

# Phin Phin

## Keur Stallion with Outstanding Offspring

At the 2010 Stallion Show in Den Bosch, several horses were awarded the keur predicate. Among them was Belgian-born Phin Phin, who received KWPN approval at age eight in the Netherlands. The unique chestnut stallion formerly competed in international show jumping under Roelof Bril. Because of the high percentage of Phin Phin offspring which are breaking into international show jumping, the KWPN awarded Phin Phin the keur predicate.



*Phin Phin was approved as an eight-year-old by the KWPN. Roelof Bril, who discovered the stallion in Belgium, developed Phin Phin into a Grand Prix show jumper. Unfortunately, an injury prematurely ended the keen chestnut's sport career.*



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## Roelof Bril

Roelof Bril 'discovered' Phin Phin for the Netherlands when he bought the stallion from his friend Harry Teeuwis in Belgium after Phin Phin had won seven of eight competitions in the Belgian show jumping cycle. "I tried him at Harry's place and bought him immediately. After that, I competed him in Arnhem, and he placed first right away and second later. That horse always won a lot. I rode him about six years total - until he was 13 - when he got injured during a breeding session. And yes, we tried to bring him back, but he had lost his previous power," explains Bril. Bril praises Phin Phin's attitude: "He always did his very best. Maybe he didn't have the greatest scope, but he still won challenging 1.50m classes because he really tried hard, and he was careful." Bril also clearly recalls Phin Phin's remarkable jumping traits: "He was really quick off the ground with lots of push." Although Bril considers it unfortunate that Phin Phin's sport career ended prematurely, he's also realistic: "He was a horse that excelled in every competition. It's always terrible to lose such a good sport horse, but that's how life goes."

Born in Belgium in 1992, Phin Phin's lineage reveals his genetic potential. For instance, his sire Chin Chin placed sixth individually in the Seoul Olympics and competed in the Barcelona Olympics. Chin Chin offspring - such as Triomphe de Muze - excel in international show jumping, and followers of the National Mare Inspection in recent years know that Chin Chin also passes on his traits to his fillies. This year Chinchidee was the in-hand-champion. Last year, his daughter Be Helena finished fourth in free-jumping and won the in-hand championship and in 2008, his daughters placed 1st, 2nd, and 4th in the free-jumping championship. These achievements are just a sampling of how the stallion has benefitted KWPN breeding to date. Phin Phin's dam is Miss Abdullah T, a daughter of the Trakehner Abdullah (Donauwind x Mahardascha), another Olympic stallion. Miss Abdullah T's dam Wienerin is a full sister to the breeding stallions Widukind de Lauzelle and Winzer. Johan Venderbosch, owner of De Radstake stallion station, has co-owned Phin Phin for 12 years. (T.H.W. ten Brinke also owns a share in the stallion.) Phin Phin is stabled at De Radstake. Venderbosch: "Abdullah, who's in Phin Phin's dam-line, competed in



*Ultimo is an approved stallion from Phin Phin's first year at stud in the Netherlands. At a young age, he distinguished himself from other sires his age. He is also a national-level show jumper.*



*Phin Phin's most noteworthy offspring currently is Avenir (ds.Flamingo). Under Abdel Said, he has excelled in show jumping competition venues including London, Birmingham, Moorsele, Assen, and Maastricht.*

World Cups, World Championships, and Olympic games. Unfortunately, Winnetou, who's also in Phin Phin's dam-line, passed away at a young age, but his full brother performed well internationally." Winnetou may not be well known, but he's the grandsire of horses like Gabana, who Louisa Hill competed in the 2004 Olympics, and Bago, who Mark Todd rode in the Seoul Olympics. There are more international horses out of Phin Phin's dam-line. Venderbosch knows the first owner of Phin Phin personally and stays in touch with him. "Luc Tieleman, who owns Toulon and other horses, made an agreement the year Phin Phin was born that he would buy him from breeder Kamiel Troubleijn. Luc eventually competed Phin Phin and presented him to the BWP, where he was approved. I also saw Phin Phin's dam: she was a fancy, talented mare," according to Venderbosch.

## Luc Tieleman

Kamiel Troubleijn is officially Phin Phin's breeder, but it was Luc Tieleman's idea to pair the stallion with the Abdullah daughter Miss Abdullah T. Tieleman: "Kamiel and I decided to breed the mare. She could jump well, and I was really smitten with Chin Chin. I told him that if we bred her to Chin Chin, I'd always buy the foal. And that's what happened." When Phin Phin was no older than ten months, he was taken to Tieleman's farm. "We raised him ourselves and presented him at the Belgian Warm-blood Horse stallion selection," explains Tieleman. "He was known as a good horse locally, but people questioned his scope. But I knew better because he showed good things at home. He didn't breed a lot here, but he produced really good horses out of good dams," Tieleman explains further. Grant Wilson rode Phin Phin when he was four- and five years old, and Christophe David took over the reins during the stallion's last two years in Belgium. "He was an energetic guy with a willing nature and the right attitude. When he was young, he could give his riders butterflies in their stomach, but he was fine later. We had a great time with the stallion," Tieleman says decisively of Phin Phin's unique temperament.

## Breeding Stallion and Sport Horse

Phin Phin excelled in the young horse cycle in Belgium, and Roelof Brill knew that. Venderbosch explains: "Roelof Brill has competed our horses internationally for many years. Back then, he went abroad a lot and had many foreign acquaintances. One day, he told me that he had found a good horse through some contacts that could do well in both sport and breeding. That was Phin Phin. He had won the jumping cycle for six-year-olds in Belgium, and Harry Teeuwis owned him at the time. Roelof decided to buy the stallion, and I went to look at him. He looked good and had good bloodlines, and he seemed like a

great sporthorse for Roelof and a good stallion for our breeding station. So I bought a 50% share in him from Roelof." In the meantime, Phin Phin's first foals had been born in Belgium, which of course raised interest. Venderbosch: "At the offspring inspection in Belgium, it was clear that Phin Phin was best bred to mares with a little Thoroughbred blood. But even the foals out of old-fashioned mares with less presence could move; they all had a good hind leg. At the time, our Dutch horses were much more modern than Belgian horses, and Phin Phin was a good match for Dutch mares." For these reasons, the stallion was brought to the Netherlands.



*Zanory T (Phin Phin x Zelhem) won Reserve Champion at the 2007 National Mare Inspection.*

### Short But Successful Show Jumping Career

At age eight, Phin Phin received KWPN approval in the Netherlands following a short examination. Roelof Brill dedicated himself to training the stallion. The pair won competitions including the Grands Prix of Zwolle and Gyon and international classes in Amsterdam, Arnhem, Geesteren, Maastricht, London, Wembley, and Sachendorf. Venderbosch has strong views about competing stallions in the sport: "A breeding stallion should be able to perform at the highest level. Unfortunately, we had to retire Phin Phin from the sport due to an injury. He could've still competed at the national level, but we didn't want to do that." Unfortunately, Phin Phin's promising show jumping career ended prematurely, and he is only used for breeding now.

During his short career, Phin Phin demonstrated a real competition mindset. "Phin Phin was a quick horse on course, he always had a desire to jump, and he definitely wasn't lazy. He didn't really jump big, but he tucked his legs quickly and used his hindquarters powerfully. All his offspring have those traits: a quick take-off and good reflexes. The older they get, the better they jump. Although they don't usually show scope when they're young, they do so later. Phin Phin offspring need

more time when they're young, but once they're trained, they'll go through fire for their riders. They're sport horses that are also competitive in the major shows," explains Venderbosch. Even though Phin Phin has bred relatively few mares - 50 to 60 last year - he boasts relatively many offspring which excel in international show jumping.

Despite specialized breeding, Venderbosch believes that a jumper should have good movement. He explains: "I think we need to breed horses for their intended purpose, in this case, for show jumping. However, even jumpers should have supple bodies and good movement. And Phin Phin offspring have that as well as good and powerful hind leg use. In my opinion, Phin Phin should be bred to mares with a dash of Thoroughbred blood and a good wither and shoulder. Paired with those kinds of mares, he produces good horses with a keen attitude that are quick off the ground and have great form."

### Successful Offspring

The Grand Prix jumper Tin Tin (ds.Cassini) was born the year Phin Phin was approved in the Netherlands and therefore is not officially included in the stallion's first year at stud. As a youngster, Tin Tin garnered positive attention in the mare test, earning a 9



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In 2007, the Phin Phin daughter Utamara TH (ds.Mytens xx) took her place among the better older mares at the National Mare Inspection.

for scope and an 8 for form. She also ended eighth in the National Free-Jumping Championship. Currently, she is excelling as a show jumper under Alice Debaney Clero. Abdel Said has a very talented Phin Phin offspring under saddle named Avenir (ds. Flamingo), whom he rode in the World Cup in London last December, in addition to other competitions. Omer Karaevli and Urona (ds.Voltaire) also achieved Grand Prix level, and Top Secret (ds.Cadmus) competes internationally under Christian Schranz. Phin Phin offspring also perform well in the inspections. For instance, Zanory T (ds.Zelhem) was the 2007 Reserve Champion at the National Mare Inspection. Among the older mares that year, Utamara TH (ds.Mytens xx) placed eighth. In general, Phin Phin offspring are late-bloomers. "You have to have patience with Phin Phin offspring and train them slowly. Placing first in a class isn't important with young horses, and given the tempera-



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ment of Phin Phin offspring, it's extra important to take time training them," explains Venderbosch. Phin Phin's index is 146 with 87% reliability, and his breeding value of 112 for free-jumping is very high. His ster percentage is 51%. The indexes indicate that he produces large offspring (plus 2.8 cm) with well-developed front ends, a bit weak on the loins, and heavy bone. Phin Phin offspring have good rectangular-shaped conformation. Overall, the stallion is best paired with big, long-lined mares with good hindquarters. At the awards ceremony in Den Bosch, Phin Phin offspring showed good and well-defined conformation.

### Ultimo

Ultimo is an approved stallion from Phin Phin's first year at stud in the Netherlands. Owned by De Radstake, the chestnut stallion out of Irence keur preferent (s.Burggraaf) boasts the Thoroughbred Cadmus in his pedigree and holds a special place in the heart of the enthusiastic stallion owner. Venderbosch: "Ultimo is a typical Phin Phin: a long-lined, handsome type. I'm crazy about him; he's a horse after my heart. I think he can bring a lot to the breeding industry. Ultimo is very level-headed, which I think he gets from Burggraaf, as well as his scope. His movement and suppleness come

from Phin Phin. Although his first offspring are still young, they seem to be good. In the coming years, he'll have to prove himself in breeding."

Indeed, his first offspring have not disappointed. His daughter Aviana (ds.Karandasj) was the convincing champion of the 2008 National Mare Inspection. The same year, she nestled into third place in the Free-Jumping Championship, between her three relatives (the previously mentioned Chin Chin daughters). Aminique (ds.Le Mexico) secured seventh place in the final. Aviana's full sister, Boviana, was invited to the National Mare Inspection where she finished in fifth place. Another Ultimo daughter, B.Triomf (ds.Le Mexico), advanced to the third place in the final and Beau-Jendy (ds.Libero H) advanced to the sixth - they are also promising horses from Ultimo's first years at stud.

### Phin Phin Keur

True to tradition, the new keur stallions were revealed at the 2010 Stallion Show. The event was memorable for De Radstake as two of its stallions were awarded the keur predicate: Phin Phin and Tangelo van de Zuuthoeve. Despite Phin Phin's high index last year and the performance of his offspring, the stallion's keur predicate came as somewhat of a surprise for Venderbosch: "His first and second year at stud in Belgium were very good, and if you see what he's doing in the Netherlands, then it's logical he would earn keur. We didn't expect it right away. But he's proving himself as a breeding stallion. For us, the keur predicate means recognition for the insight and trust that we have in the stallion. It's a good feeling to have that appreciation for our vision." Now that Phin Phin holds the keur predicate, Venderbosch ventures to express his hope for the stallion's future: "I hope that breeders now have more insight that the stallion can do good things, and I hope they'll use him for targeted breeding. Naturally, we hope that the keur predicate will yield fruit and that he'll breed more mares because he's worth it. De Radstake stallion station has a very good stallion in Phin Phin: he always wants to breed; he's easy to handle; and his semen is good. We hope to enjoy him for a long time to come!"

