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# Widden Whinnies

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## Celebrating 150 Years

**IN 2017**, internationally renowned nursery Widden Stud are celebrating 150 years of operation making our iconic Australian farm the oldest continuously family owned and run thoroughbred stud in the world.

Also celebrating the same milestone is the Inglis family, whose famed thoroughbred auction house at Newmarket in Randwick has been pivotal in the success of Widden Stud.

"We couldn't be more excited with the group we have assembled for Easter this year. As participants in the inaugural William Inglis sale in 1867, we're thrilled to celebrate together with Inglis our 150th year in 2017." said Widden's Antony Thompson.

"It's a draft that has a nice blend of in-form stallions such as SEBRING, I AM INVINCIBLE, REDOUTE'S CHOICE, SNITZEL, STAR WITNESS and FASTNET ROCK as well as exciting young sires ZOUSTAR, ALL TOO HARD, PIERRO and SO YOU THINK. It's that age old adage ... there will be something for everyone!"

**In the 2014/15 racing season 10% of Australia's Group 1 races were won by horses born and raised at Widden**, including Australian Horse of the Year DISSIDENT. Last racing season Widden Stud was again the nation's leading vendor of Group 1 winners with YANKEE ROSE, PRIZED ICON, STRATUM STAR and VANBRUGH all saluting at the highest level. Stratum pair STRATUM STAR and TAKEDOWN, two horses born and raised at Widden, finished off 2016 off by winning \$1 million Group 1 races also.

2017 will be the last Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale at Newmarket before the company moves to its new headquarters of Riverside Stables at Warwick Farm in Sydney's south west.

Widden Stud seek to end this era with the grand flourish it deserves presenting a stunning draft of 31 yearlings, 16 of them by our own stallions. Further information about our yearlings is available further into this edition of Widden Whinnies.

Come and celebrate with us at Stable 3 Rows K 1-5, L and M as you begin the search for your next champion at Widden Stud – the Valley of Champions.



## March Stakes Double for Sebring

**THE START OF MARCH** heralds the beginning of a new season of autumn racing and quickly delivered a pair of new stakes-winners for our flagship sire Sebring.

The youngest stallion in the Australian Top 10 Sires table, Sebring has two multiple Group 1 winning sons at stud from just his first crop – Seannie and Turbo Miss.

Exciting two year-old filly Seannie led home a stakes trifecta for Widden Stud sires in the Listed WATC Supremacy Stakes at Ascot in Perth.

A stylish debut winner at Ascot in October, the Simon Miller trained Seannie resumed from a spell to score a dominant two and a half length win in the 1000 metre dash over Sebring gelding Keeper Keen with Your Song gelding Soundcheck in third place.

With two easy wins in as many starts, Seannie is now favourite for the upcoming \$500,000 Group 2 WATC Karrakatta Plate on April 1.

Bred and retained to race by Cape Falls Thoroughbreds, Seannie is the best of three winners from unraced Choisir

mare Uncanny Choice, a half-sister to stakes-winner Dubbleanny from the family of champion filly November Rain.

Seannie is the 25th stakes-winner for Sebring, who sired his 24th on the same day at Flemington when Turbo Miss won the Group 3 VRC Frances Tressady Stakes.

A half-sister to this season's Group 1 winning three year-old Russian Revolution, Turbo Miss boosted her worth immeasurably with her first Black type victory.

The Darren Weir trained mare was fit and ready to fire at her third run back from a spell and scored a long neck win over Group 1 winner Rising Romance in the 1400 metre mares contest.

Retained to race by her breeders John Stuart Investments, Turbo Miss is the second stakes-winner and one of four winners from Ballet D'Amour (USA), an imported daughter of Stravinsky.

She traces back to legendary matriarch Fanfreluce, so Turbo Miss will be a most appealing broodmare prospect when her racing days are done.



- SIRCCONI, CAULFIELD GUINEAS GROUP 1 BOUND  
AFTER WINNING THE VRC SIRE GROUP 2 -

## Nicconi Most Popular for 2016

**THE MOST POPULAR SIRE** in Australia for 2016 covering 226 mares, Widden Stud's Nicconi featured with a new stakes-winner at Flemington on March 11 when two year-old colt Sirconni scored a bold front running win in the Group 2 VRC Sires Produce Stakes.

Prepared by Peter Morgan and ridden by Linda Meech, Sirconni was second at Sandown at his first run back from a break having finished sixth on debut at Moonee Valley back in November.

Up in class and up in distance, Sirconni relished the challenge, leading all the way and fighting off the challengers to win the 1400 metre contest by a short half head over spring stakes-winner Aspect.

"He has a high cruising speed and has the best attitude," said Linda Meech. I'm just so excited about him for the spring."

Sirconni was an \$80,000 Inglis Classic purchase for his trainer from the Bhima Thoroughbreds draft and was a successful pinhook having been bought first at the Magic Millions National Weanling Sale for \$25,000.

Bred by Access Bloodstock, Sirconni is the second winner from Kiwi bred mare On Credit, who comes from a stout New Zealand family as her grand-dam is Group 3 winning Noble Bijou (USA) mare The Dimple.

It's the family of Group 1 winner Irish Chance and The Jewel as well as current Group 1 star La Bella Diosa, so it will be no surprise to see Sirconni excel over longer journeys as his career unfolds.

Sirconni is the second juvenile stakes-winner this season for Nicconi joining promising filly Time Awaits from the astute Tony McEvoy stable.

## \$2.4 Million and Counting for Stratum Star

**IN AN ERA** when talented colts are whisked off to stud before we have barely scratched the surface of their true ability, a horse like Stratum Star stands out like a beacon.

The five year-old Stratum stallion was a spring stakes-winner at three for the Darren Weir stable before blossoming at four to win the Group 1 MRC Sir Rupert Clarke Stakes at 1400 metres.

Kept in work for another season, Stratum Star reeled off three successive wins over the summer in three different states raking in over \$1.3 million for his lucky group of owners.

He won the Group 1 WATC Kingston Town Classic (1800m) in Perth, the Magic Millions Trophy (2200m) at the Gold Coast and then the Group 2 MRC Peter Young Stakes (1800m) at Caulfield before running a brave fourth in the Group 1 VRC Australian Cup (2000m).

"He is a good tough horse, a magnificent looking horse, obviously he is not going to be around much longer. There is a fair bit of interest from studs to stand him," said Darren Weir after Stratum Star won at Caulfield.

"I think he will make a great stallion and when you see him in the yard he is a beautiful horse, tough and sound. You've got to be a tough horse to do what he has done, he's just got the best attitude, he's sound and loves to work. He is the perfect horse really."

That 'perfect horse' was bred and offered for sale by Widden Stud fetching \$165,000 at the Magic Millions and has now won \$2.4 million.

Sadly, his sire Stratum is no longer with us but we look forward to selling the last of his offspring over the next couple of years and we have three stunning yearlings by him to offer at Inglis Easter.



- STRATUM STAR -

## Stars Align for Witness

**THE CHAMPION** two and three year-old colt of his generation, Star Witness has been popular from the get go with breeders since retiring to Widden Stud in 2011, but that popularity soared to new heights in 2016.

Star Witness covered his largest book of 220 mares last spring and was one of only seven sires in Australia to cover 200 plus mares.

Broodmare owners beat a path to Star Witness during the spring as two outstanding three year olds emerged to lift him from being a promising young sire into the leading Australian third crop sire.

The Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott trained filly Global Glamour completed a rare double when winning the Group 1 ATC Flight Stakes at Randwick followed by the Group 1 MRC Thousand Guineas in Melbourne.

Team Hawkes have always had a huge opinion of powerhouse colt Star Turn, who was fifth in the Group 1 MRC Blue Diamond last year and sixth in the Group 1 ATC Golden Slipper.

He resumed as a three year-old to win the time honoured Group 3 ATC San Domenico Stakes and has been in the top echelon of three year-old sprinters throughout the season.

A Group 2 win against older sprinters in the MRC Schillaci Stakes and Group 1 placings at his past three starts indicate a Group 1 victory cannot be far away for the handsome chestnut, who now runs in the colours of Vinery Stud.

With new star Furhyk, bred and raced by Michael Christian and Siobhan Miller, winning the Group 3 MRC Kevin Hayes Stakes, adding to the success there can be no doubt Star Witness is riding the crest of a winning wave.



- FURHYK, IMPRESSIVE NEW GROUP WINNER FOR STAR WITNESS -



- SHAMUS AWARD X PINK SIRIS  
400K MM FILLY -

## Zoustar and Shamus Award Make Magic

**LAUNCHING NEW STALLIONS** in the marketplace is always exciting and rewarding with our young guns Zoustar and Shamus Award poised for further success at the 2017 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale.

The 2017 Magic Millions Yearling Sale in January gave buyers a taste of what they can expect from Zoustar and Shamus Award at Newmarket with both stallions afforded a warm reception at the Gold Coast.

Zoustar had 32 yearlings sell at an average \$265,156 with his top seller a filly from Combat Kitty that we sold for \$550,000 to David Redvers/ Mulcaster Bloodstock who were terrific supporters of his progeny purchasing his four top lots from the sale which will be trained by Chris Waller.

Shamus Award had nine yearlings average \$170,556 with his top seller a filly from Pink Siris that was sold by Willow Park Stud for \$400,000 and bought by Ciaran Maher Racing/Dermot Farrington Bloodstock.

Zoustar is the most represented first season sire at the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale with 26 entries, while Shamus Award will garner his share of interest as the sire of She Will Reign's half-sister that will be offered as Lot 86 by Yarraman Park.

## Your Song a Hit - Leading First Season Sire!

**IN A COMPETITIVE GROUPING** of first crop sires this season, Fastnet Rock's Group 1 winning son Your Song has been the first to gather momentum siring six individual winners and three additional stakes horses from his first 17 runners up to the second week of March.

Split Lit, Miss Exfactor, Tabbing, Bold Kingston, Hope Ya Don't Mind and Girl in a Million have all saluted, while Peristrophe, Soundcheck and the hugely promising Memento have all gained Black type.

A homebred for Torryburn Stud, two year-old filly Memento was second at her first two starts in metropolitan company before charging home for a fast finishing third in the Group 3 ATC Magic Night Stakes on March 11 behind Tulip.

Her trainer Anthony Cummings, who also prepared Your Song, has the filly entered for several feature events at The Championships, so Memento may well put Your Song's name in lights before the Sydney Autumn Carnival is over.

Your Song is currently the leading Australian first crop sire by winners with just four months of the racing season to come.

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### Lot 14 Filly

#### SO YOU THINK X WORDPLAY, BY FASTNET ROCK

First foal of a Group 3 placed half-sister to top class stayer Fiveandahalfstar, four wins and \$2.6 million including Group 1 VRC Victoria Derby and ATC BMW Stakes. By the leading second crop sire So You Think from the family of Group 1 AJC Sydney Cup winner Cross Swords.

Bred on similar So You Think x Danehill cross to Group 1 winner Inference and SW Northwest Passage.



### Lot 25 Colt

#### REDOUTE'S CHOICE X AILALEA (USA), BY PULPIT

Third foal of US Group 3 winner at Churchill Downs and Aqueduct in Ailalea, a half-sister to SW Spritely from SW Wood Sprite.

By champion Australian sire Redoute's Choice sire of over 130 stakes-winners.



### Lot 34 Colt

#### SEBRING X ALPINE CLUB (SAF), BY MODEL MAN

Third foal of South African Group 3 winner Alpine Club, a half-sister to Group 1 winner Gluwein.

By Golden Slipper winning sire of Australian Horse of the Year Dissident and \$7 million earner Criterion.



### Lot 37 Filly

#### REDOUTE'S CHOICE X ANABARBARIAN, BY ANABAA (USA)

Half-sister to two winners from a winning half-sister to SW Woppitt and grand-daughter of Group 1 VATC Blue Diamond Stakes winner Midnight Fever.

Has a double cross of champion sire Danzig and comes from the family of Group 1 VRC Australian Guineas winner Rock Classic. Bred on the same cross as Group 2 winner Tango's Daughter and SW Come Hither.



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### Lot 41 Colt

#### ZOUSTAR X ANY DESTINATION, BY JET SPUR

Second foal of a winning half-sister to SW Interspersed from the family of Group 1 VRC Newmarket Handicap winner Wanted and Group 2 winner Shrapnel.

From the first crop of Champion 3YO Sprinter Zoustar, heir apparent to the mighty Northern Meteor.



### Lot 44 Filly

#### SEBRING X ASYLUM SEEKER (SAF), BY COUNT DUBOIS

Full sister to Sydney metro winner Seeking Asylum from Champion South African 2YO Filly Asylum Seeker, winner of the Group 1 Greyville Golden Slipper.

From the family of South African Horse of the Year, Horse Chestnut.



### Lot 59 Colt

#### ZOUSTAR X BOURGOGNE, BY CHOISIR

Half-brother to stakes-placed Lizard Island, second in the Group 1 MRC Caulfield Guineas and stakes-placed Fairy Star.

From the family of Group 1 VRC Oaks winner Bulla Borghese and Group 2 winner Calliope and is closely related to Northern Meteor's Group 2 winner Bound for Earth.



### Lot 62 Filly

#### DAWN APPROACH (IRE) X BRAND NEW CHOICE, BY REDOUTE'S CHOICE

First foal of juvenile metro winning sister to SW Come Hither, the dam of SW Cohesion. From the family of SW and leading sire Not a Single Doubt going back to the famed Easy Date family featuring Group 1 winners Snippets, Forensics and Rewaaya.

From the first crop of Champion European 2YO and 3YO Miler Dawn Approach.



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### Lot 93 Filly

**ZOUSTAR X DANCE GIRL  
DANCE, BY MADE OF GOLD  
(USA)**

Half-sister to stakes-placed Flamenco Girl and smart metro winner Don't Tell Mama from stakes-placed Dane Girl Dance, a half-sister to Group 2 winner Hollowlea.

From the first crop of Champion 3YO Sprinter Zoustar, heir apparent to the mighty Northern Meteor.



### Lot 98 Filly

**ALL TOO HARD X DAZZLE  
LIGHT, BY DANZERO**

Half-sister to four winners including multiple SW Illuminates, an earner of nearly \$900,000 and the dam of SW Hursley. Also a half-sister to the dam of SW Ichiban.

From an unraced daughter of Group 1 Queensland Oaks winner Travel Light.



### Lot 127 Filly

**STRATUM X FAIRY STAR,  
BY MORE THAN READY (USA)**

First foal of stakes-placed Fairy Star, a half-sister to Group 1 placed Lizard Island. From the family of Group 1 VRC Oaks winner Bulla Borghese and Group 2 winners Calliope and Bound for Earth.

Bred on similar Redoute's Choice x More Than Ready cross to dual Group 1 winner Miracles of Life and Group 2 winner Single Bullet.



### Lot 138 Filly

**FASTNET ROCK X FIREMAID  
(USA), BY MACHIAVELLIAN**

Half-sister to Group 1 MRC Oakleigh Plate winner Shamal Wind, a winner of \$832,975 in prizemoney. From a half-sister to SW Bezzin and to the dam of Group 2 winner Al Thakhira.

From a grand-daughter of US Group 1 winner My Darling One. Bred on very successful nick between Danehill and Machiavellian that has left 13 Group 1 winners.



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### Lot 204 Colt

**SEBRING X LEONE CHIARA,  
BY LION HUNTER**

Half-brother to Champion 3YO Colt and dual Group 1 winner Star Witness, now a leading sire. Also a half-brother to brilliant Group 3 winner Nostradamus, also now at stud.

From Group 3 winner Leone Chiara, a sister to Group 2 winners Chinchilla Rose and Ferocity – colt with a stallion's pedigree!



### Lot 223 Colt

**ZOUSTAR X MARCOVETTE,  
BY ST COVET**

Half-brother to Group 3 winner Hidden Warrior and SW Defiant Dame as well as stakes-placed Sea Spur from terrific producer Marcovette.

From the first crop of Champion 3YO Sprinter Zoustar, heir apparent to the mighty Northern Meteor.



### Lot 240 Colt

**SNITZEL X MODONNA,  
BY MORE THAN READY (USA)**

Half-brother to a metro winner from stakes-placed Modonna, a daughter of stakes-placed Donnadane.

From the family of Group 1 winner and champion sire Fastnet Rock and Group 3 winners Raheeb and Piccadilly Circus.



### Lot 244 Colt

**SEBRING X MOON DE  
FRENCH (USA), BY MALIBU  
MOON**

Half-brother to two smart winners from Group 1 placed US stakes-winner Moon de French.

Bred on successful More Than Ready x AP Indy nick that has produced nine SW's including Group 1 winner Room Service.





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### Lot 250 Filly

#### **PIERRO X MULLINS BEACH (CAN), BY SPEIGHTSTOWN**

Second foal of Group 3 placed Canadian SW Mullins Beach, a daughter of US speed sire Speightstown.

By the leading first season sire and former Champion 2YO Pierro.



### Lot 264 Colt

#### **SEBRING X NORTHERN GLORY, BY NORTHERN METEOR**

First foal of Group 3 placed Northern Glory, a grand-daughter of Group 2 AJC Silver Shadow Stakes winner Seika from the family of Group 1 winner Sports.

Combines the blood of two champion Widden sires in Sebring and Northern Meteor.



### Lot 272 Filly

#### **ZOUSTAR X PALM SHADE (GB), BY OASIS DREAM**

Half-sister to two winners from an unraced half-sister to Group 3 winners Day Flight and Sense of Joy and daughter of Group 2 winner Bonash.

From the first crop of Champion 3YO Sprinter Zoustar, heir apparent to the mighty Northern Meteor.



### Lot 279 Filly

#### **STAR WITNESS X PEARL OF THE SEA, BY FASTNET ROCK**

Full sister to SW Pearl Star from the family of Group 1 VRC Sires Produce Stakes winner Spectatorial and SW's Reign of Honour and Singing Wonder.

By the sire of dual Group 1 winner Global Glamour and this season's Group winners Star Turn and Fuhryk.



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### Lot 295 Colt

**SEBRING X PROVENCE,  
BY REDOUTE'S CHOICE**

Half-brother to SW's My Admiration and Banaadeer, who was Group 1 placed in South Africa.

From a stakes-winning sibling to Group 1 winners Inspiration, Wandjina and SW Lucky Unicorn from the family of Group 1 winners Dracula, Masked Party, Festal and Complacent.



### Lot 296 Filly

**SEBRING X QUEEN'S  
FASHION, BY ENCOSTA DE  
LAGO**

Second foal of winning half-sister to Group 3 winner Star Fashion and daughter of Group 2 winner Elegant Fashion.

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



### Lot 309 Filly

**STRATUM X REMIND ME (GB),  
BY DANSILI**

First foal of a placed half-sister to Journey, winner of last year's Group 1 Ascot British Champions Fillies and Mares and daughter of French Group 1 winner Montare.

By proven Group 1 producing, Golden Slipper winning sire Stratum from a quality European Black Type family.



### Lot 329 Colt

**SEBRING X SAYAHAILMARY,  
BY KEEP THE FAITH**

Half-brother to South African Group 2 winner Mella Maria from Group 2 placed Sayahailmary, a half-sister to the dam of juvenile SW Valliano.

Has an intriguing double cross of legendary sires Danehill and Halo.



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### Lot 344 Filly

#### **MORE THAN READY (USA) X SHE'S PURRRING, BY FLYING SPUR**

Half-sister to SW's Global Warming and Pure Purrfection from SW She's Purring, a daughter of SW Ringside Lady.

Bred on the exact same cross as seven SW's headed by Golden Slipper winner Sebring.



### Lot 362 Colt

#### **SO YOU THINK X SOHO SECRET, BY LUCKY OWNERS**

Half-brother to Group 1 ATC Spring Champion Stakes winner Vanbrugh from a half-sister to Group winners Sportsman, Prisoner of Love, Hoystar and SW King of Prussia.

By leading second crop sire So You Think, the sire of Group 1 winners Inference and La Bella Diosa.



### Lot 363 Filly

#### **PIERRO X SONOMA, BY EXCEED AND EXCEL**

First foal of a placed sister-in-blood to Group 3 winner Safeguard and daughter of SW Rio Osa.

From the family of Group 1 winners Denman and Preserve as well as Group winners Soul and Archives. Bred on similar Lonhro x Exceed and Excel cross as Group 1 winner Bounding.



### Lot 376 Colt

#### **I AM INVINCIBLE X STREETCAR STELLA, BY BLEVIC**

Half-brother to a winner with Streetcar Heaven winning after the catalogue went to print.

From a winning sibling to Group 3 winner Streetcar Magic and SW Streetcar Isabelle, from the family of slick SW's Elite Elle and Paprika.



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### Lot 381 Filly

#### SMART MISSILE X SWING VOTE, BY NORTHERN METEOR

First foal of stakes-placed Swing Vote, a half-sister to current Hong Kong 4YO superstar Rapper Dragon, winner of the Hong Kong Classic Mile and Classic Cup.

From the family of Group 1 winner Amanpour and has a double cross of legendary Gooree Stud matriarch Explosive.



### Lot 399 Colt

#### SHAMARDAL X TRANSFIX (GB), BY PIVOTAL

Conceived in the Northern Hemisphere, he is the only yearling in this sale by renowned shuttle sire Shamardal.

Second foal of a placed half-sister to Group 1 Newmarket Cheveley Park Stakes winner Hooray and SW Hypnotic.



### Lot 444 Colt

#### SO YOU THINK X PAINT BY NUMBERS, BY PEINTRE CELEBRE (USA)

Half-brother to three winners from a daughter of Group 1 winner Credit Account. Bred on similar High Chaparral x Peintre Celebre cross to SW's Nazbanou and Beach Bunny.

By leading second crop sire So You Think, the sire of Group 1 winners Inference and La Bella Diosa.



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