WINNER OF HT PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

HAMADA HAMDY

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THE 35 YEAR OLD PHOTOGRAPHER BORN IN THE 'PEARL OF THE MEDITERRANEAN' CAPTURED THE BEAUTY OF A MARE THROUGH A PHOTO THAT CAST A SPELL ON MORE THAN A THOUSAND ADMIRERS. INSPIRED BY THE BEAUTY AND NOBILITY OF HORSES, HAMADA HAMDY STARTED HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC CAREER 3 YEARS AGO.

"Well, it all started as a hobby, only taking photos for some friends, and then I was encouraged by many people to expand. This expansion was supported when I got an amazing chance to cover Mostaganem International Show Jumping competition in Algeria back in 2015"

The talented artist, who is not only a photographer, but a full time supervisor at Borg Al-Arab International Airport, was one of 17 finalists participating in the competition. Contestants were asked to submit a photo of their original work to be posted on HORSE TIMES' Facebook page for voting. After 10 days of voting, the number of votes was very close between Hamada and the first runner up, but at the end Hamada clinched the first place with a total number of 1,296 likes, 129 shares and more than 70 comments. Winner gets the chance to advertise for free on HORSE TIMES Magazine's Website for 3 months which has traffic of about 30,000 visits per day.

In addition to photography, Hamada has a passion for riding as well. He started riding when he was 15 years old and since then horses have become an essential part of his life.

"Riding actually helped me as a photographer, because being a rider makes you aware of the horses' techniques which helps you capture the perfect shot at the perfect time. "

He also told us about his favourite riders nationally and internationally, he is a great fan of the German show jumping champion Marcus Ehning and the Egyptian Olympic rider Karim El-Zoghby. Hamada also shared his hopes and dreams for the future saying:

"I dream to be a distinctive international photographer who travels around the world to cover competitions. "

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