

# Widden Whinnies

News from the Valley of Champions

Easter 2016

## The finest Easter Draft ever offered by Widden!

The Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale is where the world's best yearling buyers come in search of Australia's best yearlings and Widden share a unique history with William Inglis & Son in being the only modern-day farm to have been involved in the inaugural Easter Yearling sale almost 150 years ago.

It's a history to be proud of and the association has produced countless great horses consigned at Inglis Easter by Widden including modern day stars All Silent, Helenus, Anacheeva, Floral Pegasus, Happy Zero and current Group I winning colt Vanbrugh.

A superbly bred son of Encosta de Lago, Vanbrugh was bought by international bloodstock agent Mick Flanagan for \$100,000 on behalf of US based Merriebelle stables

A dominant winner of the Group I ATC Spring Champion Stakes at 2000 metres, Vanbrugh was a fast closing sixth in the Group I VRC Australian Guineas (1600m) and is now moving back into his pet distance range.

With earnings already topping \$540,000, he has given his US based owners a great introduction to Australian racing!

The Widden brand is riding high with a steady stream of Black Type performers ensuring the future is every bit as bright as the past.

In 2014/15 - an amazing 10% of Group I races run in Australia were won by horses that were Widden born and raised.

Widden prides itself on ensuring every foal born on the farm is given the grounding and foundation to compete at the highest level as you never know when you are raising the next champion.

In the last 12 months we've seen the likes of Australian Horse of the Year DISSIDENT, Group I winners BONARIA, THUNDER FANTA-



Easter graduate & Group 1 winner VANBRUGH

SY, SHAMAL WIND, STRATUM STAR, HUCKLEBUCK, VANBRUGH, rising star 3YO's HATTORI HANZO & CATCH A FIRE, Group I performers LIZARD ISLAND and FAST N ROCKING, Group performing 2yo's this autumn SEABURGE, STAR TURN and CONCEALER - they're all not simply a coincidence, they've been brought up in the Widden system.

We've worked hard on establishing the brand and it is deservedly respected right around the world.

Our 2016 Inglis Easter draft of 34 youngsters is unquestionably the strongest, sharpest group of horses we have taken to Newmarket.

Our flagship sire Sebring has the highest representation at the sale this year behind only Fastnet Rock and we are thrilled to offer his standouts fillies from stakes winning mares such as Solar Charged and Cabernet, while there are ripping colts such as the full brother to Australian Horse of the Year Dissident, a half-brother to Group I MRC Oakleigh Plate winner Shamal Wind and the first foal of champion mare Better Life.

The draft is peppered with siblings to stars including Star Witness, Vanbrugh, Lizard Island, Peron, Admiration, Banaadeer, Straight Gold, Hattori Hanzo, Sensibility and this season's exciting two year-old Star Turn, who has a stunning full sister on show.

Two fillies guaranteed to turn heads at any sale in the world are those by Street Cry (IRE) from dual Group I winner Zarita and by unbeaten champion racehorse Frankel from the proven stakes producer Mocca.

Consigned on behalf of Qatar Bloodstock, the Frankel filly is one of only three fillies in the sale from the first Southern Hemisphere foaled progeny of her sire.

A draft of pure racehorses. We're very proud of them!  
Come and see us at Stable 3, Rows K1-4, L and M.



Lot 417 is by the highest rated horse in Timeform history, FRANKEL





Lot 6 Colt

**Star Witness x Pearl of the Sea,  
by Fastnet Rock**

Full brother to smart juvenile SW Pearl Star from the family of Group I VRC Sires Produce Stakes winner Spectatorial. Has a double cross of legendary sire Danehill.



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Lot 26 Colt

**More Than Ready (USA) x  
Provence, by Redoute's Choice**

Full brother to brilliant Group I placed South African SW Banaadeer and half-brother to HK SW Admiration from SW Provence, a three-quarter sister to Group I winners Inspiration and Wandjina.



PEDIGREE



Lot 28 Filly

**Exceed and Excel x Queen's  
Fashion, by Encosta de Lago**

First foal of winning half-sister to Group III winner Star Fashion from outstanding mare Elegant Fashion, winner of the Hong Kong Derby, Group II VRC Kewney Stakes, MVRC Moonee Valley Oaks.



PEDIGREE



Lot 54 Filly

**Stratum x Sayahailmary,  
by Keep the Faith**

Half-sister to South African Group III placed Mella Maria from Group II placed Sayahailmary, a half-sister to the dam of this season's \$250,000 Inglis Premier RL winner Valliano.



PEDIGREE







Lot 71 Colt

**Shamardal (USA) x Shaqira (GB),  
by Redoute's Choice**

First foal of imported German SW Shaqira, a NH bred daughter of champion sire Redoute's Choice. From the family of Shamardal's brilliant Group II winner Shakespearean.



PEDIGREE



Lot 82 Filly

**Sebring x Solar Charged,  
by Charge Forward**

Third foal of speedy filly Solar Charged, winner of the Group III AJC Kindergarten Stakes, MRC Thoroughbred Club Stakes, a half-sister to SW Causeway Queen.



PEDIGREE



Lot 105 Colt

**Sepoy x Tariana,  
by Anabaa (USA)**

First foal of Group III placed Tariana, a winner of over \$287,000 in prizemoney. From the family of million dollar earning Group II winner Queen Alexandra.



PEDIGREE



Lot 110 Colt

**Sebring x Tigress Lily, by Snitzel**

Second foal of good metro winner Tigress Lily, fourth in the Group III ATC Epona Stakes, a granddaughter of NZ Horse of the Year and triple Group I winner Tycoon Lil.



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Lot 152 Filly

**Street Cry (IRE) x Zarita (NZ),  
by Pentire (GB)**

Fourth foal of \$1.6 million earner Zarita, winner of the Group I SAJC Derby and Schweppes Oaks, a half-sister to Group II winner Run Like the Wind and globe-trotting sprinter Joy and Fun.



PEDIGREE



Lot 165 Colt

**All Too Hard x Ailalea (USA),  
by Pulpit**

Second foal of Ailalea, a US Group III winner at Churchill Downs and Aqueduct, and half-sister to SW Spritely from the family of SW's Dake and Mystical Mood.



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Lot 178 Filly

**Sebring x Anabarbarian,  
by Anabaa (USA)**

Half-sister to two winners from a half-sister to SW Woppitt, from the family of Group I winners Midnight Fever, Rock Classic and bred on the same cross as Australian Horse of the Year Dissident.



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Lot 191 Filly

**Sepoy x Bacchanal Woman,  
by Encosta de Lago**

Half-brother to smart metro winner Sir Bacchus and is second foal of SW Bacchanal Woman, from the family of Group III winner Arrabeea and SW's Trotanoy and The Soutaker.



PEDIGREE







Lot 199 Colt

**Sebring x Better Life,  
by Smarty Jones**

First foal of Champion Singapore Miler/ Stayer Better Life, winner of the Singapore Gold Cup, a granddaughter of Champion US 2YO Filly Storm Song, also grand-dam of Irish St Leger winner Order of St George.



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Lot 209 Colt

**Sebring Bourgoigne, by Choisir**

Full brother to Group I MRC Caulfield Guineas runner-up Lizard Island and three-quarter brother to SP Fairy Star from a winning half-sister to Group I VRC Oaks winner Bulla Borghese.



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Lot 219 Filly

**Sebring x Cabernet by Al Maher**

First foal of Group III placed SW Cabernet, a winner of over \$360,000 in prizemoney and a daughter of SW Golden Weekend. From the family of brilliant Group III winner The Free Stater.



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Lot 241 Colt

**Stratum x Combat Kitty,  
by General Nediym**

First foal of slick juvenile SW Combat Kitty, second in the Magic Millions 2YO Classic, a half-sister to South African SW Mitraad from the family of Group III winner Danaupair Starlet.



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Lot 246 Colt

**Sebring x Cute Emily, by Choisir**

Second foal of Group III SAJC Sires Produce Stakes winner Cute Emily, a daughter of Group II winner Prefer an Angel from the family of HK Derby hero Luger and Group III winner Psychologist.



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Lot 255 Colt

**Stratum x Decidity,  
by Last tycoon (IRE)**

Three-quarter brother to Group I VRC Myer Classic winner Bonaria, a winner of over \$950,000, also a half-brother to Group III winners Time Out and Legally Bay, the dam of Group II winner Jolie Bay.



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Lot 260 Colt

**Sebring x Diana's Secret,  
by Anabaa (USA)**

Full brother to Australian Horse of the Year Dissident – a five-time Group I winner of \$2million in prizemoney – fourth foal of SP Diana's Secret.



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Lot 276 Filly

**Sebring x Earthsea (Fr),  
by Machiavellian**

Half-brother to SP Multahem and dam has had four to race all winners. Dam is a half-sister to European Group I winners Dolphin Street, Saffron Walden and Insight.



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Lot 296 Filly

**More Than Ready (USA) x Faster Pussycat, by Flying Spur**

Half-sister to Group placed SW's Gai's Choice, Atmospheric and Peron from SP Faster Pussycat, a half-sister to the dam of Group I MRC Oakleigh Plate winner Eagle Falls.



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Lot 304 Colt

**Sebring x Firemaid (USA), by Machiavellian**

Half-brother to Group I MRC Oakleigh Plate winner Shamal Wind, a winner of over \$830,000 in prizemoney. From a half-sister to the dam of Group II Newmarket Rockfel Stakes winner Al Thakhira.



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Lot 307 Colt

**Stratum x Fleeting Touch (USA), by Touch Gold**

Brother to Group II VRC Sires Produce Stakes winner Running Tall, three-quarter brother to Group I placed Sensibility and half-brother to SP Ephemera from the family of Champion US 2YO Colt Midshipman and 2015 Group I Wood Memorial winner Frosted.



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Lot 327 Filly

**Star Witness x Golden Delicious, by Made of Gold (USA)**

Brother to this seasons' brilliant 2YO Star Turn, second in the Group III MRC Blue Diamond Prelude and half-brother to Group II placed Straight Gold from Group III winner Golden Delicious.



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Lot 381 Colt

**Sepoy x Leone Chiara,  
by Lion Hunter**

Half-brother to Champion 2 and 3YO Colt, dual Group I winner and leading young sire Star Witness and to Group III winner Nostradamus from Group III winner Leone Chiara.



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Lot 417 Filly

**Frankel x Mocca, by Sri Pekan**

Half-sister to dual Group III winner Kiyoshi from SP Mocca. From the first Southern Hemisphere time bred crop of foals by unbeaten world champion racehorse Frankel.



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Lot 418 Filly

**All Too Hard x Modonna,  
by More Than Ready (USA)**

Third foal of SP Modonna, a daughter of SP Donnadane, a three-quarter sister-in-blood to Champion 3YO Colt and champion sire Fastnet Rock.



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Lot 471 Filly

**High Chaparral (IRE) x  
Can't Hackit (NZ),  
by Fasliyev (USA)**

Half-brother to five winners headed by Group II placed Spot the Rock from Group II placed Can't Hackit, a daughter of Group II winner Close Your Eyes.



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Lot 505 Colt

**Sebring x Jessica Rose,  
by Keep the Faith**

First foal of metro winner Jessica Rose, from the family of Group I BRC Stradbroke Handicap winner Linton and Group I Avondale Gold Cup winner Sharvasti.



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Lot 544 Colt

**Sebring x Purrfection (NZ),  
by Tale of the Cat (USA)**

Half-brother to Sydney metro winner Berrimilla from Group II placed Purrfection, a half-sister to Group I New Zealand Oaks winner Boundless from the family of multiple Group I winner Veyron.



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Lot 562 Colt

**Star Witness x Silk Shantung,  
by Elusive Quality (USA)**

Dam has had three foals to race all winners and is a half-sister to Group I placed Group III winner Scratchy Bottom from the family of Group I winners Zabrasive and Cheeky Choice.



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Lot 565 Colt

**Charge Forward x Snipify,  
by Snippets**

Half-brother to two smart winners from SP Snipify, from the family of \$2.3 million earner Srikandi, winner of the Group I BRC Stradbroke Handicap and Tattersalls Tiara.



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Lot 567 Filly

**So You Think x Soho Secret,  
by Lucky Owners**

Half-sister to Group I ATC Spring  
Champion Stakes winner Vanbrugh  
from a half-sister to Group winners  
Prisoner of Love, Sportsman and  
Hoystar.



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Lot 571 Colt

**Your Song x Steal My Love,  
by Marauding**

Half-brother to six winners headed  
by Group III winner Amorino and  
highly promising Group 3 3YO Hattori  
Hanzo, from the family of Champion  
3YO Filly Faint Perfume.



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## HATTORI HANZO



Purchased by  
Dermot Farrington  
Bloodstock for  
\$185,000



1st ATC Phar Lap  
Stakes Gr2



Please feel free to join us in the Widden marquee, Stable 3, Rows K1-4, L and M.



## Sebring

### Autumn Surge for Sebring

A treble of new Group II winners in the space of just a couple of weeks has highlighted the infinite possibilities for our outstanding young sire Sebring.

Class three year-olds Catch a Fire and Hattori Hanzo proved their potential with wins in the Group II MRC Angus Armanasco Stakes and ATC Phar Lap Stakes, while exciting two year-old colt Seaburge captured the Group II VRC Sires Produce Stakes.

Add to that Group placings for Mount Panorama, Egypt and Revolving Door and you can see why Sebring has surged into fifth place on the Australian General Sires list



High class 2yo SEABURGE wins the VRC Sires Gr2



Brilliant winner of the Group 2 Armanasco Stakes at Caulfield, CATCH A FIRE

by earnings with \$5.5 million to his credit.

All three of his new Group winners were sold by Widden Stud as yearlings adding further to our satisfaction in his achievements.

Sebring has some outstanding yearlings being offered at sales this year, but it is next year when his real superstars will be unveiled.

In 2017, expect to see youngsters from mares such as Private Steer, Red Tracer, Steps in Time, Karuta Queen, Dane Belltar, No Looking Back, Leone Chiara, Kulgrinda, Midnight Martini, etc.

One yearling that is unlikely be offered for sale, but we're particularly excited about is of course the Sebring colt from the great Black Caviar.

We've been lucky enough to see him and he is an absolute stunner, so the future for Sebring couldn't be more exciting.

## Star Witness

### Stars Align for Witness

The Champion Two and Three Year Old Colt of his generation, Star Witness continues to set the standard at stud as the leading Australian Second Season Sire by winners, while in the sale ring his progeny this year have sold for up to \$750,000.

The winners have flowed for Star Witness this season and among them have come five stakes performers – Well Sprung, Kimberley Star, Serenade, Star Collision and the hugely talented two year-old colt Star Turn.

A close second in the Group III MRC Blue Diamond Prelude and then an unlucky fifth in the Group I MRC Blue Diamond Stakes, Star Turn has already won over \$190,000 this season



Exciting, Group performer STAR TURN



The 3/4 brother to STAR TURN was a sales ring star, \$750,00 to Alan Bell

for his owner Alan Bell and has unlimited potential.

It was the three-quarter brother to Star Turn that caught the eye of Alan Bell at Magic Millions earlier this year.

Consigned by Widden Stud, the Star Witness colt from Hilton Head set a new record price for his sire when snapped up by Bell for \$750,000.

Widden Stud will offer some terrific Star Witness yearlings for the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale with the full sister to Star Turn, a gorgeous chestnut filly from Golden Delicious, an obvious standout as Lot 327.



## Zoustar

### Zoustar Returns

2016 will see the return of dual Group I winner Zoustar to the stallion roster at Widden Stud for his third season following a sojourn in Victoria with Woodside Park where he was warmly welcomed.

In the short time Zoustar has been gone, his sire Northern Meteor added a sixth Group I winner to his tally with star filly Speak Fondly capturing the ATC Flight Stakes last spring.

With statistics now mirroring his champion sire Encosta de Lago, the worth of Northern Meteor has never been more apparent and as his very best sire son, Zoustar is poised to continue his legacy.

Well supported in his first two seasons, Zoustar has the numbers to make a big impact with 135 foals set to make their sales debut as yearlings in 2017.

Blessed with the good looks of their sire, his stock are strong and athletic, winning rave reviews from breeders keen to book back to him again this spring.

Breeding to him third season could offer serious upside to broodmare owners if he can emulate the success of Northern Meteor, who was the Champion Australian First Season Sire in 2012/2013.

The best & most successful son of Northern Meteor, ZOUSTAR



## Your Song

### Strong Returns for Your Song

A brilliant Group I winning sprinter by sire of sires Fastnet Rock, Your Song has been delivering healthy returns for his supporters this year with a dozen of his yearlings selling for upwards of \$100,000.

At the Magic Millions Yearling Sale in January, Your Song had 17 yearlings average \$95,441 which was more than four times his service fee.

His top seller was a colt from Siphon that made \$170,000 for Edinlassie Stud when secured by Matthew Smith Racing.

Widden Stud enjoyed good results with colts from That's Amore and Ceol Na Sraide (IRE) that both made \$150,000 when purchased by OnTrack Thoroughbreds/ Laing Brothers Racing and Star Thoroughbreds.

Not far behind was a colt from De Puivert that made \$140,000 for Newhaven Park when bought by Domeland Pty Ltd and a filly from Glogirl that made \$140,000 for Newgate Farm when bought by Aquanita Racing.

Demand for Your Song continued at the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale in Melbourne where he had three yearlings sell for \$100,000 or more highlighted by Gilgai Farm's colt from Lisboa that made \$150,000 when bought by Yenrise Pty Ltd.

Your Song also made an impression at the Perth Magic Millions where his colt from Jestceny fetched \$135,000 for Western Alliance Breeders when bought by Trevor Andrews.

The cream of the Your Song crop are headed to the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale in April where eight of his youngsters will be offered including a half-brother to dual Group I winner and sire Turfontein and colts from Group winners Segments and A Country Girl.



Your Song - Siphon colt. \$170,000

## Social Media

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*Last season, 10% of Australia's Group One races were won by horses born and raised at Widden*



*Widden Stud, represented by an outstanding draft at The Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, April 5-7.*