

Jena Antonucci Trainer

Jena Antonucci grew up showing hunters, jumpers, and equitation. She also spent time retraining retired Thoroughbreds and became interested in the breed.

To learn more about Thoroughbreds, Antonucci worked under the D. Wayne Lukas breaking and training program at Padua Stables, starting young Thoroughbreds. She then worked as an equine veterinary assistant for several years to gather a better perspective on horse health.

In 2010, Antonucci opened Bella Inizio Farm, initially focusing on reproductive work, young horses, and rehabilitating racehorses. Her first win as a trainer was March 7, 2010, at Tampa Bay Downs.

Antonucci won the Peter Pan Stakes in 2023 with Arcangelo on the path to the Belmont Stakes. On June 10, 2023, she became the first female trainer to win the Belmont Stakes and, in doing so, became the first female to win a Triple Crown Race.

In July 2022, Antonucci and Katie Miranda launched horseOlogy, a minority- and women-owned full-cycle Thoroughbred services business based in Ocala, Florida. horseOlogy handles everything related to the Thoroughbred industry from conception to retirement, pinhooking, and small-share partnerships. Also launched by Antonucci and Miranda was horseOlogy Encore, a 501c3 non-profit focused on horse retirement.

As of June 29, Antonucci had had 1,921 career starts with 162 wins, 240 seconds, and 231 thirds with career earnings of \$7,302,85.