

Widden Whinnies

News from the Valley of Champions: Summer 2015/16

Yearling Sales



Australia's Horse of the Year – Dissident

Another Magic season for Widden Stud

A glorious history has made Widden Stud into one of the most respected Australian thoroughbred stud farms in the world, but when the yearling sale season is upon us, buyers are really only interested in results.

For sires, vendors and bloodstock agents, there is great truth in the saying 'you are only as good as your last winner' and in the case of Widden Stud there are plenty to choose from!

In the last racing season alone, **an amazing 10% of Group One races run in Australia were won by horses that were born & raised at Widden**. There are some 14,000 foals born in Australia each year & to produce winners of 10% of the Group One races is a great achievement. **Additionally last season, Widden also had sales graduates win the \$2million Magic Millions 2yo Classic & enjoyed Group One success abroad.**

A stallion roster that delivers actual race-track results is at the heart of any farm's success and Widden's commitment to sourcing high class, precocious Australian speed sires has proven a massive winner.

Reigning Australian Horse of the Year **DISSIDENT** is the benchmark for Widden Stud's current era of success, having been foaled, raised and sold at Magic Millions by Widden and sired by Sebring.

Other past season Group I winners to carry the famous JT over lazy 2 brand include **HUCKLEBUCK, BONARIA, THUNDER FANTASY, SHAMAL WIND**.

The performances of the Widden raised thoroughbred is unquestionable. In the early stages of the new racing season we have seen **VANBRUGH** win the Spring Champion Stakes Gr1, **STRATUM STAR** win the Rupert Clarke

Stakes Gr1 & **LIZARD ISLAND**, a fast finishing runner-up in the Caulfield Guineas Gr1.

Widden Stud have brought together all the elements required to deliver superior thoroughbreds and the stud's recent Magic Millions graduates have highlighted this approach.

"The 2016 Magic Millions draft is an unbelievable group of young horses. Dissident, Driefontein, Stratum Star & last season's \$2m Magic Millions 2yo winner **LE CHEF** have been recent Widden graduates at Magic Millions so we've carefully considered the right type of horse for January's sale." said, Widden's Antony Thompson.

Scroll down to view the 2016 Magic Millions draft and be sure to join us at the Gold Coast in January where we will present 36 youngsters for your inspection – your next stakes winner awaits!

Your Song

Singing Our Song

Launching a new stallion at Magic Millions always brings a special excitement and we can't wait for buyers to take their first look at the progeny of our gorgeous new boy Your Song.

Bred and raced by Gooree Stud as was the mighty Northern Meteor, Your Song retired lightly raced as an explosive Group I winning sprinter by champion sire Fastnet Rock.

He has let down into a magnificent stallion and has imparted his good looks and quality to his offspring.

The Magic Millions selection team have a fine reputation for honing in on the best first season sires and the fact he has 29 youngsters catalogued for sale speaks for itself.

Some of the obvious highlights include: a half-brother to stakes-winners The Voice and Royal Zulu Guard from good producer Ceol Na Sraide (IRE); first foal (colt) from stakes-winner Hoss Amor; a colt from Group I placed US stakes-winner Moon de French (USA); and first foal (filly) from stakes-winner Secret Status.

We hope at the end of this sale, everyone will be singing 'Our Song'!



Your Song

Your Song - Ceol Na Sraide colt

Sebring

From Strength to Strength

In the 2014/2015 Australian racing season Sebring emerged as a serious player with seven stakes winners and a third place finish on the Australian General Sires List by earnings behind only Fastnet Rock and Exceed and Excel.

For a young stallion with only three crops racing to make such a huge impression against the established super sires stamped Sebring as a stallion destined for greatness and everything that has happened since then has only served to enhance his status.

Sebring gets everything from brilliant juveniles to Derby winners, to weight-for-age stars, his best progeny headed by \$7million earner Criterion and reigning Australian Horse of the Year Dissident, who has now retired to stud.

"We bred Dissident in partnership and he was foaled and raised here before being sold as a yearling in our draft at Magic Millions," Antony Thompson revealed.



Criterion

"He's a Widden product through and through as his mother Diana's Secret, was also bred here and was sired by our former high class shuttler Anabaa.

"We take a great deal of pride and satisfaction in the achievements of the horses we produce and Dissident has set the benchmark very high as a five-time Group I winner."

The Sebring progeny are set to star at the Gold Coast in January and already two of his Magic Millions sold offspring have come out and won with exciting juvenile fillies The Last Kiss and Candika, both scoring on debut at Doomben for the Steven O'Dea stable.

Sebring has an exceptional offering with 50 entries including six that will be presented by Widden Stud.

They are: a filly bred on the same cross as Dissident being from stakes-winning Anabaa (USA) mare Marchelle Belle; a colt from stakes-winner Peach Tree; the half-sister to stakes-winner Runway Star from Intuit; a colt from Group III winner Valentine Miss; a colt from stakes-placed Fast Talker from the family of Golden Slipper winner Crystal Lily; and a filly from Polska, a daughter of Group I winner La Volta



Sebring

Stratum



Stratum Star

Stratum Star Keeps His Sire on Top

A Golden Slipper winning sire bought from the Magic Millions Sale ring in 2004, Stratum hit the heights early in his stud career with Golden Slipper winner Crystal Lily and the winners have kept on coming.

Leading Victorian trainer Darren Weir has become an avid fan thanks to the deeds of outstanding four year-old Stratum Star, a \$165,000 Magic Millions purchase that was bred and sold by Widden Stud.

A two time stakes-winner in Melbourne as a spring three year-old, Stratum Star blossomed this preparation to win the Group I MRC Sir Rupert Clarke Stakes and Group III MRC David Jones Cup as well as finishing third in the Group I MRC Toorak Handicap.

With earnings now approaching \$800,000, Stratum Star just keeps getting better and better.

Stratum is rarely without a good two year-old and the Lloyd Kennewell trained gelding Bullion Wolf has put himself in the picture for a Magic Millions 2YO Classic start with stylish victories at his only two starts in Adelaide during the spring.

Stratum has 16 entries for the Gold Coast including the full brother to his brilliant Group III winning son Va Pensiero and a half-sister to Group III winners Bliss Street and Jade Marauder from top producer Jade Diva.

Q&A

Rae-Louise Farmer

How long have you been with Widden?

4 years ago I came to Widden to experience the sale circuit for just 6 months,.....I still appear to be missing my passport!

The most rewarding experience you have had as yearling manager?

Following Stratum Star through all his success has been pretty rewarding. He came out of the first big draft I prepared for Widden, and he was a difficult horse to manage. He was such an excited type of horse and so eager to learn. He had an infectious personality.

Give us a couple of your favourite Widden yearlings you have prepared during your time?

Tawten and Thurlow always had a bit of class about them, nothing was ever an issue, always ate up, worked well, no injuries very straight forward fillies. Vanburgh was my go to yearling for young rookie strappers to learn things on. He taught a lot of first timers how to parade, put a roller on, lunge etc and acted like a true gentleman. Lizard Island is another stand out. Huge personality, very much like his sire. He lived in the first box as you walk through in to the second barn where people would leave there jackets, sweaters and things hanging and he would pull them through the mesh, rip them into shreds then fire the pieces over the door.

What is it about Widden bred horses enjoying such great success on the racetrack?

It's the attention to detail you see each foal receive from the moment they're born to the day they leave the farm. You never know if you are preparing the next future Stratum Star, Vanburgh or Dissident.

Brilliant Group One winner YOUR SONG has his first yearlings on offer in 2016. How are his progeny measuring up?

I have been impressed with the first lot of Your Song yearlings that have come through the barn so far. They have proven to be pretty straight forward horses to prep so far this season. They are naturally very athletic and muscular with great coats on them, they all have a positive work ethic and a good appetite to match up. I will look forward to see a few of them make an early appearance on the race track.

What is the best part about working at Widden?

The best part of working at Widden for me is seeing the yearlings grow and graduate through the sale ring onto the race track with such great success. I get such a kick out of going to the races and seeing one of "our babies" fly past the winning post. So much time and planning and attention to detail goes into each individual that you just never know who is going to be the next champion.



Lastly, a tip for a fast one in this year's Magic Millions draft?

I love the MAGHERB X YOUR SONG filly, she's all power with just the right amount of attitude. She always moves with so much balance and grace. And the I'M MARY TOO X CHARGE FORWARD colt never fails to impress me, he's quite the "pocket rocket"

Star Witness

Star Witness Leads the Way

Just as good at three as he was at two, brilliant colt Star Witness has taken rapid strides this year in his burgeoning stud career with a slew of winners propelling him to the top of the Australian Second Season Sires List by winners.

20 winners and counting – the Star Witness stock have been racing up a storm with stakes performers Well Sprung and Kimberley Star leading the charge, while in South Africa, Mella Maria and Lineker have also made their presence felt.

Perhaps the most exciting winner of all has been the Hawkes Racing prepared two year-old colt Star Turn, who scored a commanding three length win in the \$150,000 ATC Pierro Plate in October.

The most expensive yearling sired by Star Witness in 2015 when fetching \$400,000 at Magic Millions, this Widden Stud bred and sold youngster looks like he might be another good one for well-known Sydney owner Alan Bell.

Star Witness has 19 entries for Magic Millions, eight of them to be offered by Widden Stud including: the first foal (colt) of Group III winner Dinkum Diamond; a three-quarter brother-in-blood to Star Turn from Hilton Head, a daughter of Group III winner Golden Delicious; and the first foal (filly) of Group I placed stakes-winner Ladys Angel.



Star Turn

Nicconi



Concealer

Nicconi Finds Success

The path to stud success for dual Group I winning sprinter Nicconi has been more one of a slow burn, rather than a meteoric rise, but make no mistake his winners are doing the talking as we move through the current season.

Nicconi is leading the Australian Third Season Sire's List by winners from a stellar grouping that includes I Am Invincible and Medaglia D'Oro (USA).

His 40 plus winners include three stakes-winners in Concealer, Ayers Rock and Exclusive Lass and while many of his offspring seem to benefit from maturity, his first three juvenile runners this spring have all been winners!

The savvy yearling buyer will find great value in the Nicconi youngsters on offer at the Gold Coast and there are eight to choose from.

Widden Foal Gallery

Featuring first crop foals by Champion 3yo's Zoustar & Shamus Award



Shamus Award -
Essie's Pride
filly ▶



Shamus
Award -
Mira
◀ colt

Shamus Award -
Puerto Vallarta
filly ▼



Zoustar -
Cabernet
filly ▶



Zoustar -
Princess Emmy
◀ colt



Zoustar -
Palm Shade
filly ▶

Golf

WIDDEN STUD MAGIC MILLIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT



Monday 11th January 2016 at
Royal Pines Resort Binowiee

Registration from 11.00am
at Tees Clubhouse with BBQ Lunch
Shotgun Start from 12.00pm
Presentations from 5.00pm in Tees Clubhouse

Competition: 4 Person Ambrose
Entry Fee: \$130.00 Per Person

Includes Green Fees with Electric Cart, Prizes,
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YOUR SONG

Fastnet Rock's most dominant Group One winning son

No other sire-son of champion Fastnet Rock
has won a Group One by over 1 length.

Your Song won his by over 5



Peter Robl (Jockey)
"A machine! A beautiful animal,
beautiful attitude, beautiful
mover. He's a real Group One
power-house!" 11/5/13

First crop yearlings on offer at the Magic Millions sale in January



Lot 1 Filly

**Foxwedge x A Material Girl,
by General Nediym**

Half-sister to two winners from a half-sister to four-time Group I winner and \$2million earner Divine Madonna and Group III winner Blessum.

From a daughter of emerging broodmare sire General Nediym, sire of the dam of 11 SW's including Group I winners Jameka and Sizzling.



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Lot 3 Filly

**Sepoy x Absolute Dream,
by Canny Lad**

Half-sister to three winners from stakes-placed Absolute Dream, who comes from the family of triple Group I winner and \$2.1 million earner Toledo.

By a Golden Slipper winner in Sepoy from the daughter of another Golden Slipper winner Canny Lad.



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Lot 26 Colt

**Harbour Watch (IRE) x Apollo's
Pride, by Reset**

From a metro winning half-sister to Group II winner's Dopff and Rizon as well as Group III winner Ready to Lift from the family of Group II winners Vavasour and Vilanova.

From the first crop of brilliant Group II winning juvenile Harbour Watch.



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Lot 89 Colt

**Your Song x Ceol Na Sraide (IRE),
by King's Theatre**

Half-brother to Group III SAJC Sires Produce Stakes winner The Voice, stakes-winner Royal Zulu Guard and stakes-placed Rock Band.

From the family of breed shaping sire Danehill and Caulfield Cup winner Diatribe.



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Lot 91 Filly

Your Song x Champagne Sisters, by Anabaa (USA)

From a winning half-sister to SW Rutherford Eagle and daughter of Group III winner Vestey, from the family of Group I VRC Myer Classic winner Bonaria.

From a daughter of outstanding broodmare sire Anabaa, sire of the dams of 54 SW's inc. Group I stars such as Treve, Dissident, Buffering, Hartnell and Rostova.



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Lot 144 Colt

Pierro x Dare to Dance (NZ), by Pins

First foal of a half-sister to brilliant juvenile Hips Don't Lie, winner of the Group II STC Reising Stakes and dam of SW and Golden Slipper place-getter Lake Geneva.

From the first crop of Champion 2YO, Golden Slipper and Triple Crown winner Pierro.



PEDIGREE



Lot 149 Colt

Exceed and Excel x De Jetcat, by Tale of the Cat (USA)

From smart Sydney metro winner De Jetcat, a daughter of SW Superjet from the family of South African Champion Two and Three Year Old Filly, Princess Victoria.

From a daughter of globally successful shuttle sire Tale of the Cat, sire of the dam of 49 SW's inc. Group I winners It's Tricky, Dortumund and Amazing Maria.



PEDIGREE



Lot 158 Colt

Star Witness x Dinkum Diamond, by Keep the Faith

First foal of Group III SAJC Jansz Stakes winner Dinkum Diamond, a daughter of Group III winner Raja Lane.

By the leading Australian Second Season Sire by winners in Champion Two and Three Year Old Colt Star Witness and bred on exact same cross as Group III placed Mella Maria.



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Lot 212 Filly

**Snitzel x Fashion Rocks,
by Dehere (USA)**

First foal of smart Kiwi metro winner Fashion Rocks, who was fourth in the Listed Waiarapa Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes.

From the family of Group I MRC Caulfield Guineas winner Wonderful World and triple Group I winner Spartacus.



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Lot 216 Colt

**Sebring x Fast Talker,
by Fastnet Rock**

Second foal of stakes-placed Fast Talker, a daughter of SW Crystal Wit, a half-sister to Golden Slipper winner Crystal Lily.

Bred on similar Sebring x Danehill cross to Group III winners Scratchy Bottom and Kiss a Rose.



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Lot 255 Filly

**Your Song x Fun Flight,
by Anabaa (USA)**

Third foal of an unraced half-sister to Group II VRC Maribyrnong Plate winner Sanziro and Group III winner Flying Object.

From a daughter of multiple Group III winner Will Fly.



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Lot 301 Colt

**Star Witness x Hilton Head,
by Fastnet Rock**

Three-quarter brother in blood to this season's brilliant juvenile winner Star Turn, a runaway winner of the \$150,000 ATC Pierro Plate.

Second foal of a winning half-sister to Group II placed Straight Gold and daughter of Group III winner Golden Delicious. Bred on the exact same cross as SW Pearl Star.



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Lot 318 Colt

**Charge Forward x I'm Mary Too,
by Flying Spur**

First foal of Sydney metro winner I'm Mary Too, a half-sister to Group III placed Margham, the dam of SW Mohave.

Bred on the exact same cross as Group I winner Headway and SW's Crack a Roadie, Road Trippin', Fort Lincoln and Urban Groove.



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Lot 329 Filly

Sebring x Intuit, by Commands

Half-sister to SW Runway Star, Listed SAJC Matrice Stakes from stakes-placed Intuit, a daughter of Group I winner Wrap Around.

From the family of Champion 2YO Filly and \$1.9 million earner Fashions Afield.



PEDIGREE



Lot 330 Colt

**Star Witness x Involve,
by Encosta de Lago**

Half-brother to Sydney metro winners Black Revolver and Precia from a half-sister to SW British Lion, the dam of SW British General.

From a daughter of champion sire Encosta de Lago, sire of the dams of 45 SW's inc. this season's Group I winner Japonisme.



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Lot 372 Filly

**Star Witness x Ladys Angel,
by Arena**

First foal of speedy SW Ladys Angel, winner of the Listed ATC Hall Mark Stakes and third in the Group I ATC The Galaxy.

From the family of brilliant juvenile Mother Duck and SW's Anatina, Pricked, Miss Bux and Atomic.



PEDIGREE





Lot 383 Colt

Pierro x Lipari, by Redoute's Choice

Second foal of a stakes-placed daughter of Group I SAJC Australasian Oaks winner Tully Thunder from the family of Group I winners Black Mamba and Roman Emperor.

Bred on similar Lonhro x Redoute's Choice cross as Group winners Wawai, Messene, Generalife and Eight Til Late.



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Lot 405 Filly

Your Song x Maghreb, by Dubawi (IRE)

Second foal of a winning daughter of global sire sensation Dubawi from the family of Group I winner Medaaly.

Traces in direct tail female line to celebrated producer Fall Aspen, the dam of Group I stars Timber Country, Hamas, Fort Wood and Northern Aspen.



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Lot 413 Filly

Sebring x Marchelle Belle, by Anabaa (USA)

Half-sister to a winner from Listed Tasmanian Oaks winner Marchelle Belle from the family of South African Group II winner Global Legend.

Bred on the exact same cross as Australian Horse of the Year and five-time Group I winner Dissident.



PEDIGREE



Lot 449 Colt

Your Song x Moon de French (USA), by Malibu Moon

Third foal of Group I placed Moon de French, winner of the Listed Del Mar Adoration Stakes, a grand-daughter of SW Defreeze.

From the first crop of brilliant Group I winning sprinter Your Song.



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Lot 496 Colt

Sebring x Peach Tree, by Bel Esprit

Third foal of SW Peach Tree, winner of the Listed WATC Belmont Classic and from a half-sister to Group III winner Painted Ocean.

From the family of champion filly Triscay and Group I winners La Baraka, Defier, Demerger and this season's exciting juvenile Astern.



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Lot 513 Filly

Sebring x Polska, by Encosta de Lago

Third foal of a placed daughter of Group I SAJC Australasian Oaks winner La Volta from the family of stakes-placed Shiralee and this season's smart juvenile winner Bullion Wolf.

Bred on the exact same cross as Group II winner Believe Yourself and Group III winner Clifton Red.



PEDIGREE



Lot 520 Colt

Not a Single Doubt x Princess Layla, by Fastnet Rock

First foal of Sydney metro winner Princess Layla, also fourth in the VRC Lexus Hybrid Plate.

From the family of Group III winners Hi World, Lite'n In My Veins and SW Loveyamaddy. Has a double cross of champion sire Danehill as do Group I winners Guelph, Astaire and Southern Lord.



PEDIGREE



Lot 576 Filly

Fastnet Rock x Satinka (NZ), by Stravinsky (USA)

Half-sister to two winners and is third foal of Group II winner Satinka, a half-sister to the dam of dual Group I winner and \$2.2 million earner Rangirangdoo.

Bred on the exact same cross as four-time Group I winner Mosheen and Group I placed SW Lake Geneva.



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Lot 595 Filly

Sepoy x Shanzero, by Danzero

Half-sister to Group III placed Hill Spy from Group III Wellington Stakes winner Shanzero, a three-quarter sister to SW What's the Mail.

From the family of Group I winners Danendri, Danestorm and Faint Perfume.



PEDIGREE



Lot 597 Filly

Star Witness x Sheeznodoubt, by Not a Single Doubt

Half-sister to a winner from Sydney juvenile metro winner Sheeznodoubt, also fourth in Listed AJC Gimcrack Stakes.

From a daughter of stakes-placed Regal County from the family of multiple Group II winner and \$1.5 million earner Rain Affair.



PEDIGREE



Lot 598 Colt

Star Witness x Sherrin, by Court of Jewels

Third foal of an unraced sibling to Group III winner Kilspindie and SW's Rullene and Brackenbury.

Has a double cross of champion sires Danehill and Sir Tristram from the family of Group I winners Jandell and Vinaka as well as Group II winner Thump.



PEDIGREE



Lot 675 Colt

Your Song x That's Amore, by More Than Ready (USA)

First foal of an unraced half-sister to Group III winner Angel of Mercy from the family of four-time Group I winner and \$2million earner Divine Madonna.

Bred on similar Fastnet Rock x More Than Ready cross that has produced Group I winner Atlante and SW Impetuous.



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Lot 695 Colt

**Sebring x Valentine Miss,
by Danetime (IRE)**

Second foal of Valentine Miss, 6 wins and \$490,090 inc. Group III MRC How Now Stakes and three times fourth in Group I races.

From the family of SW's Yuleda, New Kid in Town and Sureasyouwereborn.



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Lot 822 Colt

**Hinchinbrook x Rain Special,
by Galileo (IRE)**

Third foal of Sydney metro winner Rain Special, from the family of multiple Group II winner and \$1.5 million earner Rain Affair.

Bred on similar Fastnet Rock x Galileo cross that has produced six SW's headed by Group I winners Magicool and Qualify.



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Lot 835 Filly

**Your Song x Search for Fame,
by Quest for Fame (GB)**

Half-sister to a winner from a placed three-quarter sister to multiple Group II winner Impaler from the family of Danewin, Commands, Shooting to Win and Deep Field.

Bred on similar Fastnet Rock x Quest for Fame cross to Group II winner Rock Sturdy.



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Lot 947 Filly

**Star Witness x Desert Symphony,
by Desert Sun (GB)**

Half-sister to stakes-placed Hot Snippet and two other winners from the family of SW's Western Music, Simon Said, Henry de Horse, The Alfonso.

From a daughter of Desert Sun as is unbeaten world champion sprinter Black Caviar.



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Lot 969 Filly

**Star Witness x Exacta Factor,
by Danetime (IRE)**

Half-sister to two winners from an unraced daughter of stakes-placed Sage Moon, from the family of Group I MVRC William Reid Stakes winner Lightning Bend.

Has a double cross of champion sire Danehill as do Group I winners Guelph, Astaire and Southern Lord.



PEDIGREE



WE WOULD LIKE TO
WISH OUR CLIENTS A VERY

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AND A

*Prosperous
New Year*

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