

Widden Whinnies

News from the Valley of Champions

Inglis Easter Yearling Sale

A Vintage 12 months!

Buyers attending the 2015 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale in Sydney on April 7, 8 and 9 are spoilt for choice with a smorgasbord of the country's finest thoroughbred talent on offer.

It's easy to become dazzled by pedigree pages laden with Black Type and an endless procession of shiny, well conformed athletic youngsters, but in sorting the diamonds from the rough the astute buyer is going to look hard at the farm from which a horse was produced.

It's a fact of life that some farms achieve more success than others in terms of racetrack results and Widden Stud have a track record the envy of many.

Widden have produced (bred, raised or sold) no fewer than 23 stakes-winners in the past 12 months headed by Group I winners DISSIDENT, THUNDER FANTASY, DRIEFONTEIN, HUCKLEBUCK, SHAMAL WIND and BONARIA.

It's an impressive list and one we take a great deal of pride in.

Seven generations of the Thompson family have worked tirelessly to shape Widden into one of the great thoroughbred farms of the world and in 2015 this historic farm has never been going better.

Our stallions are firing on all cylinders with Stratum, Sebring and Northern Meteor all placed in the Top 15 Australian Sires by earnings, the trio accounting for 15 individual stakes-winners this season between them (as at March 17).

We are delighted to present a 50 strong draft for Inglis Easter this year and a quick perusal of the pedigrees reveals siblings to star Group I winning gallopers such as Go Indy Go, Cheeky Choice and Sirmione-



Shamal Wind, the latest Widden born, raised and sold Group One winner



Hucklebuck, another Group One winner born and raised at Widden

and a colt from freakish producer Professionelle, who has left 10 winners headed by Group winners Sportsman, Prisoner of Love, Hoystar and King of Prussia.

Also in the draft are half siblings to several stakes winners such as Atmospheric, Takedown, Thurlow, Tawteen, Runway Star, Sharnee Rose, Impetuoso, Spacecraft etc.

A winner of six of her 12 starts with prizemoney topping \$330,000, the David Pfeiffer trained sprinter Atmospheric is yet another superior performer for Northern Meteor.

Her yearling half-sister by Sepoy will be offered as Lot 402 and is from terrific producer Faster Pussycat, who has also left Group I placed stakes-winner Gai's Choice and Group II placed stakes-winner Peron.

Exciting Stratum two year-old Takedown confirmed his potential with a bold win in the Group III Canberra Black Opal Stakes in early March, providing a great result for his trainer Gary Moore, who has only recently returned to Australia after training successfully in Macau for many years.

His yearling three-quarter sister by Redoute's Choice from Apamea (GB) will be offered as Lot 286.

A juvenile stakes-winner in the spring for Qatar Bloodstock, promising Sebring filly Thurlow has added a win in the Group III VRC Chairman's Stakes since the catalogue went to print.

Her half-sister by Northern Meteor from stakes-winner Princess Emmy will be offered as Lot 114.

Shadwell colour bearer Tawteen was a stakes-winner last spring, the speedy Stratum filly having won over \$250,000 in prizemoney with more to come. Her yearling full brother will be offered as Lot 202.

We've told you all about our draft, but now we can't wait to show you our horses!

So come and see us at Stable 3, Rows J, K, L and M.

Stratum

A Fascinating Rivalry

Our Golden Slipper winner Stratum has enjoyed a lifelong rivalry with another Redoute's Choice sire son in Snitzel, the pair first crossing tracks at the 2004 Magic Millions Yearling Sale where they were sold and joined the respective stables of Paul Perry and Gerald Ryan.

At the end of their racing careers, the pair had each won a Group I event, Stratum winning the Golden Slipper and Snitzel taking the MRC Oakleigh Plate.

When their first progeny hit the tracks, it was Stratum that stole an early march when his star filly Crystal Lily won the Golden Slipper, with Snitzel taking a little longer to get his first Group I winner which came in the shape of his second crop member Sizzling, who won the BRC TJ Smith Stakes in Brisbane at two.

With their oldest progeny now six year-olds, Stratum and Snitzel remain locked in a close contest, the pair both holding down positions in the Top 10 Australian Sires by earnings with less than \$100,000 between them in seasonal progeny earnings.

Their overall career statistics are also remarkably similar in the Southern Hemisphere.

Snitzel has 69.2% winners to runners, \$33 million earnings with 28 stakes-winners headed by five Group I winners – Shamus Award, Snitzerland, Sizzling, Wandjina & Sweet Idea. Stratum has 68.4% winners to runners, \$35 million earnings with 28 stakes-winners headed by three Group I winners Streama, Crystal Lily & Southern Lord.

There has never been a great deal between these two very good stallions and as we head towards the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale and then to the new breeding season it's a fact well worth taking on board.



Tawteen, a brilliant stakes winning, Widden sales graduate

Sebring

Sebring Surges to Sire Stardom

Expectations are always high for a Golden Slipper winner going to stud, but Sebring has delivered all that has been expected of him and more.

This time last year he shot to a new level of success when his star three year-olds Criterion and Dissident captured the Sydney Triple Crown, the former landing the Group I ATC Australian Derby and Rosehill Guineas, while the latter took the Randwick Guineas.

12 months on and both colts are still competing at the highest level.

Dissident has reeled off three more Group I wins in the MRC Memsie Stakes, VRC Makybe Diva Stakes and just recently the MRC CF Orr Stakes.

Criterion was third in the prestigious Group I Hong Kong International Cup before Christmas and resumed from a break to be third in the Group I ATC Canterbury Stakes indicating he'll be a real force in the major races at The

Championships.

Both Criterion and Dissident were stakes-winners at two, so to have them still competing at their best at age four is one of the many reasons Sebring's stocks as a sire have soared.

He gets the fast two year-olds, he gets the Classic three year-olds and then they train on as older horses.

Breeders have been quick to follow up on his racetrack success with 192 mares covered by Sebring last year. Those in foal include young mares; RED TRACER, STEPS IN TIME, KARUTA QUEEN, NO LOOKING BACK, LEONE CHIARA, PRIVATE STEER, CRIMSON REIGN, ROCHA, KULGRIN-

Zoustar, one of the many exceptional talents by Northern Meteor



Last Hurrah for Northern Meteor

The last crop of yearlings by our champion sire Northern Meteor have been selling up a storm at Australasian sales this year and rightly so with his progeny continuing to excel at racetracks around Australia.

The sire of six stakes-winners this season headed by Group I MRC Caulfield Guineas winner Shooting to Win, Group I ATC Canterbury Stakes winner Cosmic Endeavour, brilliant sprinter Deep Field and Magic Night Stakes winner Speak Fondly for Gooree Stud.

Lot 22 from Left Alone, Lot 114 from Princess Emmy & Lot 401 from Fast Talker are just a sample of the terrific crop of Northern Meteor's we have on offer in the Widden draft this Easter.

An explosive sprinter by champion sire Encosta de Lago, Northern Meteor seems certain to establish a sire dynasty of his own with a number of his stakes performed sons already at stud headed by dual Group I winner Zoustar, who covered 185 mares at Widden last spring at a fee of \$44,000.

We are looking forward to the arrival of his first foals later this year and enjoying what unfolds from this final crop of yearlings by his sire Northern Meteor.

Will there be another champion amongst them? We think so.

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Sebring entire Dissident, a Widden born, raised & sold 4x Gr1 winner

DA, MIDNIGHT MARTINI & of course the mighty BLACK CAVIAR.

We believe Sebring has all the makings of a stallion that will one day top the Australian General Sires List by earnings to be crowned Champion Australian Sire.



Lot 22 Colt

Northern Meteor x Left Alone, by Don't Say Halo (USA)

From the last crop of yearlings by ill-fated champion sire NORTHERN METEOR and is a half-brother to two winners from the family of Group III winners ARCTIC PARK and PLATINUM ROCKER.

Bred on the exact same Northern Meteor x Don't Say Halo cross as Group I placed Group II winner EUROZONE.



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Lot 27 Colt

Sebring x Lipari, by Redoute's Choice

First foal of stakes-placed LIPARI, a daughter of Group I SAJC Australasian Oaks winner TULLY THUNDER from the family of Group I stars GLORIOUS DAYS, BLACK MAMBA and ROMAN EMPEROR.

Bred on the exact same Sebring x Redoute's Choice cross as ill-fated Group III winner KISS A ROSE and Group II placed TAHNI DANCER.



PEDIGREE



Lot 52 Colt

So You Think x Miss Darcey, by Hussonet (USA)

Second foal of Group III Adrian Knox Stakes winner MISS DARCEY, also third in the Group I AJC Australian Oaks.

From a daughter of stakes-winner MISS BUSSELL and grand-daughter of Group I Auckland Cup winner LURESTINA from the family of brilliant Group II winning sprinter HURRIED CHOICE.



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Lot 61 Colt

So You Think x Modonna, by More Than Ready (USA)

Second foal of stakes-placed MODONNA, a daughter of stakes-placed DONNADANE, a three-quarter sister-in-blood to Group I winning sprinter and champion sire FASTNET ROCK.

First three dams are by champion sires MORE THAN READY, DANEHILL and MARAUDING, the family also including speedy Group winners PICCADILLY CIRCUS and RAHEEB.



PEDIGREE





Lot 64 Filly

**More Than Ready (USA) x
Moon de French (USA),
by Malibu Moon**

Second foal of US Group I placed stakes-winner MOON DE FRENCH from the family of Group III winners JULMAE and FROST FREE.

Bred on similar More Than Ready x AP Indy cross to US Group I winner ROOM SERVICE, Group II winner HUNGER ISLAND and Group III winner MAJOR GAIN.



PEDIGREE



Lot 80 Filly

**Sebring x Noguchi,
by Fusaichi Pegasus (USA)**

Third foal of an unraced half-sister to stakes-placed CASCADE EMERALD, whose dam is a sister to Group I VATC Caulfield Guineas winner PROCOL HARUM.

From a prolific Black Type family featuring Group I Queensland Derby winner LIBRICI and Group I Railway Stakes winner CANNSEA.



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Lot 98 Colt

**Snitzel x Peach Tree,
by Bel Esprit**

Second foal of stakes-winner PEACH TREE, a daughter of Black Caviar's sire BEL ESPRIT from a half-sister to Group III winner PAINTED OCEAN.

From the family of champion filly TRISCAY, 15 wins and \$1.9 million inc. Group I AJC Australian Oaks, Australian Guineas, Flight Stakes.



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Lot 110 Colt

**Sebring x Press the Button,
by Encosta de Lago**

From Group II STC Reising Stakes winner PRESS THE BUTTON, from the family of Group I Golden Slipper winner DARK ECLIPSE and Group I winners DENMAN and PRESERVE.

Bred on the exact same Sebring x Encosta de Lago cross as Group II winner BELIEVE YOURSELF and Group III winner CLIFTON RED.



PEDIGREE





Lot 114 Filly

Northern Meteor x Princess Emmy (NZ), by King's Chapel

Half-sister to this season's classy juvenile THURLOW, a spring stakes-winner in Melbourne and then winner of the Group III MRC Chairman's Stakes.

Second foal of stakes-winner PRINCESS EMMY from the family of Group I winners TUDOR LIGHT, TRAVEL LIGHT and ONLY A LADY.



PEDIGREE



Lot 119 Colt

So You Think x Professionelle (NZ), by Centaine

Half-brother to Group II winner SPORTSMAN, PRISONER OF WAR, Group III winner HOYSTAR and stakes-winner KING OF PRUSSIA.

From an exceptional producer that has led 10 to race all winners and she is a sister to Group III winner STARCENT from Group II winner STAR OF THE KNIGHT.



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Lot 127 Colt

Foxwedge x Rash Promise, by More Than Ready (USA)

Three-quarter brother to stakes-winner IMPETUOUS from stakes-placed RASH PROMISE a half-sister to Group I SAJC Adelaide Cup winner DEMERGER.

Bred on similar Fastnet Rock x More Than Ready cross that has proven successful with six winners from six runners headed by Group I winner ATLANTE.



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Lot 158 Colt

Sebring x Sayahilmary, by Keep the Faith

Second foal of Group II placed SAYAHILMARY, whose first foal MELLA MARIA (f by Star Witness) is a winner on debut in South Africa at two.

Has an interesting double cross of Halo as did champion More Than Ready mare MORE JOYOUS.



PEDIGREE





Lot 201 Colt

Exceed and Excel x Spoleto (USA), by Vindication

First foal of a winning half-sister to Group I Saratoga Spinaway Stakes winner THINGS CHANGE and stakes-winner DINNER CHANGE.

From a prolific Black Type US family featuring Group I winner and sire HARLAN.



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Lot 202 Colt

Stratum x Sprung (USA), by Grand Slam

Brother to slick Melbourne stakes-winner TAWTEEN and is from US Group III winner SPRUNG, winner of the Natalma Stakes at Woodbine.

Dam is a half-sister by Grand Slam to Group I Santa Anita Oak Leaf Stakes winner TALI'SLUCKYBUSRIDE.



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Lot 234 Colt

More Than Ready (USA) x Tropical Affair, by Danehill (USA)

Full brother to brilliant juvenile ROMANTIC MOON, Group III ATC Sweet Embrace Stakes and half-brother to Group III winner MATRAS, Group III placed ASHIKAGA and to the dam of Group II winner KABAYAN.

Bred on the exact same More Than Ready x Danehill cross as Group I winners BENICIO, MORE THAN SACRED, DREAMAWAY and PERFECTLY READY.



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Lot 261 Colt

Choisir x Absolute Dream, by Canny Lad

Half-brother to three winners from stakes-placed ABSOLUTE DREAM from the family of triple Group I winner and \$2.1 million earner TOLEDO.

Has a double cross of noted speed sires BISCAY and LUNCHTIME and is closely related to smart stakes-winner SCORPIO QUEEN, who is also by Choisir.



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Lot 282 Colt

Sebring x Anabarbarian, by Anabaa (USA)

Third foal of metro winning half-sister to stakes-winner WOPPITT from the family of Group I MIDNIGHT FEVER and ROCK CLASSIC.

Bred on the exact same Sebring x Anabaa cross as four-time Group I winner DISSIDENT and has a double cross of Golden Slipper winner Luskin Star.



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Lot 286 Filly

Redoute's Choice x Apamea (GB), by Zafonic

Three-quarter sister to Group III Canberra Black Opal Stakes winner TAKEDOWN from stakes-placed APAMEA, whose next two dams are by NUREYEV and SECRETARIAT.

Dam traces in tail female line to famed matriarch BEST IN SHOW, also the ancestress of this filly's sire Redoute's Choice.



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Lot 299 Colt

Smart Missile x Ballet Society (NZ), by Stravinsky (USA)

Half-brother to Group III placed THE FAIRY'S KISS from Group II winner BALLET SOCIETY, a half-sister to dual Group I winner CENT HOME and Group II winner STUDEBAKER.

Bred on successful Fastnet Rock x Nureyev cross to Group I winners MOSHEEN, NECHITA & ROCK CLASSIC.



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Lot 322 Filly

Northern Meteor x Can't Hackit (NZ), by Fasliyev (USA)

Half-sister to Group II placed SPOT THE ROCK, from a daughter of Group II winner CLOSE YOUR EYES.

From the last crop of yearlings by ill-fated champion sire NORTHERN METEOR from a prolific Black Type family featuring Group I AJC Oaks winner JUST NOW.



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Lot 331 Filly

Sebring x Champagne Sisters, by Anabaa (USA)

Third foal of a winning half-sister to stakes-winner RUTHERFORD EAGLE and daughter of Group III winner VESTEY, from the family of Group I VRC Myer Classic winner BONARIA.

Bred on the exact same Sebring x Anabaa cross as four-time Group I winner DISSIDENT.



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Lot 339 Filly

More Than Ready (USA) x Christchurch, by Caerleon

Dam has had eight foals to race all winners headed by Group I AJC Flight Stakes winner CHEEKY CHOICE, stakes-placed PROST and the dam of Kiwi stakes-winner JACKOFALL.

From a half-sister to stakes-winner DANASIA, the dam of Group I STC Rosehill Guineas winner ZABRASIVE.



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Lot 365 Filly

Sebring x Demanding, by Octagonal

Half-sister to five winners headed by stakes-winners SPACECRAFT, PHENOMENONS and Group III placed WASHINGTON HEIGHTS.

Bred on similar More Than Ready x Zabeel cross to this season's juvenile stakes-winner READY FOR VICTORY and from the family of champion colt TIERCE.



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Lot 379 Filly

So You Think x Elegant Eagle, by Zabeel

Half-sister to Group I ATC champagne Stakes winner GO INDY GO and Group III SAJC McKay Stakes winner ESSAY RAIDER.

From the family of Golden Slipper winner HA HA and Caulfield Cup winner SOUTHERN SPEED.



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Lot 394 Filly

**Lonhro x Extra Terrestrial,
by Quest for Fame (GB)**

Half-sister to four winners led by Group III placed HOME ON A WING from a metro winning half-sister to Group I winners HOTEL GRAND and OUTBACK PRINCE.

Bred on very successful Lonhro x Quest for Fame cross that has produced 80% winner to runners inc. stakes-winners SCARF, TROMSO and SERENISSIMA.



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Lot 398 Colt

**Makfi (GB) x Farasha (NZ),
by Jeune (GB)**

Half-brother to classy mare SHARNEE ROSE, a dual Group III winner and Group I placed in the MRC Thousand Guineas, and stakes-placed ZAFFAAN.

From a half-sister to the dam of Group I winner REWAAYA from the famed Easy Date family that has also produced Golden Slipper winner FORENSICS and Group I winning sire SNIPPETS.



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Lot 401 Colt

**Northern Meteor x Fast Talker,
by Fastnet Rock**

First foal of stakes-placed Fastnet Rock daughter of juvenile stakes-winner CRYSTAL WIT.

From the family of Group I Golden Slipper winner CRYSTAL LILY, Group II winner CARRARA and stakes-winners AMAETHON and CRYSTAL WEB.



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Lot 402 Filly

**Sepoy x Faster Pussycat,
by Flying Spur**

Half-sister to stakes-winners GAI'S CHOICE, ATMOSPHERICAL and PERON from stakes-placed FASTER PUSSYCAT, a three-quarter sister to the dam of Group I MRC Oakleigh Plate winner EAGLE FALLS and Group III winner MAHARA.

Has a double cross of Danehill as do no fewer than 26 stakes-winners headed by Group I winners GUELPH, ASTAIRE and SOUTHERN LORD.



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Lot 426 Filly

Northern Meteor x Gussed, by Snippetson

Second foal of a placed half-sister to Group II STC Magic Night Stakes winner COUNTESS CHRISTIE, dam of stakes-winner I HAVE NO FEAR.

Bred on similar Northern Meteor x Snippets cross to Group I winner ROMANTIC TOUCH.



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Lot 481 Filly

Smart Missile x Terrestria (NZ), by Encosta de Lago

From an unraced half-sister to Group I AJC Spring Champion Stakes and Canterbury Guineas winner HOTEL GRAND and Group I QTC TJ Smith Classic winner OUTBACK PRINCE.

Bred on similar Fastnet Rock x Encosta de Lago cross to Group II winner EMPRESS ROCK.



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Lot 483 Filly

Sebring x Tigress Lily, by Snitzel

First foal of good metro winner TIGRESS LILY that won over \$150,000 in prizemoney and was fourth in Group III ATC Epona Stakes.

Dam is a grand-daughter of NZ Horse of the Year TYCOON LIL and first three dams are by outstanding sires SNITZEL, ZABEEL and LAST TYCOON.



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Lot 485 Filly

Northern Meteor x True Class by Don Eduardo

Third foal of an unraced half-sister to stakes-winner JOKU and stakes-placed PALABIRO from an international Black Type family.

Bred on similar Encosta de Lago x Zabeel cross to Group I winner APERCU and stakes-winners DIZLAGO and BACCHANAL WOMAN.



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Lot 501 Colt

Bernardini (USA) x Zutara, by Encosta de Lago

Second foal of former smart 2YO ZUTARA, 3d Group II STC Silver Slipper, Group III AJC Sweet Embrace Stakes.

From a daughter of Group III winner MATRAS and first four dams are by champion sires ENCOSTA DE LAGO, ZABEEL, DANEHILL and BLETCHINGLY.



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Lot 505 Colt

Star Witness x Aristocracy, by Danehill (USA)

Half-brother to five winners from stakes-placed ARISTOCRACY, a half-sister to Group I winners BLUEBIRD THE WORD and PORTO ROCA, the dam of Dubai World Cup winner MONTEROSSO.

From the family of Group II winner HAPPY GALAXY, Group III winner WE'RE GONNA ROCK and stakes-winners CRACK A ROADIE and ROAD TRIPPIN'.



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Lot 508 Colt

Star Witness x Bail Out, by Charge Forward

From the family of Group I winner SHIFNAL PRINCE and Group II winner MEGAPINS.



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Lot 511 Colt

Testa Rossa x Bella Laguna by Encosta de Lago

Second foal of a three-quarter sister-in-blood to Group II winner HANKS.

From the family of dual Group I winner and leading shuttle sire DEHERE, who achieved success in both hemispheres.



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Lot 521 Colt

Star Witness x Buymore (NZ), by Zabeel

Second foal of a half-sister to stakes-winner GREEN ROLLER and daughter of stakes-winner GIVEN.

From a daughter of champion broodmare sire ZABEEL from the family of Group I winning sprinters WITH ME and ACCOMPLICE.



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Lot 524 Colt

Stratum x Canny Dancer, by Canny Lad

Half-brother to two winners and by a Golden Slipper winner from the daughter of another Golden Slipper winner in Canny Lad.

From the family of Group I winners DODGE and TENOR.



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Lot 535 Filly

Stratum x Dance Girl Dance, by Made of Gold (USA)

Three-quarter sister to this season's stakes-placed juvenile filly FLAMENCO GIRL from stakes-placed DANCE GIRL DANCE.

From the family of Group II winner HOLLOWLEA and stakes-winner PANORAMA HEIGHTS. Has a double cross of Golden Slipper winner Vain as does BLACK CAVIAR.



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Lot 561 Filly

Northern Meteor x Lady Rock, by Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)

First foal of smart metropolitan performer LADY ROCK, a winner of over \$137,000 in prizemoney.

Bred on similar Northern Meteor x Danehill cross to Group I winners ZOUSTAR and COSMIC ENDEAVOUR.



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Lot 586 Colt

New Approach (IRE) x Pastel Rose (USA), by Diesis

Half-brother to stakes-placed MAGIC FALCON from a daughter of English stakes-winner SEBA.

Bred on similar Galileo x Diesis to Group I winner SIXTIES ICON and Australian Group II winner GALLANT TESS.



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Lot 594 Filly

Sebring x Princess Carnegie, by Carnegie (IRE)

Half-sister to three winners led by Group III placed KING'S PACT from a half-sister to Group III winner PILLAR OF HERCULES.

From the family of Golden Slipper winner and sire CATBIRD.



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ONE farm

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Wishing all our valued clients a safe, happy & rewarding Easter

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