (x Estopa YM, by Sharem El Sheikh) was a Top Ten winner in Half-Arabian Western Pleasure Horse AAOTR 18-39. The bay Tobiano gelding PKH Touch of Fame (x PKH Touchofdesire) was the 2006 U.S. National Reserve Champion Half-Arabian Halter Gelding Stock/Hunter Type AAOTH.

The Color Of Fame has crossed well with a variety of Arabian bloodlines, but his best cross to date is probably with the mare Alovalie and her full-sister DR Fostoria Doll. Both mares are sired by Beraiah (*Barich de Washoe x Beaus Belle, by Comar Bay Beau) and out of the Azraff daughter DR Azradoll (x Living Doll, by Geym). Linebred to Azraff and *Raffles, the two mares have an obvious license to produce Arabian type. The BruMarBa stallions Comar Bay Beau and the Spanish import *Barich de Washoe are also famous for their solid Arabian type and conformation. Alovalie is the dam of DR Aloven Fame, DR Midniteconfessions and the incredible, multi-National Champion DR Gilty Pleasures. DR Fostoria Doll is the dam of four national winners by The Color Of Fame, including The Heiress To Fame and SP Fortune Five Hundred.

Two of "Color's" 2006 U.S. National winners are out of daughters of the *Aladdinn son Alada Baskin. The first, Alada Pizzaz (x Druchva, by *Druch), is the dam of AP Duette, a 2006 U.S. National Top Ten winner in Half-Arabian Mare Halter Stock/Hunter Type, both Amateur and Open. The other, KA Dream Aria (x KA Dream Song, by *Padron), is the dam of KA Color Me Sassy, a U.S. National Half-Arabian Yearling Filly Breeders Sweepstakes Top Ten winner. Eenchantress, the dam of multi-Top Ten Color Me Cool, is sired by an *Almaden (*Aladdinn) son out of a Wisdom (*Bask) daughter, and Angelic Fire, dam of Color Me Up, a Half-Arabian Top Ten winner in the Yearling Sweepstakes, is sired by *Bask grandson Kool Fire out of an *Aladdinn granddaughter.

Dancing Inthedark, sired by the *Eter son Back Street and out of a *Bask/Comar Bay Beau-bred mare, is the dam of both Fames Reflection and Armani Exchange. CHA Liberty Belle is also the dam of two of the 2006 U.S.



National winners by The Color Of Fame. Sired by GG Jabask, CHA Liberty Belle is a linebred *Bask/*Serafix cross on both sides of her pedigree. Her winning offspring are Saladins Cabaret, Half-Arabian Halter Mare Stock/Hunter Type Open Top Ten winner, and Saladins All In Color, a Half-Arabian Top Ten Futurity Filly.

The Color Of Fame has fewer than 200 registered Half-Arabian offspring, making his percentage of national winners just under 80 percent—an extraordinary statistic. That he has grown in popularity among show horse breeders over the last few years is obvious. At the Iowa Gold Star Futurity last September, a breeding to The Color Of Fame brought \$6,500, putting him among the top ten leading sires in that prestigious group, the only non-Arabian at that level.

In the breeder's constant search for something different and of the quality to catch the judge's eye, the offspring of The Color Of Fame stand out, even among other spotted, Half-Arabian horses. His offspring are tall and elegant, sporting utterly distinctive, trademark brown heads and necks that feature just the right amount of white. He is not homozygous and does sire non-pinto coloring, and they too have been very successful in the national arena.

