

ARE YOU READY TO PARTY?

I Am The Party wins hearts and championships

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They say great stallions come from great mares and with I Am The Party that is certainly the truth.

No one can deny the topside of I Am The Party's papers. Sired by the All-Time number one stallion Invitation Only, Benji boasts royalty on his papers. But the bottom side of those papers are equally magical.

I Am The Party's dam, Sheza Radical Chip can only be described as a super star producer. Her get have earned in excess of \$50K and over 2000 AQHA points. Of 12 foals 11 have earned AQHA points. Her foals have earned 7 AQHA Superiors, 3 AQHA Championships, 29 ROMS and countless World and Congress Championships.

Sheza Radical Chip was the #1 Leading dam of Amateur Performance Halter Winners and 14th Leading dam for Open Performance winners in 2018, proving her foals not only are talented but extremely pretty and well built. In addition to I Am The Party her foals include:

THE PARTY STARTS NOW, LTE \$34K NSBA Breeders Championship 4YO Western Pleasure Int Open Champion, NSBA Breeders Championship 4YO Western Pleasure Ltd Open Champion, AQHA Level 2 World Champion Sr Western Pleasure, Tom Powers Maturity Int Open Western Pleasure Champion, AQHA Youth Western Pleasure Res World Champion, Congress NSBA Maturity Ltd Open Maturity Res Champion, Congress NYATT Western Pleasure Champion, Congress Am Western Pleasure Res. Champion, NSBA High Point Maturity Int Open Western Pleasure, Tom Powers NSBA Western Pleasure 50+ NP Champion, AQHA World Level 2 Am Western Pleasure Res Champion and AQHA World Sr L2 Open Western Pleasure Res Champion.

GETTHE PARTY STARTED, Congress Select Am Western Pleasure Res Champion, Martinganza NSBA 3YO WP Ltd Open Res Champion, Reichert Celebration NSBA Maturity Ltd Open Res Champion, NSBA High Point Maturity Ltd Open Western Pleasure Res Champion, NSBA World Sr Western Pleasure- 5th, NSBA World Maturity Western Pleasure- 5/6th

SHE KNOWS HOWTOPARTY, AQHA Select Res World Champion Am Performance Halter, AQHA Superior



Sheza Radical Chip

Open Halter, Superior Western Pleasure, Superior Amateur Halter, Superior Amateur Western Pleasure, AQHA High Point Performance Halter Mares L3 Select Am, AQHA High Point Performance Halter Mares L3 Amateur.

When Dr. Ted Filandrianos bred this great mare to Invitation Only in 2013 the resulting embryo transfer foal had great hopes placed on him. When he was born in 2014 the sorrel stud colt had everything they could have hoped for in this cross. With picture perfect conformation, a drop dead gorgeous face with the biggest butter soft eye and a lope that would take your breath away, there was no doubt this was a



Baby Benji was special from the start

stallion prospect.

I Am The Party won his first Congress championship as a three year old in the Limited Open Performance Halter Stallions, he was Reserve in the Amateur Performance Halter Stallion and third in both the Open and Limited Amateur divisions. However, Benji was not a one trick pony. With trainer Jonathan Meilleur in the saddle I Am

The Party won the Little Futurity 3YO Int. Open Western Pleasure as well as the Tom Powers 3YO Western Pleasure Int Open Reserve Championship.

2018 brought more wins and more classes to Benji's repertoire. I Am The Party became a Select World Champion with owner Dr. Ted Filandrianos in the performance halter stallions and added another Congress Championship to his résumé.

2019 saw Benji continue to win in both the performance and halter arenas. He started the year off with a reserve championship in the Green Trail Futurity at the Fun in the Sun and Circuit Champion Select Western Pleasure, Circuit Champion L1 Jr Trail, Reserve Hi Point Green Horse and NSBA Reserve Futurity Champion L1 Jr Trail in Florida. He followed that with a 5th place finish in the Green Trail at the NSBA World. At the 2019 Congress he was 4th in an incredibly deep level 1 Jr Trail class and added top 5 placings in the NSBA and Southern Belle 4/5 Open and Limited Open Trail Stakes.

He was the Congress Champion in Amateur and Limited Amateur Aged



Halter Stallions and Reserve Champion in the Limited Open after a losing the tie breaker for the win. Benji earned an AQHA Reserve World Championship in open Performance Halter Stallions.

To date, I Am The Party has earned 57.5 halter points and 237 performance points in Trail, Western Pleasure and Performance Halter. He is an AQHA Champion.

So, those are the stats. Impressive record for a young horse. Impressive pedigree too. Yet neither his papers or points tell the whole story of this big, beautiful stallion. What helps I Am The Party stand apart can not be seen on paper, it is his heart.

The stunning stallion in as gentle as a school master. Owner Dr. Filandrianos describes Benji's relationship with trainer Jonathan Meilleur as "a bromance" and if you have seen the two of them you will agree.

When you walk into Meilleur's barn it would not be a surprise to see Jonathan in the stall lying down next to his bud Benji for a well-deserved break. You may find the stallion hanging out with his stall door open and Jonathan and Casey's daughter Addison brushing on him. He is the stallion you can trust



with your kid.

He is the stallion that shows with his Amateur owner in the pleasure and wins. The two were circuit champions in the Gold Coast in 2018, their very first time showing under saddle together.

You may have even seen the videos this fall of Benji being used as a pony horse, rope horse (Well he had a rope swung off him and was dragging poles) and even lesson horse for Meilleur's daughter who loped her first ever pole on I Am The Party.



This spring has seen the first of the I Am The Party foals arriving and they a breathtaking. Benji is stamping his butter soft eye, deep hock and outstanding disposition on his foals.

He is standing at HighPoint Performance Horses and will return to the showring with Jonathan and Dr. Filandrianos when the breeding season is over and shows resume.

Learn more about I Am The Party by visiting his website www.iamthepartyAQHA.com and be sure to follow the party on Facebook. Check out his booth in our Virtual Horse Expo.





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