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Fall Sales Season Success

Record-Setting Keeneland September Sale

Strong to the Finish

“The 2022 Keeneland September Yearling Sale was one of the most competitive in recent memory. We worked the sale very hard from beginning to end, and I am thrilled with the 13 prospects we secured for Belladonna Racing V.

I feel like we met our goal of buying well-conformed individuals with strong pedigrees for fair value.” — DAVID INGORDO

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By Jessica Martini

The Keeneland September Yearling Sale, which surpassed \$400-million in gross sales for the first time in its history, concluded Saturday with new records, not just for turnover, but also for average and median and with 30 seven-figure yearlings doubling the number from the 2021 auction.

Keeneland sold a total of 2,847 yearlings through the ring for \$405,495,700 during the 12-day auction, surpassing the previous record of \$399,791,800 set during the 2006 September sale. The cumulative average and median prices surpassed September sale records set last year, with the average price of \$142,429 up 7.83% from 2021 and the median up 7.69% from \$65,000 to \$70,000.

“This sale went beyond our expectations and reflects the energy and excitement in racing right now,” said Keeneland President and CEO Shannon Arvin. “We are grateful to our consignors, sellers and buyers for their support of Keeneland and the September sale. And a special thanks to the breeders. We appreciate how much hard work goes into breeding and raising quality horses, and we are very happy they were rewarded for their efforts through the ring.”

The Keeneland sales team was focused on starting off the September sale with a power-packed Book 1 and the elite section delivered right from the first hip through the ring.

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2022 KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE PURCHASES



2021 Filly, Uncle Mo – Splashy Kisses Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$550,000

This filly is the first foal out of the broodmare SPLASHY KISSES, by Blame. As a racehorse, SPLASHY KISSES was a 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ -length maiden winner at 2 in her second start at Del Mar. She finished second to future Kentucky Oaks (G1) winner Serengeti Empress in the \$200,000 Pocahontas S. (G2) at Churchill Downs, and then returned to the West Coast as a 3YO to place in the Sweet Life S. (G3). Her sire, BLAME, was named Champion Older Male in 2010 and is the only horse to ever defeat the great ZENYATTA (in the Breeders' Cup Classic [G1]).

Our filly is a half-sister to a 2022 filly by Volatile, and SPLASHY KISSES was bred to Mendelssohn for 2023.

UNCLE MO, the sire of this elegant and newest member of the Belladonna Racing Family, stands at Ashford Stud in Kentucky and currently is Ranked 5th on the Sires' List by Progeny Earnings with over \$10,000,000 in 2022 earnings. He has sired 10 stakes winners so far this year, including the Belmont Stakes (G1) winner MO DONEGAL.

On the track, UNCLE MO was undefeated at two with a perfect



3-for-3 record, winning a 6F maiden special weight race, the Champagne S. (G1), and the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) to earn the Eclipse Award as Champion 2YO Male.

The Belladonna Inspection Team gave this filly a strong physical grade. She is a well-balanced filly with a sharp eye and elegant head. Her scope and athletic walk should provide her the opportunity to handle a route of ground but also have speed to compete early around one turn.



2021 Filly, War Front – Egyptian Storm Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$550,000

lions. This WAR FRONT filly is her first foal, and she has a 2022 colt by TAPIT and was bred to TWIRLING CANDY for 2023. The potential is exciting for this already-strong pedigree to blossom.

WAR FRONT stands at Claiborne Farm in Kentucky. His stud fee was \$100,000 in 2022 and he is considered one of the best sons of the iconic and breed-shaping sire DANZIG. To date, WAR FRONT has sired three Champions and 107 stakes winners. During his racing career, he won at distances ranging from 6F to 8.5F with his high-lighted victory coming in the Alfred G. Vanderbilt (G1) sprint at Saratoga.

How about this for strength of pedigree: EGYPTIAN STORM, the dam of this powerful-looking daughter of WAR FRONT, is a half-sister to 2018 Triple Crown winner JUSTIFY, and her sire, Pioneer of the Nile, is the sire of 2015 Triple Crown winner AMERICAN PHAROAH.

As a racehorse, EGYPTIAN STORM was unplaced in only one start as a 3-year-old. In the breeding shed, she is being bred to top stal-

A frequent saying in the industry is "You cannot put a saddle on pedigree." This filly has the physical that any racing operation would be proud to put a saddle on. She is well balanced with a great hip and width across her hindquarters. Her conformation would make you think she could handle both dirt and turf.

The combination of a stellar pedigree and conformation makes this filly an exciting prospect.

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2022 KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE PURCHASES



2021 Filly, Flatter – Kadira

Purchased at Keeneland September
Yearling Sale for \$450,000

A filly's residual value has two top factors: her race record and pedigree. This FLATTER filly is out of KADIRA (Kafwain), a four-time winner who won three listed stakes and placed in the HONEYBEE S. (G3) at Oaklawn Park as a 3-year-old. Kadira is the dam of three winners to date, including this filly's full-sister, PAOLA QUEEN, the winner of Saratoga's famed TEST S. (G1). The Test S. is one of the most prestigious sprint stakes for fillies in the World.

Thus far, four female siblings have entered the breeding shed and all are being bred to quality stallions such as INTO MISCHIEF, TAPIT, MACLEAN'S MUSIC, and KANTHAROS. Another three siblings are coming of racing age, including a full-sister, which gives this pedigree a reasonable chance of getting stronger in the near future.

FLATTER, a robust son of the highly regarded A.P. INDY, had a successful career as a stallion while standing at Claiborne Farm in Kentucky before passing this spring. He has the reputation



of producing hard-nosed and gritty offspring such as PAOLA QUEEN (G1), SEARCH RESULTS (G1) and Champion WEST COAST (G1).

This filly was a top prospect on the final lists of many buyers, but the Belladonna Racing Inspection Team saw off all the competition and when the hammer fell, she became a member of the Belladonna Family.



2021 Colt, Speightstown – Magical Kiss

Purchased at Keeneland September
Yearling Sale for \$435,000

SPEIGHTSTOWN stands at WinStar Farm in Kentucky and had an advertised 2022 stud fee of \$90,000. He was a top sprinter during his racing career, winning the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) and is among the leading sires in North America each year. To date, he has sired 24 Grade 1 winners, five Champions and a total of 129 stakes winners, including the 2022 top older horse OLYMPIAD (G1) and recent top colts CHARLATAN (G1) and SWITZERLAND (G1).

This colt received a high conformation grade from the Belladonna Racing Inspection Team. He is by a proven sire of quality horses, and the cross of SPEIGHTSTOWN over MEDAGLIA d'ORO mares is an additional asset, so far producing nine stakes winners, including six graded (three Grade 1 winners).

This sturdy and fast-looking colt is the first foal out of MAGICAL KISS, who is a daughter of the top Darley Stud stallion and two-time leading sire, MEDAGLIA D'ORO. Six-year-old MAGICAL KISS is out of the multiple graded stakes mare Winning Point. She is just kicking off her breeding career with this colt being her first foal, followed by a 2022 colt by KANTHAROS and was bred to GOOD MAGIC for 2023.

This colt hits the trifecta of Good Looks, by a Proven Sire, and a result of a Great Cross.

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2022 KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE PURCHASES



2021 Colt, More Than Ready – Trensita Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$80,000

Truthfully, we could have been arrested for stealing this handsome colt by MORE THAN READY out of the CURLIN mare, TREN-SITA. The Team had him appraised at around \$200,000, so at \$80,000 he is considered a value purchase.

His dam, TREN-SITA, is by the top sire and up-and-coming broodmare sire, CURLIN. She is out of a Grade 3-placed daughter of Giant's Causeway and is a half-sibling to two quality Grade 1 winners. Her half-brother, HAWKBILL (G1), was a premier European Turf performer going long while winning eight of his 15 lifetime starts, including the Coral Eclipse S. (G1). FREE DROP BILLY (G1), her other half-brother, was a top two-year-old American dirt horse who won the Breeders' Futurity (G1) at Keeneland and was second in Saratoga's Hopeful S. (G1). He currently stands stud in Kentucky at Spendthrift Farm. Trensita is also a half-sister to the dam of current 3YO EMMANUEL, a Grade 1 performer by More Than Ready.

MORE THAN READY stood at WinStar Farm in Kentucky before



his recent passing. He gained the reputation as a sire of precocious runners that were sound and had speed. Currently, he is the #1 sire of Breeders' Cup wins with seven and is the leading sire of stakes winners among all North American sires. To date, his offspring have won over 6,000 races and have over \$216,000,000 in earnings. As a racehorse, MORE THAN READY excelled at the age of two, winning 5-of-7 races, including the SANFORD S. (G2) at 6F and the 5.5F TREMONT S. (G3).



2021 Colt, More Than Ready – Eblouissante Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$375,000

both dirt and synthetic surfaces at the top tracks in California. She was considered a significant broodmare prospect when she sold for \$2,100,000 at the 2013 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale, as she is the half-sister to the Horse of the Year and three-time Champion mare, ZENYATTA (G1), who earned over \$7,300,000 during her 19-of-20 racing career. She is also a half-sister to the three-time Grade 1 winner and millionaire BALANCE (G1).

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If you believe that the genetic pool is an important piece of the criteria when evaluating the potential in a racing prospect, then you must be excited when you study this colt's family. His dam, EBLOU-SSANTE, is by the current #1 North American Leading Broodmare Sire, BERNARDINI. His daughters, in 2022, have already produced 14 stakes winners with earnings over \$22,000,000.

EBLOU-SSANTE was a two-time route winner on the track over

This colt's pedigree is loaded with Graded Stakes success, and we are happy to have him call Belladonna home.

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2022 KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE PURCHASES



2021 Filly, Constitution – Mo's Love Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$275,000

This attractive filly is loaded with genetic power on both top and bottom of her page. She is the second foal out of the young UNCLE MO mare MO'S LOVE, who also has a Violence 2YO colt. MO'S LOVE was a winner on dirt going 6.5F and is from the female family of former Leading Sire and Broodmare Sire, UNBRI-DLED'S SONG. MO'S LOVE was bred to AMERICAN PHAROAH in 2022 (No report to date) and NOT THIS TIME for 2023.

CONSTITUTION, by emerging sire of sires TAPIT, is one of the hottest young stallions in North America. He stands at WinStar Farm and is currently ranked # 11 on the North American Leading Sire List by Earnings. His 2022 stud fee was \$85,000, and with the demand for his services outweighing the supply by almost 3-to-1, his 2023 stud fee is projected to be \$100,000 or more. On the track, CONSTITUTION displayed sprinters' speed, and the ability to carry that speed over a distance of ground was on display as he won the Florida Derby (G1) going 9F. Another interesting



pedigree note is that this filly is in-bred to the sensational Triple Crown winner, SEATTLE SLEW (5 x4) through Pulpit and Capote. This mating has the ability to produce a horse that should have speed and be able to carry it around two turns.

She also has the look of a champion.



2021 Filly, Uncle Mo – Bonita Bay Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$370,000

sire, STORM CAT, is considered one of the greatest sires of the modern era. At his peak, STORM CAT commanded a \$500,000 stud fee while standing at Overbrook Farm in Kentucky.

This filly hails from the same family as Champion 2-year-old filly and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) winner, COUNTESS DIANA.

UNCLE MO, the sire of this racy-looking filly, stands at Ashford Stud in Kentucky and currently is Ranked 5th on the Sires' List by Progeny Earnings with over \$10,000,000 in 2022 earnings. He has sired 10 stakes winners so far this year, including the Belmont Stakes (G1) winner MO DONEGAL.

This filly is the first foal out of the young mare, BONITA BAY, by BERNARDINI. On the track, Bonita Bay was placed at 3, but her true potential and value may be as a broodmare. She is by the current #1 Broodmare sire in North America with 14 Stakes winners that have earnings over \$22,000,000, and her broodmare

On the track, UNCLE MO was undefeated at two with a perfect 3-for-3 record, winning a 6F maiden special weight race, the Champagne S. (G1), and the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) to earn the Eclipse Award as Champion 2YO Male.

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2022 KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE PURCHASES

2021 Colt, Medaglia d'Oro – River Maid Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$385,000

RIVER MAID, the dam of this well-balanced, racy colt by MEDAGLIA D'ORO, was crowned the 2016 Champion Female Sprinter in Canada. She excelled at distances ranging from 5F to 7F while winning 7-of-19 lifetime starts.

As a broodmare, she is off to a quick start, as her first foal, Cocktail Moments, is already Grade 1- and Grade 2-placed this year. Cocktail Moments finished third in the Davona Dale S. (G2), and then was second in the Central Bank Ashland S. (G1) behind the likely 3-year-old filly Champion of 2022, NEST (G1). She also was less than 7 lengths behind the winner in this year's Kentucky Oaks (G1), and returned from a summer freshening to win an allowance race at Saratoga earlier this month.

RIVER MAID has produced a 2022 colt by TAPIT and was bred back to that stallion for 2023.

This colt's sire, MEDAGLIA D'ORO, is consistently among the



leading sires in North America and is represented in nearly every corner of the world as a sire of quality horses that compete at the highest level. To date, he has sired seven Champions, 26 Grade 1 winners, 71 Graded Stakes winners, and 134 Stakes winners. This success on the track has made his offspring very sought after, and he is currently the leading sire of seven-figure sales yearlings with 20 since 2016.



2021 Filly, Ghostzapper – True Elegance Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$210,000

Kentucky Derby (G1) winner, AUTHENTIC, that was born in 2022.

The second dam, SEALY HILL, was named Horse of the Year and Champion in Canada. She has produced the high-class performers HILLABY, Champion Sprinter in Canada, and CAMBIER PARC (G1), amongst others, and both these daughters are being bred to some of the top stallions, such as INTO MISCHIEF, UNCLE MO, TAPIT, MEDAGLIA D'ORO and NYQUIST. This already-strong pedigree has potential to expand.

Former Horse of the Year GHOSTZAPPER is the sire of this filly. He was a versatile racehorse and considered one of the best of his generation. He won 9-of-11 lifetime starts and was talented enough to win the VOSBURGH (G1) going 6.5F as a 3YO, and the 10F Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) at age 4. To date, he has produced six Champions, 48 Graded Stakes winners, and 92 Stakes winners.

This filly is out of the unraced mare, TRUE ELEGANCE, by DISTORTED HUMOR. Distorted Humor is considered a top broodmare sire and was a highly regarded sire while he stood at WinStar Farm in Kentucky.

This filly is a half-sibling to two of racing age, including a winning half-sister by KITTEN'S JOY. She also is a half-sibling to a colt by

The combination of a deep pedigree and athletic looks makes this filly an exceptional addition to the Belladonna Racing roster.

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2022 KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE PURCHASES



2021 Colt, Curlin – Motown Lady Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$410,000

This colt has the looks and sire power that all racing stables dream about. He is by the current #4-ranked sire in earnings, CURLIN, out of an UNCLE MO mare and from the family of the very successful stallions STREET SENSE and MR. GREELEY.

His dam is the Grade-1 stakes-placed winner MOTOWN LADY, who won three races at three different top tracks and was placed in the Zenyatta S. (G1) at Santa Anita Park and Chilukki S. (G2) at Churchill Downs. She hails from a sire-producing family that is held in high esteem within the breeding industry. MOTOWN LADY has a 2022 filly by AMERICAN PHAROAH and was bred to the highest-priced first-year stallion of 2022, ESSENTIAL QUALITY (\$75,000 initial fee).

CURLIN has consistently produced the “Saturday Afternoon” type of racehorse. A few of his top colts include Grade 1 millionaires VINO ROSSO (G1), GOOD MAGIC (G1), CONNECT (G1), EXAGGERATOR (G1), and GLOBAL CAMPAIGN (G1) –all who are now standing at stud. His recent Forego-G1 winner CODY’S



WISH (G1) and G1-placed FIRST CAPTAIN undoubtedly will join the ranks upon retirement.

This colt has the balance and class to suggest that he will excel on dirt as many of the CURLIN offspring have. He was very popular at the sale and the BELLADONNA TEAM had to fend off many astute buyers to prevail.



2021 Filly, Upstart – Glinda Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$290,000

A deeper dive into this family and one will find two premier racehorses under the 3rd dam: the talented filly SPUN SUGAR (G1), winner of the Apple Blossom H. (G1) and the colt DAAHER (G1), winner of New York’s Cigar Mile (G1).

UPSTART is considered one of the young rising stars at stud. He is currently #3 on the Third-Year Stallion list behind NOT THIS TIME and NYQUIST, both of whom were better supported in their first two seasons at stud. UPSTART has sired ZANDON (G1), the 2022 Bluegrass S. (G1) winner, and the very good three-year-old filly, KATHLEEN O (MGSW). He is also the sire of the Cherie DeVaux-trained first-out winner at Saratoga, THE GREAT MAYBE, who earned TDN Rising Star status with her 8-length romp. UPSTART stands at Airdrie Stud in Kentucky and has caught the eye of many of the top breeders for the 2023 season.

GLINDA, the dam of this filly, is a winner of \$65,775 and is by successful sire STREET SENSE. She won sprinting and is line-bred 4 x 5 to the great NORTHERN DANCER. This UPSTART filly is her first foal. She produced a filly by INSTAGRAND in 2022 and was bred to MIDSHIPMAN for 2023.

This filly has all the tools to bring us to the top of the mountain.

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2022 KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE PURCHASES

2021 Filly, Kantharos – Jazzminegem Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$105,000

This classy-looking filly is out of the MINESHAFT mare, JAZZMINEGEM. On the track, JAZZMINEGEM was in the money 8-of-9 lifetime starts. She excelled at 6F and was 3rd in her only attempt against stakes horses.

By the strong broodmare sire MINESHAFT, JAZZMINEGEM is the dam of three registered foals of racing age, with three to race and two winners, including the 3-year-old of 2022, MI NEGRITA, who was second behind the top filly and multiple graded stakes winner, KATHLEEN O. in the Cash Run S. at Gulfstream Park.

This filly hails from the family of the hard-knocking multiple graded stakes winner NOTACATBUTALLAMA (G3), winner of Saratoga's National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame S. (G3) and Belmont Park's Hill Prince S. (G3).

Being by the fast sire KANTHAROS, this filly should possess speed. Top sprinters and Grade 1 winners WORLD OF TROUBLE (G1) and X Y JET (G1) are both by KANTHAROS. He stands in



Kentucky alongside CURLIN at Hill 'n' Dale Farm. KANTHAROS was a top 2-year-old during his racing career, going undefeated in three starts that included victories in the SARATOGA SPECIAL (G2) and the BASHFORD MANOR (G3).

With a little luck, this filly will have the speed and class that her bloodline possesses.

RECENT NEWS & NOTABLE DATES

Keeneland 2022 Fall Meet

October 7 - 29, 2022

Fasig-Tipton October Yearling Sale

October 24 - 27, 2022

2022 Breeders' Cup World Championships

November 4 - 5, 2022

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September Race Recaps



COASTANA EARNS GRADED BLACK-TYPE

Making her stakes debut, COASTANA finished a close third in the prestigious \$600,000 Flower Bowl S. (G2) on closing weekend at Saratoga. It marked her second start off a year-long layoff, and she improved her record to 7-2-2-1, \$210,450 with a career-best 95 Beyer speed figure. She is nominated to the \$200,000 Fasig-Tipton Waya S. (G3) on October 2nd at Belmont-at-Aqueduct.

COASTANA is a full sister to multiple Grade 1 winner and sire REAL SOLUTION (\$1.3M in earnings), as well as to stakes-winning Graded performer AVA'S KITTEN. COASTANA has been entered in the Lane's End consignment of the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale as a racing/broodmare prospect.



VAHVA JUST MISSES IN SECOND START

Our promising 2YO Gun Runner filly VAHVA looked like the winner of a \$105,000 maiden special weight at Saratoga on closing weekend, only to be nailed on the wire by the late-charging Curlin filly Take Charge Briana. This tightener, and the bullet 4F (:48.17) at Saratoga on 9/24, should set her up for victory in her next outing.

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Q: How many times has the Breeders' Cup been hosted in Kentucky?

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**COASTANA
AFTER G2**



Answer: This year will mark the 12th time Breeders' Cup has been held in Kentucky. Keeneland hosts for the third time, while Churchill Downs has held the event nine times. Since 2007 (Monmouth Park), Breeders' Cup has been held exclusively in California or Kentucky.