

The new book THE LIPIZZANERS OF THE SPANISH RIDING SCHOOL about the oldest horse breed in the world, published Dec. 14th, 2021

"An attempt to understand the myth with words and pictures."

Diligence and elegance, dedication and lightness, precision and harmony: How does that work? What is the secret of the Lipizzaner? What is their magic, which attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world every year?

Sonja Klima, managing director of the Spanish Riding School, the publisher of the new book:

"The Lipizzaners - Facts, Fables, Fascination, " lets lets you look behind the scenes of this dazzling part of Austrian identity and makes it approachable. Easy and entertaining to read, it provides facts worth knowing and many exciting anecdotes from a more than 450-year-old history that stretches back to the beginnings of the imperial and royal monarchy.

Survival in turbulent times

"With the book, we want to show that especially in times of upheaval on all political, economic and social levels, tradition can change and adapt if its spirit remains strong. Just as is in the case of the unique Spanish Riding School," says Sonja Klima.

On just a few pages, meticulous research describes the history of the Riding School from its very beginnings, of its rescue from Russian seizure after World War II, to its rise to World Heritage status and to the internationally acclaimed cultural ambassador of Austria. This is supplemented with all the important facts about the breeding and training of the Lipizzaners and stories about how the horses change to white and for which very special visitor a separate toilet was built at the Piber stud farm while her stay of just a few hours.

Vigorous and unique for another half millennium

"The book also aims to make the myth that attracts thousands of visitors to the Lipizzaner performances and morning training sessions every year tangible by pictures and words. A myth that has the strength to survive another half a millennium, whatever may be," says Klima. The book is published as a paperback for ten euros in German and English in edition a.

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