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Celebrating 150 years of Throroughbred Excellence in the Valley of Champions

Summer 2016

Widden celebrating a 'Magic' 150 years

The famed Widden Stud brand is 150 years old in 2017 and the world's longest continuously owned thoroughbred nursery has never been in better form.

Widden Stud bred horses have been red hot over the start to summer leading into the 2017 Magic Millions Yearling Sale (January 11- 15) at the Gold Coast with a spate of top class winners this season writing the latest chapter of our success.

Past Widden Stud drafts at the Gold Coast have produced Australian Horse of the Year Dissident, Magic Millions 2YO Classic winners Driefontein and Le Chef, not to mention Group I winners Stratum

Star and Absolut Glam as well as current Group II winning three year-olds Star Turn and Seaburge.

The quintessential Widden Stud product, Dissident was bred and sold by Widden fetching \$210,000 in 2012 when snapped up by champion trainer Peter Moody.

Sired by our own superstar sire Sebring from stakes-placed Diana's Secret, who was also bred at Widden, Dissident was a fast stakes-winning two year-old, who trained on to classic success at three before dominating at weight-for-age at four.

It's an exciting year for us in 2017. Not only are we celebrating a milestone but we will be launching the first crop yearlings by our Champion 3yo's SHAMUS AWARD (Snitzel) & ZOUSTAR (Northern Meteor). These were clearly the two standout 3yo's of their generation. Both dual Group 1 winners, both by champion stallions and both won the sire making races such as the Coolmore Stud Stakes, Australian Guineas, Golden Rose & W.S Cox Plate.



It has been 5 years since we launched the first crop yearlings of Sebring & Northern Meteor (two stallions who have gone on to achieve enormous success) and with Shamus Award & Zoustar it feels very much like deja-vu.

Pedigree highlights include: siblings to Group II winners Seaburge, Catch a Fire, Group II winner Go the Knuckle, Group III winner Sharnee Rose, Group III winner Thurlow and a three-quarter brother in blood to \$2.1 million earner and dual Group I winner Sacred Choice (colt by Choisir).

Also yearlings from: Group II winner De Lightning Ridge, stakes-winners Lilakyn (NZ), Shaquira (GB), Street Storm (USA), Tango Amigo's, Cabernet, Combat Kitty and Group I placed Zumanity (NZ), stakes-placed Fast Talker, Epona Princess and Essie's Pride.

Join us to celebrate our 150th year anniversary at Stable C at the Gold Coast in January and start your search for a champion in the right place!



Stratum Stars!

As good a year as it has been for Widden Stud in 2016, we did have one low point in September with the sad passing of our Golden Slipper winning sire Stratum due to a heart attack.

Retiring to Widden Stud in 2006, Stratum was an immediate success, siring Golden Slipper winner Crystal Lily in his first crop to give him the unique honour of being not only Champion Australian First Season Sire of 2010, but also the Champion 2YO Sire.

Since then he has delivered a steady flow of superior horses including champion filly Streama and in December sired two Group I winners in a seven day period with Takedown winning the \$1million WATC Winterbottom Stakes and Stratum Star winning the \$1million WATC Kingston Town Classic.

Takedown and Stratum Star are both Widden Stud bred horses and highlight the fantastic success we have achieved through supporting our own stallions and backing our judgement to succeed.

Retained to race by Widden Stud in partnership with long time clients Robert and Deb Anderson, Takedown has been a natural from the day he arrived at the stable of Gary Moore.

He won three of his first four starts at



two including two at Group II level and has improved with every preparation since then to have the overall record of seven wins and six placings from 21 starts with prizemoney in excess of \$1.5 million.

Takedown's dam Apamea (GB) has no yearling for the sales in 2017, but we are delighted to offer the first foal of her Sebring daughter Apamene at Magic Millions.

Consigned as Lot 901, the handsome bay colt is by Fastnet Rock's Group I winning son

Your Song.

The Darren Weir trained five year-old stallion Stratum Star is now a dual Group I winner of over \$1.6 million in prizemoney showing a remarkable return on his 2013 Magic Millions purchase price of \$165,000!

Stratum had strong sale results in 2016 with his progeny selling for up to \$600,000 and he has another appealing selection of youngsters to be offered in 2017 including 10 at the Gold Coast in January.

The Leading Vendor of Group 1 Horses!

Our 2015 yearling draft was one of our most successful yet. Group 1 winners YANKEE ROSE & PRIZED ICON were graduates of Widden as were two cracking colts in our Magic Millions draft by our sires Star Witness and Sebring that both found favour with buyers and have achieved resounding success for their new owners.

A powerhouse chestnut, stamped in the

mould of his sire Star Witness, STAR TURN caught the eye of renowned judge Alan Bell, who paid \$400,000 for the colt from Group III winner Golden Delicious.

He was the most expensive yearling from the second crop of Star Witness and quickly showed his talent with an explosive win in the \$150,000 Pierro Plate at Randwick as a spring two year-old. Prepared by Hawkes Racing, Star Turn was fifth in the Group I MRC Blue Diamond Stakes and sixth in the Group I ATC Golden Slipper, but has blossomed this season at three.

A brilliant winner over older sprinters in the Group II MRC Schillaci Stakes and then a close third in the Group I VRC Coolmore Stud Stakes, Star Turn has future Group I winner written all over him and sire prospect!

Bought by Bahen Bloodstock/ Lindsay Park Racing for \$220,000, Sebring colt SEABURGE went straight into the stable of David/ Ben Hayes and Tom Dabernig, drawing immediate comparison to their former Sebring stable star Criterion.

Like Criterion, Seaburge proved effective at two winning the Group II VRC Sires Produce Stakes and in the spring posted two valuable Group I seconds, flashing home in both the MRC Caulfield Guineas and VRC Emirates Stakes against the older horses.

Guineas races in the autumn will be firmly in his sights as Seaburge looks to cement his position as one of the best three year-olds in the country

This year at Magic Millions we offer his half-sister by leading sire Not a Single Doubt as Lot 322. She is the fourth foal of Polska, who is also the dam of Group II winner Catch a Fire



Champion 3yo's launch - a case of deja-vu?

stallions at Magic Millions with Northern Meteor and Sebring kick starting their careers with a flurry of sales success and in 2017, the team at Widden plan to replicate their success with the next generation -Shamus Award & Zoustar.

It is often said that outstanding sons of outstanding sires are those who make true, then Shamus Award and Zoustar are in the box seat for success.

is unquestionably the finest son of Snitzel to go to stud.

with some obvious pedigree highlights including: the half-brother to Group I winner and \$1.3 million earner Mourinho offered by Little Wych as Lot 668; and a colt from dual Group I winner Perfect Stud as Lot 307.

Stakes, Zoustar is the best son of Northern Meteor and it only seems fitting that he should be chosen to succeed his sire at

Combining the blood of champion sires Encosta de Lago and Redoute's Choice, Zoustar has been stunning youngsters from some of the best families.

A filly with a big pedigree update is Lot 745 from Milburn Creek as agent for Makvbe.

She is a half-sister to stakes-winner Corsaire whose two year-old Snitzel filly Debonairly won easily on debut for the Waterhouse and Bott stable at Warwick Farm before Christmas.

may add further value

Witnessing Greatness!

The leading third season sire in Australia by earnings, Star Witness has taken giant strides in the past six months with the emergence of outstanding filly Global Glamour and brilliant colt Star Turn.

The achievements of Star Turn have been well covered, but it is Global Glamour that has really put the icing on the cake for her young sire.

Selected at Magic Millions by renowned bloodstock agent James Bester to race for an enthusiastic syndicate of women involved in racing from all over

Secured for just \$65,000 and sent to Gai Waterhouse, Global Glamour made history when winning the Group I ATC Flight Stakes in the spring to become the first Group I winner for the training partnership between Waterhouse and Adrian Bott.

She backed up to win the Group I MRC Thousand Guineas at Caulfield and following a short break is now being prepared for the rich \$2million Magic Millions 3YO Guineas (1400m) at the Gold Coast on January 14.

Star Witness has 21 entries for Magic Millions offered by a wide range of







In 2017, the internationally renowned thoroughbred nursery Widden Stud will celebrate 150 years, the world's longest standing continuously family owned thoroughbred stud.

Established in 1867, Widden has earned the reputation as one of the world's most successful stud farms and in 2001 the Thompson family became inaugural inductees into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame alongside Phar Lap and Bart Cummings.

With my wife Katie and our children Amy and Sam, we look forward to celebrating such a significant milestone with you throughout the year either at the races; in our marquee at

Such a sense of achievement comes the responsibility as the current custodian of a the sales or here on the stud. family business, to leave it in better shape for the generations to come.

For that I would like to thank our loyal and dedicated team who have been the driving force behind our continued success today, many whose years of service span decades.

Through the support of such wonderful clients, I am proud that Widden remains a leader in producing the next generation of champion racehorses highlighted by Australia's latest two Group 1 winners born and raised here in the 'Valley Of Champions'.

Please feel free to **click here** as we reflect on some of the many highlights of Widden's

Season's greetings from the Thompson family and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Best wishes,

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Widden Stud Magic Millions Golf Tournament

Monday 16th January 2017 at Royal Pines Resort - Binowee

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, Drink Vouchers, BBQ Luncheon and Presentations

RSVP: Laura Tel: (02) 6549 9999 Fax: (02) 6549 9900 Email: laura@widden.com







Last year this event was a sell out so acceptances will be taken as received









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Zoustar x Farasha (NZ), by Jeune (GB)

Half-brother to Group III winner Sharnee Rose, 4 wins and \$567,450 inc. ATC Angst Stakes, Golden Pendant Stakes and to stakes-placed Zaffaan.

From a half-sister to the dams of Group I winners Rewaaya and Ertijaal; from the family of Group I winner and sire Snippets, Golden Slipper

winner Forensic and leading sire PEDIGREE Not a Single Doubt.





Zoustar x Fast Talker, by Fastnet Rock

Third foal of stakes-placed Fast Talker, a daughter of stakes-winner Crystal Wit by champion sire Fastnet Rock.

From the family of Group I Golden Slipper winner Crystal Lily, Group II winner Carrara and SW's Amaethon, Crystal Web and Carrara.



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Dawn Approach (IRE) x Gibraltar Moon, by Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)

Half-sister to stakes-placed American Genius from smart metro winner Gibraltar Moon from the family of SW's Ain't Seen Nothin, Bahman, Stepitup and Ain'tnofallenstar.

Bred on the highly successful Galileo x Danehill cross that has produced champions such as Frankel.



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Sebring x Goldlago, by Encosta de Lago

From a half-sister to SW's Dubawi Gold and Forest Gold from the family of Group I winner and MM 2YO Classic winner Driefontein, a winner of \$2.3 million.

Bred on the exact same cross as Group winners Seaburge, Catch a Fire. Believe Yourself and Clifton Red.













Choisir x Hidden Message (NZ), by Pentire (GB)

First foal of good Melbourne metro winner Hidden Message, a grand-daughter of SW Queen of State.

From the family of Group I AJC Doncaster Handicap winner and \$1million earner Sprint By.







Pierro x Lilakyn (NZ), by Danehill

Half-sister to three winners from SW Lilakyn, a three-quarter sister to Group I winner Rock 'n Pop from dual Group I winner Popsy.

Bred on similar Lonhro x Danehill cross to Group I winner Benfica and Group III winners
Pinwheel and
Deer Valley.





Stratum x Mischief N Mayhem (GB), by Nayef

First foal of a placed daughter of Group I Curragh Moyglare Stud Stakes winner Mail the Desert. From a half-sister to the dam of multiple Group II winner and \$900,000 earner Miss Rose De Lago.



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Star Witness x My Dear Friend by General Nediym

First foal of 11 time winning halfsister to Group I winner Harry's Son, Champion 2YO Colt South Africa 2013/2014.

From the family of Group I winners Miss Clipper, Ruby Clipper and Seventh Rock.



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Written Tycoon x Pearl Goddess (NZ), by Darci Brahma

Second foal of an unraced half-sister to SW Mini Pearl from the family of Group I winner Pompeii Pearl.

Bred on similar Written Tycoon x Danehill cross to Group I winner Music Magnate, Group III winner Vibrant Rouge and SW's It Is Written and Danger Close.







Not a Single Doubt x Polska, by Encosta de Lago

Half-sister to Group II winners Seaburge and Catch a Fire from a daughter of Group I SAJC Australasian Oaks winner La Volta. Bred on similar Redoute's Choice x Encosta de Lago cross to Group I winners Peeping and Musir.



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

Half-brother to Group III winner Thurlow from SW Princess Emmy, joint winner of NZ Southern Filly of the Year.

From the family of Group I Queensland Oaks winner Travel Light and Group III winner Dream Machine.



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Snitzel x River Thames, by Fastnet Rock

Third foal of a daughter of champion sire Fastnet Rock from the family of champion racehorse Mahogany, 19 wins and \$3.6 million, eight at Group I level.

Has a double cross of Danehill as does Snitzel's Group III winner Sweet Redemption.













Written Tycoon x Rock Princess, by Elvstroem

Second foal of Rock Princess, an eight time metro winner of over \$240,000 in prizemoney.

From a half-sister to Group I MRC
Thousand Guineas winner Macedon
Lady and from the family of Group
II winner Cranky Tikit. Has a double
cross of Marscay as do Written
Tycoon's Group II winner
Tycoon Tara and





Foxwedge x Royal Pageant, by Royal Academy (USA)

SW Danger Close.

Half-sister to two winners from a winning half-sister to stakes-winners Omnitrader and Stockade.

From the family of Group I winner Fully Fledged and Group winners Royal Tither and Cheval Place.







Nicconi x Rubirose, by Rubiton

From smart Sydney metro winner Rubirose, a daughter of stakes-winner Roseville from the family of Group winners Regent Diamond, Darling Take Care, Mr Sands.

By prolific winner getter Nicconi, over 68% winners to runners and this season SW's Faatinah,
Hear the Chant and
Caipirinha.



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Choisir x Sacred Voyage, by Dubai Destination (USA)

Three-quarter brother-in-blood to \$2.1 million earner Sacred Choice, 9 wins inc. Group I ATC Doncaster Handicap and VRC Myer Classic.

First foal of his dam and comes from the family of Golden Slipper winner and sire Marauding.



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I Am Invincible x Secord, by Encosta de Lago

From Sydney metro winning daughter of reigning Champion Australian Broodmare Sire Encosta de Lago, from the family of SW's Hit it Star, Hitapotomoss and Spectrolite.

Bred on the exact same cross as SW Divine Centuri.



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Star Witness x Shaquira (GB), by Redoute's Choice

Second foal of a German SW by champion Australian sire Redoute's Choice from Listed Chester Cheshire Oaks winner Hammiya.

By the current leading Australian third crop sire by earnings Star Witness and has a double cross of Danehill as does his Group II winner Mella Maria.



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Zoustar x Solar Charged, by Charge Forward

From brilliant multiple Group III winner Solar Charged, a winner of over \$378,000 in prizemoney and halfsister to stakes-winner Causeway Queen.

From the first crop of Champion Australian 3Y0 Sprinter Zoustar.



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Starspangledbanner x Street Storm (USA), by Stormy Atlantic

Third foal of US stakes-winner Street Storm from the family of multiple Group I winner and sire Street Boss. Bred on similar Choisir x Storm Cat cross to Group winners Hurried Choice and Wouldn't It Be Nice.











Your Song x Tango Amigo's, by Danehill Dancer (IRE)

Half-sister to two winners from smart Flemington SW Tango Amigo's, a daughter of outstanding sire Danehill Dancer, the sire of over 170 SW's From the family of Group I SAJC Australasian Oaks winner Use the Space.







Shamardal (USA) x Tragic Moment (USA), by Pivotal

Second foal of an unraced sister to stakes-winner IL Warrd and halfsister to stakes-winner Coy, from the family of Group I winner Zafeen.

Conceived in the Northern
Hemisphere and one of only three
yearlings in Australia
by outstanding sire
Shamardal.



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Smart Missile x Zefta, by Zeditave

Half-brother to Group II winner Go the Knuckle and six other winners as well as the dam of Group I placed Denmagic.

From a full sister to Group II winner and sire Magic Albert.



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Charge Forward x Zumanity (NZ), by O'Reilly

Half-sister to five winners from Group I Queensland Oaks runner-up Zumanity, a full sister to stakeswinner Crumpet O'Reilly.

From a quality NZ female family, first three dams by O'Reilly, Grosvenor and Noble Bijou.











Hinchinbrook x Acorker (NZ), by Don Eduardo

First foal of a placed grand-daughter of Group II winner Dopff from the family of Group winners Pussy Willow, Valpolicella, Vavasour and Vilanova.

Bred on highly successful Fastnet
Rock x Zabeel cross that has
produced Group I winners Atlantic
Jewel, Rangipo
and Planet Earth.







Zoustar x Cabernet, by AI Maher

Second foal of smart stakes-winner Cabernet, 6 wins and over \$363,000 in prizemoney.

From the family of Golden Weekend, Paris Weekend, Monet Rules and Group III winner The Free Stater.







Shamus Award x Chaotic, by King of Kings (IRE)

Half-brother to two winners from a daughter of Group I SAJC Goodwood Handicap winner Spectrum; from the family of Group III winners Local
Legend and Disposition.

From the first crop of Champion 3YO Colt Shamus Award, winner of the Cox Plate and Australian Guineas.







Zoustar x Combat Kitty, by General Nediym

Second foal of Flemington stakeswinner and Magic Millions 2YO Classic runner-up Combat Kitty. Closely related to South African stakes-winner Mitraad, sired by Zoustar's sire Northern Meteor.











Snitzel x De Lightning Ridge, by Tale of the Cat (USA)

Third foal of explosive sprinter De Lightning Ridge, winner of the Group II AJC Challenge Stakes in track record time.

From a daughter of multiple stakeswinner Nanny Maroon.







Your Song x De Sweet Soca Song, by Encosta de Lago

Third foal of a winning half-sister to Group I Queensland Derby runner-up Electric Fusion and stakes-placed Refer.

From the family of Group I winners Cheeky Choice, Zabrasive and Group III winner Scratchy Bottom.



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Star Witness x Dinkum Diamond, by Keep the Faith

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

Bred on the exact same Star Witness x Keep the Faith cross as Group II winner Mella Maria.



PEDIGRE





Zoustar x Dream 'n' Believe, by Shamardal (USA)

Half-sister to Group II VRC Wakeful Stakes runner-up Sebring Dream. From the family of Group winners King Ivor, Snake Eyes and Linney Head.













Sebring x Epona Princess, by Fastnet Rock

First foal of stakes-placed juvenile winner Epona Princess, a half-sister to NZ Champion 2YO Warhorse winner of the Group I ARC Diamond Stakes.

From the family of Group I winner and sire California Dane.



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Shamus Award x Essie's Pride by Murtajill

First foal of stakes-placed Essie's Pride from the family of brilliant Group III winning sprinter Redzel, sired by Shamus Award's sire Snitzel.

From the family of Group winners Millrich, Danerich and Group I placed stakes-winner El Roca.



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Eurozone x Soft Landing, by Al Maher

From a half-sister to Champion 3YO and \$2.9 million earner Universal Prince and Group I winner Universal Queen; from the family of dual Group I winner and sire Blevic.

Bred on the highly successful Northern Meteor x Danehill cross that has also produced Group I winners

Zoustar, Cosmic Endeavour and PEDIGREE Speak Fondly.





Sepoy x Spoleto (USA), by Vindication

Third foal of a winning half-sister to US Group I winners Things Change. From a prolific Black Type US family featuring Group I winner and sire Harlan.

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Your Song x Apamene, by Sebring

First foal of a half-sister to Group I WATC Winterbottom Stakes winner Takedown.

Bred on similar Fastnet Rock x More Than Ready cross to Group I winner Atlante.







Your Song x Bisutti, by Northern Meteor

First foal of a winning half-sister to stakes-winner Pressing from the family of Group I winner Choice Bro.

Also from the family of stakeswinners Immortality, Cargo Cult and Geegee's Classicboy.







Fighting Sun x Lajourn, by Good Journey (USA)

Half-brother to two winners from the family of juvenile stakes-winner Cruden Bay and Group II placed Lady Cay.

From the first crop of unbeaten Fighting Sun, a brilliant stakeswinning son of Northern Meteor.



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Please feel free to visit us at the Magic Millions in Barn E for a cool refreshment or a tasty ice cream!

