



Salve Germania carries multiple strains of blue hen *Rough Shod II

by Rommy Faversham

Making her first start in the U.S., former Germany-based four-year-old filly Salve Germania (Ire) overcame a noticeable case of prerace jitters to deliver a thrilling last-to-first rally and defeat wagering favorite Rutherienne by a head in the \$200,000 Ballston Spa Handicap (G2) on August 29 at Saratoga Race Course.

Salve Germania covered 1¼ miles in 1:47.25 on turf rated as soft.

Skittish in the paddock and post parade as well as approaching the starting gate, the splendidly bred but off-form Peintre Celebre filly was dismissed at odds of 24.25-to-1, by far the longest shot in the seven-horse field.



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SALVE GERMANIA

The Ballston Spa was the first stakes victory for Salve Germania, who could only muster one win from eight starts in France and Germany, all at distances at or greater than 1¼ miles. The chestnut filly was Group 3-placed at Dusseldorf in October 2008 but subsequently finished off the board in all three of her European starts this season.

Owned and bred by Manfred Hellwig's Gestut Hony Hof, Salve Germania is the first foal out of German highweighted older mare Salve Regina, winner in 2004 of the 144 Ostermann Preis der Diana-Deutsches Stuten-Derby (Ger-G1) (German Oaks) and a runner-up in four other German Group 1 races, including the BMW 133 Deutsches Derby (Ger-G1) (German Derby).

Salve Regina, by Monsun, is a full sister to German classic winners Schiaparelli and Samum.

More recently, Samum has become a leading German sire, and Schiaparelli is a four-time Group 1 winner. He has victories in the 2009 Coumts Goodwood Cup (Eng-G2) and Darley Prix Kergorlay (Fr-G2) in his two most recent starts.

Salve Regina also is a three-quarter sister to Soberania, a three-year-old filly by Dashing Blade who was runner-up in the German Oaks on August 2.

Salve Germania hails from the eighth crop of the prominent Nureyev stallion Peintre Celebre and is one of her sire's 30 graded

Salve Germania (Ire), ch. f., 2005				
Peintre Celebre 94 849 fis, 46 SWs SI 1.62 DI=1.89	Nureyev 77 2 wins, \$42,522 Champion 786 fis, 137 SWs SI 4.73 DI=2.83	Northern Dancer 61 635 fis, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54	=Nearco (Ity) 35 *Lady Angela 44
	Peintre Bleue 87 3 wins, \$135,958, SW 11 fis, 3 SWs DI=3.36	Special 69 9 fis, 3 SWs DI=1.52	Natalma 57	Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47
		Alydar 75 689 fis, 77 SWs SI 5.54 DI=3.94	*Forli 63	Thong 64
=Salve Regina (Ger) 99 3 fis, 1 SW DI=0.71	=Monsun (Ger) 90 8 wins, \$1,177,853, SW 487 fis, 78 SWs SI 3.82 DI=0.50	Petroleuse (Ire) 78 16 fis, 3 SWs DI=6.00	Raise a Native 61	Nantallah 53 *Rough Shod II 44
		=Königsstuhl (Ger) 76 382 fis, 34 SWs SI 2.15 DI=0.85	Sweet Tooth 65	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
	=Mosella (Ger) 85 10 fis, 1 SW DI=0.56	Habitat 66	On-and-On 56 Plum Cake 58	Sir Gaylord 59 Little Hut 52
=Sacarina (GB) 92 Unraced 10 fis, 3 SWs DI=1.00	=Old Vic (GB) 86 915 fis, 31 SWs SI 0.89 DI=1.00	=Surumu (Ger) 74	=Plencia (Fr) 68	=Le Haar (Fr) 54 =Petite Saguenay (Fr) 61
		=Monasia (Ger) 79	=Dschingis Khan (Ger) 61	=Tamerlane (GB) 52 =Donna Diana (Ger) 56
	=Brave Lass (GB) 74 12 fis, 0 SWs DI=4.33	Sadler's Wells 81	=Kronung (Ger) 57	=Tiepoletto (Fr) 56 =Kronung (Ger) 57
		=Derring-Do (GB) 61 =Camenaë (Ger) 61	=Authi (Ire) 70 =Monacensia (Ger) 69	Northern Dancer 61 Fairy Bridge 75
		Ridan 59	=Cockade (GB) 73	Fairy Bridge 75
		=Bravour II (Fr) 63		=Derring-Do (GB) 61 =Camenaë (Ger) 61
				Nantallah 53 *Rough Shod II 44 =Birkhahn (Ger) 45 =Barcarole (Ger) 51

or group stakes winners.

Europe's 1997 Horse of the Year, Peintre Celebre stands at Coolmore Stud in County Tipperary, Ireland.

In terms of structure, Salve Germania's pedigree features three complementary strains of the Foundation Mare *Rough Shod II, thereby serving as another successful demonstration of inbreeding to that illustrious family.

In addition to the 2x4 cross of three-quarters brothers Nureyev and Sadler's Wells, Salve Germania's third dam is by Ridan, a full brother to Thong, Nureyev's grandam.

Salve Germania is Peintre Celebre's fifth graded/group stakes winner who carries multiple strains of the *Rough Shod II clan.

Judging by the overall success of this pattern, as we continue to note, she will probably not be the last.

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