

KWPN Breeder Spotlight

Amanda Lorinc | Harpeth Meadow Stables



Game Time MS (Berlin x Celano x Rigoletto)



Introduction

Amanda Lorinc is the owner of a small breeding operation located in the southeast region of the US. Harpeth Meadow stables is a ninety-one acre equestrian facility in the southern Nashville area. They have a focus on the breeding and training of top quality hunter jumper warmbloods and produce 1-2 foals a year.

How did you get started?

I had always dreamed of owning a good quality jumper warmblood and when I studied the registries, the KWPN had the standards that I was looking for. I decided I wanted an American bred mare with a strong damline to be my show horse and foundation broodmare. When looking at US breeders, I came across Karin Jimenez at



Eclipse SCF (Balou Du Rouet x Consul x Akteur)

Sporting Chance Farm. She had a track record of producing great foals and a mare that really caught my eye- Nova Keur, the full sister to Judgement ISF who had won her IBOP and produced some

lovely foals. In addition, I had stumbled across Balou du Rouet earlier in my searches and loved his movement and cattiness in addition to his stellar pedigree. Karin was one of the first, if not the first, to breed to him and when I saw that she had bred him to Nova, I was sold. I contacted Karin and she provided me with excellent information and support and luckily agreed to sell me an in utero filly option. I got my dream filly (with lots of bling to boot)!

What are your breeding goals?

I try to breed for great moving jumpers so that they are well rounded and have options for careers. That is one of the great things I learned from Karin. I only breed what I would be happy to keep for myself. So, one with a good mind but athletic enough to be successful. Interestingly, I breed for jumpers mostly but have gotten several comments of sending them into the hunter and eventing worlds (which is kind of an inside joke since anyone who knows me knows that I don't do the hunters anymore!). I also want to improve options for US breeders and show that we have quality horses here. I stand a few young stallions which is definitely a labor of love as it is very hard to make it financially worthwhile.



**Eclipse SCF (Balou Du Rouet x Consul x Akteur) &
Minuet Du Cornet HMS (Cornet Obolensky x Balou Du Rouet x Consul)**

What accomplishments are you proudest of?

I would have to say personally developing and riding my KWPN mare, Eclipse SCF (the in utero filly I purchased from Karin) to a KWPN-NA IBOP North American championship when she was 5 years old. As an amateur owner, it proved to me that with studying, learning from others, and hard work, you can be successful. I was also appreciative that the KWPN was so accepting of a mare with a young sire from outside of the registry and showed me that they appreciate quality. Now, this mare has fulfilled her broodmare role as well by producing an amazing colt by Cornet Obolensky. My long term dreams have already been fulfilled by this special mare. She will return to the show ring (hopefully after an Emerald baby next year) and we will continue our journey!



Infinito HMS
(Numero Uno x Indoctro x Nimmerdor)

How do you make your breeding decisions?

I try to pick bloodlines that are not as common and are in higher demand as this is a tough market when you are a small breeder. I also follow stallion rankings and try to pick lines that have crossed well historically. VDL can be a great resource as well to see what crosses they produce successfully. Then, I decide which of those will cross well with my mares. And again, I only breed lines that I would be happy to keep for myself (to the dismay of my husband!).

Do you have any advice for young breeders?

I would say first of all, pick a good mentor. I was lucky to find Karin- she's passionate, supportive and most of all, honest. She is extremely supportive of her horses and clients and is always available for advice. She will tell you the pros and cons of any horse (including her own). I had no idea how rare of a find she is until later on. I would also say, it's important to think outside the box. There were not that many in utero sales advertised when I approached Karin about buying Eclipse. I felt that was the only way I could afford the quality I was looking for and she trusted me to develop the mare. Now, I see many more breeders offering in utero sales and partnerships.

I would also suggest investing in a great foundation mare- be that a young well bred horse or an older proven broodmare nearing the end of her breeding career. You really need a quality mare to start a program. I was very fortunate to not only purchase Eclipse SCF from Sporting Chance Farm but also Veda (Indoctro x Nimmerdor) a top 10 Ster KWPN-NA mare with exceptional bloodlines to be a career broodmare for our program from Katie Kuhn. Finally, do it for the love of breeding. It can be scratch that- it is expensive and heartbreaking at times. But there is so much reward and pride when you see the fruits of your labor.