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Broodmares of the Year

1946	Bloodroot	1962	Track Medal	1978	Primonetta	1994	Fall Aspen	2010	Liabe
1947	Potheon	1963	Misty Morn	1979	Smartaire	1995	Northern Sunset (ire)	2011	Oatsee
1948	Our Page	1964	Maid of Flight	1980	Key Bridge	1996	Personal Ensign	2012	Lisa Danielle
1949	Easy Lass	1965	Pocahontas	1981	Natashka	1997	Slightly Dangerous	2013	Take Charge Lady
1950	Hildene	1966	Juliets Nurse	1982	Best in Show	1998	In Neon	2014	Fun House
1951	Alpenstock III	1967	Kerala	1983	Courtly Dee	1999	Anne Campbell	2015	Littleprincessemma
1952	Ace Card	1968	Delta	1984	Hasty Queen	2000	Primal Force	2016	Leslie's Lady
1953	Gaga	1969	All Beautiful	1985	Dunce Cap II	2001	Turko's Turn	2017	Lemons Forever
1954	Traffic Court	1970	Levee	1986	Too Bald	2002	Toussaud	2018	Stage Magic
1955	Iron Reward	1971	Iberia	1987	Banja Luka	2003	Prospectors Delite	2019	Beyond the Waves
1956	Swoon	1972	*Moment of Truth II	1988	Grecian Banner	2004	Dear Birdie	2020	Drumette
1957	Belle Jeep	1973	Somethingroyal	1989	Relaxing	2005	Baby Zip	2021	Indian Miss
1958	Miss Disco	1974	Cosmah	1990	Kamar	2006	Cara Rafaela	2022	Dreaming of Julia
1959	Knight's Daughter	1975	Shenanigans	1991	Toll Booth	2007	Better Than Honour		
1960	Siama	1976	*Gazala II	1992	Weekend Surprise	2008	Vertigineux		
1961	Striking	1977	Sweet Tooth	1993	Glowing Tribute	2009	Sweet Life		

**Imported*

Horses of the Year

1971	Ack Ack	1982	Lemhi Gold	1993	Lure	2004	Ghostzapper	2015	American Pharoah
1972	Typecast	1983	Slew 'o Gold	1994	Tabasco Cat	2005	Saint Liam	2016	Arrogate
1973	Dahlia	1984	John Henry	1995	Serena's Song	2006	Barbaro	2017	Gun Runner
1974	Forego	1985	Spend A Buck	1996	Serena's Song	2007	Curlin	2018	Justify
1975	Forego	1986	Manila	1997	Favorite Trick	2008	Curlin	2019	Bricks and Mortar
1976	Forego	1987	Ferdinand	1998	Real Quiet	2009	Rachel Alexandra	2020	Authentic
1977	Seattle Slew	1988	Alysheba	1999	Charismatic	2010	Zenyatta	2021	Essential Quality
1978	Seattle Slew	1989	Sunday Silence	2000	Fusaichi Pegasus	2011	Havre de Grace	2022	Flightline
1979	Spectacular Bid	1990	Criminal Type	2001	Monarchos	2012	Wise Dan		
1980	Spectacular Bid	1991	Suave Dancer	2002	War Emblem	2013	Wise Dan		
1981	John Henry	1992	A.P. Indy	2003	Mineshaft	2014	Untapable		



Broodmare of the Year

DREAMING OF JULIA

A.P. Indy-Dream Rush, by Wild Rush

Owner: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Dreaming of Julia, a bay mare by A.P. Indy and the first foal out of the multiple Grade 1-winning Wild Rush mare Dream Rush, unquestionably made an impression on the track during her brief, but fruitful racing career and is now making her mark on the breed as a broodmare. Dreaming of Julia is the dam of two-time Eclipse Champion Malathaath, and Julia Shining, a Graded stakes winner in 2022. A Stonestreet Stables homebred, Dreaming of Julia rattled off three consecutive wins to begin her racing career at two, including a gutsy victory in the 2012 Frizette Stakes (G1) at Belmont Park. She added a scintillating 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ -length victory in the Gulfstream Oaks (G2) the following season at three and concluded her career a winner in four of eight lifetime starts with earnings of \$874,500. Proving that her talents extend beyond the racetrack, Dreaming of Julia is represented as a broodmare by Malathaath, a daughter of Curlin who sold to Shadwell Stable as a yearling for \$1.05 million at the 2019 Keeneland September Sale. Now a dual Eclipse Champion, Malathaath won 10 of 14 starts, including six Grade 1 wins, and banked more than \$3.7 million in a spectacular racing career. It came as no surprise that Julia Shining, a full sister to Malathaath, proved to be a precocious racehorse for trainer Todd Pletcher, who also conditioned Dreaming of Julia and Malathaath. Following in her family's footsteps, she won her first two starts as a juvenile in 2022, including the Demoiselle Stakes (G2) at Aqueduct in December. With the win, Julia Shining and Malathaath became the first pair of siblings to win the race since Coquette and Celandria recorded back-to-back wins in the Demoiselle in 1914 and 1915. Julia Shining's stakes victory followed a head-turning last-to-first score in a Keeneland maiden special weight event in her career bow.



Horse of the Year & Older Dirt Male

FLIGHTLINE

Tapit-Feathered, by Indian Charlie

Breeder: Summer Wind Equine

In the storied history of Thoroughbred racing, there have been few horses who have captured the hearts and imaginations of industry stakeholders and fans quite like Flightline. A true superstar of the sport, Flightline's name has become synonymous with excellence. Flightline's ascent to the top of the Thoroughbred world was a rapid one. Considered by many as a once-in-a-generation horse, he announced himself as something special the first moment he stepped foot on a racetrack. Armed with an incredibly high cruising speed and a big engine, the son of Tapit dominated his rivals in all six career starts—three of which took place in 2022, a season that saw him earn

the title of Longines World's Best Racehorse. He also earned the highest honors in U.S. racing for his historical exploits last year, being crowned Eclipse Champion Horse of the Year and Eclipse Champion Older Dirt Male. Flightline won his six lifetime races by an unheard of 71 lengths. With an unshakeable will to win, Flightline overcame a tardy beginning in the \$1 million Metropolitan Handicap (G1) at Belmont Park to win his seasonal debut going away by six lengths in a breathtakingly easy effort. He turned the Pacific Classic (G1) at Del Mar into a tour de force in his second start of the year, winning that prestigious test by 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths and capped his perfect season and his unforgettable career with a record-breaking 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ -length runaway score in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) at Keeneland last November. Owned by Hronis Racing, Siena Farm, Summer Wind Equine, West Point Thoroughbreds, and Woodford Racing LLC and trained by

John Sadler, Flightline banked more than \$4.2 million last season in winning all three appearances. Flightline has been retired from racing and stands his first season at stud at Lane's End Farm for a fee of \$200,000.





Two-Year-Old Male

FORTE

*Violence-Queen Caroline, by Blame
Breeder: South Gate Farm*

A winner in all but one of his six starts in 2022, Forte did not take long to establish himself as a dominant force in the juvenile ranks. With a fierce determination to win, Forte capped off an impressive 2-year-old season with a convincing victory in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) at Keeneland in November. With three Grade 1 victories to his credit, including the Hopeful Stakes (G1) at Saratoga and the Breeders' Futurity (G1) at Keeneland, the Kentucky-bred colt was honored as the Eclipse Champion Two-Year-Old Male at season's end. Owned by Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable and trained by Todd Pletcher, Forte was purchased by his connections for \$110,000 at the 2021 Keeneland September Sale. He ran away from maiden special weight rivals in his career debut at Belmont Park, scoring by 7 ¾ lengths in his unveiling. He earned his first Black-Type with a facile three-length score in the Hopeful Stakes over a sloppy racetrack and made it back-to-back Grade 1 scores with a hard-fought victory in the Breeders' Futurity preceding his start in the Breeders' Cup. Facing a contentious field in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, Forte tracked the early pace from fourth in the 1 1/16-mile affair. Rallying six-wide around the far turn, Forte rallied strongly down the lane, edged past the leaders nearing the sixteenth pole, and cleared his rivals late to defeat previously unbeaten Cave Rock by 1 ½ lengths at the finish. The \$1,040,000 winner's share of the lucrative purse improved his seasonal bankroll to \$1,595,150. A son of Violence out of the Blame mare Queen Caroline, Forte was bred in Kentucky by South Gate Farm.

Two-Year-Old Filly

WONDER WHEEL

*Into Mischief-Wonder Gal, by Tiz Wonderful
Breeder: Three Chimneys Farm, LLC
& Clearsky Farms*

A picture of class and versatility, Wonder Wheel enjoyed a stellar 2022 season on the racetrack for owner D.J. Stable and trainer Mark Casse. The daughter of perennial leading sire Into Mischief won four of five starts at two, garnering a pair of Grade 1 triumphs, and brought the curtain down on a championship season with a rallying score in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) last November. After breaking her maiden in auspicious fashion in June, Wonder Wheel romped by 6 ¾ lengths in her initial foray into stakes company, taking the Debutante Stakes at Churchill Downs in her second start. Following a solid runner-up finish in the Spinaway Stakes (G1) at Saratoga, she demonstrated her mettle with a brave front-running score in the Alcibiades Stakes (G1) at Keeneland. Wonder Wheel showed a new dimension when she closed out her year with a come-from-behind victory in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1). After breaking a tad slow, Wonder Wheel found herself in new territory, racing towards the rear of the field in the early going. It mattered little. Displaying a remarkable level of maturity and poise, Wonder Wheel gained ground on her rivals racing along the inside into the far turn. She squeezed through a gap near the quarter pole and rallied furiously in the late stages to score by three lengths in the end. Bred in Kentucky by Three Chimneys Farm, LLC and Clearsky Farms, Wonder Wheel was purchased for \$275,000 by the D. J. Stable of Leonard and Lois Green at the 2021 Keeneland September Sale. Wonder Wheel amassed earnings of \$1,550,725 last year and was honored as the Eclipse Champion 2-Year-Old Filly of 2022.



Three-Year-Old Male

EPICENTER

Not This Time-Silent Candy, by Candy Ride (ARG)
Breeder: Westwind Farms

There are few races, if any at all, more coveted than the Kentucky Derby (G1). While Epicenter was favored to win the Run for the Roses in 2022, he was upset in the final strides by fellow Kentucky-bred Rich Strike. Coming up just short in the Kentucky Derby did not take away from Epicenter's remarkable accomplishments throughout his championship three-year-old season. With a string of impressive efforts, including finishing first or second in some of the biggest races of the year, Epicenter proved to be a model of consistency and resilience. He began his season with a close runner-up finish in the Lecomte Stakes (G3) at Fair Grounds in January and then rattled off consecutive victories in the Risen Star Stakes (G2) and the Louisiana Derby (G2) for Ron Winchell's Winchell Thoroughbreds and trainer Steve Asmussen. Second in both the Kentucky Derby (G1) and the Preakness Stakes (G1), Epicenter emerged from the Triple Crown in fine fettle. He won the Jim Dandy Stakes (G2) in July and then was an impressive 5 ¼ length winner of the prestigious Travers Stakes (G1) in August at Saratoga. Epicenter did not get a chance to conclude his season on a high note as he sustained an injury to his right foreleg in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) at Keeneland in November. The son of Not This Time recovered from his injury and has begun his new career as a stallion at Coolmore's Ashford Stud. Bred in Kentucky by Westwind Farms, Epicenter was a \$260,000 purchase by Winchell Thoroughbreds out of the 2020 Keeneland September Sale. All told in 2022, Epicenter won four of eight starts, placed in three others, and banked \$2,810,000 en route to the title of Eclipse Champion 3-Year-Old Male.



Three-Year-Old Filly

NEST

Curlin-Marion Ravenwood, by A.P. Indy
Breeder: Ashview Farm and Colts Neck Stables

It is rare to see a filly compete at the highest levels and at the same time hold her own against the best male horses of her age group in the same season. That is exactly what Nest did in a championship season that was nothing short of extraordinary. With a series of impressive wins over members of her own sex and a competitive showing against the boys in the Belmont Stakes (G1), Nest proved to be a force to be reckoned with in 2022. A trailblazer for owners Repole Stable, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, and Michael House, Nest kicked off her season with a victory in the Suncoast Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs in February. She then turned the Ashland Stakes (G1) at Keeneland two months later into a procession, drawing away to win the stepping stone to the Kentucky Oaks (G1) by a widening 8 ¼ lengths. After a game second-place finish to Secret Oath in the Kentucky Oaks (G1), Nest faced males in the Belmont Stakes (G1). She stumbled at the start of the 1 ½-mile Classic race, but ran on determinedly to finish second, chasing her stablemate Mo Donegal across the wire in a brave performance. Back in against her own sex in the Coaching Club American Oaks (G1), Nest barely took a deep breath, running just four rivals off their feet to win by 12 ¼ lengths. Next up, she won the Alabama Stakes (G1), and in her final prep for the Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1), she trounced her rivals in the Beldame Stakes (G2). A \$350,000 Keeneland September Sale graduate and a daughter of two-time Horse of the Year Curlin, Nest, who finished fourth in the Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1), was the Eclipse Champion 3-Year-Old Female of 2022. She won five races on the year, earning \$1,768,050.

Older Dirt Female

MALATHAAT

Curlin-Dreaming of Julia, by A.P. Indy

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Shadwell Stable's 4-year-old filly Malathaath proved in 2022 that she is a champion among champions. Named Eclipse Champion Three-Year-Old Filly of 2021 following three Grade 1 wins that season, Malathaath demonstrated once again in 2022 that she was a true powerhouse, cementing another championship as last year's Eclipse Champion Older Dirt Female. For many horses, a championship season can prove to be a tough act to follow. Not for Malathaath. The daughter of Curlin made six starts last season, winning four of them, including three consecutive Grade 1 victories to close out the year. The Todd Pletcher trainee began her season in April at Keeneland, taking down the Doubledogdare Stakes (G3) in her first start since finishing third in the 2021 Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1). Following a pair of runner-up finishes in the Ogden Phipps Stakes (G1) and the Shuvee Stakes (G2), respectively, she returned to peak form over the summer. Malathaath won the Personal Ensign Stakes (G1) at Saratoga in August, romped by 5 1/4 lengths in the Spinster Stakes (G1) at Keeneland, and secured her second straight championship with a hard-fought nose win over a field that featured six other Grade 1 winners in the Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) at Keeneland in November. Shortly after the Breeders' Cup, it was announced that Malathaath had joined Shadwell's broodmare band with plans to be bred to perennial leading sire Into Mischief. In being named Eclipse Champion Older Dirt Female as an encore to her previous achievements, Malathaath joined elite company. Additional Eclipse-winning 3-year-old fillies who also won an Eclipse as older dirt female include such distaffers as Life's Magic, Royal Delta, and Beholder. Bred in Kentucky by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, Malathaath won four of six starts in 2022, earning \$2,055,675.

Male Turf Horse

CASA CREED

Jimmy Creed-Achalaya, by Bellamy Road

Breeder: Silver Springs Stud, LLC

Proving that age is no barrier to greatness, veteran turf horse Casa Creed last year showed that he is still at the top of his game with back-to-back Grade 1 triumphs over the summer. Trained by Bill Mott for owners LRE Racing and JEH Racing, Casa Creed successfully defended his crown in the Jaipur Stakes (G1) at Belmont Park in June, winning the six-furlong turf sprint for the second straight year. Utilizing his strong late kick, Casa Creed closed from ninth position early to reel in race favorite Arrest Me Red in deep stretch to score by a half-length at the wire, stopping the clock in a fast 1:07.44. In winning the race, Casa Creed became just the second horse in the 39-year history of the Jaipur to repeat following Disco Partner (2017-18). Next up, Casa Creed was sent off as the third-wagering choice in a compact field of five that included the turf specialist Regal Glory in the Fourstardave Handicap (G1) at Saratoga. Rated at the back of the field early in the one-mile turf test, Casa Creed swung five-wide around the far turn and exploded through the stretch, collaring Regal Glory close to home to post a 1 1/2-length victory. Globetrotting Casa Creed began his 2022 campaign with a game runner-up finish in the Turf Sprint Cup (G3) at King Abdulaziz Racecourse in Saudi Arabia. All told for the year, Casa Creed won two of six starts, banking \$877,750. Bred in Kentucky by Silver Springs Stud, LLC, Casa Creed was a bargain \$15,000 yearling acquisition at the 2017 OBS Winter Mixed Sale and was resold later that year for \$105,000 at the Keeneland September Sale, where he was consigned by Kelli Mitchell and bought by LRE Racing.



Female Turf Horse

WAR LIKE GODDESS

English Channel-Misty North, by North Light (IRE)
Breeder: Calumet Farm

For the second consecutive year, George Krikorian's War Like Goddess is the Champion Kentucky-Bred Female Turf Horse. Her lofty accomplishments, including an electrifying victory over males in the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (G1) at the Belmont at The Big A meet, have defined her unyielding spirit and her sensational racing career. In a five-race 2022 campaign, War Like Goddess never finished worse than third. She started her season with a solid score in the Bewitch Stakes (G3) at Keeneland, winning by 1 ¾ lengths in her first start since a third-place finish in the previous year's Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (G1). She registered a measured 1 ¼-length win in the Glens Falls Stakes (G2) at Saratoga in her next outing, before she was not able to overcome an extremely slow pace in the Flower Bowl Stakes (G2), losing that race by just a neck at the finish. The Flower Bowl was her final race of the year against fillies and mares. War Like Goddess faced males for the first time in her career in the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (G1) and in decisive fashion, defeated a competitive field by 2 ¾ lengths in a prep for the \$4 million Breeders' Cup Turf (G1) where she would again take on males. Sent off as the 3-1 second choice in an international field of 13, War Like Goddess closed from the back of the pack to finish third behind Rebel's Romance (IRE) and Stone Age (IRE), recording the best result of an American-based runner in the field. Purchased for just \$30,000 at OBS as a 2-year-old in 2019, War Like Goddess won three of five starts in 2022, and placed in two others en route to seasonal earnings of \$1,078,500.



Male Sprinter

JACKIE'S WARRIOR

Maclean's Music-Unicorn Girl, by A.P. Five Hundred
Breeder: J & J Stables

The remarkably consistent Jackie's Warrior has been a mainstay at the Grade 1 level each of the last three years. Named Eclipse Champion Male Sprinter of 2021, Jackie's Warrior returned in 2022 with another stellar campaign for owners J. Kirk and Judy Robison and trainer Steve Asmussen. Jackie's Warrior blitzed his foes in four of six starts last season, including a pair of Grade 1 victories in the Churchill Downs Stakes (G1) and the Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap (G1). In the latter, Jackie's Warrior made some history of his own, becoming the first horse to win a Grade 1 at Saratoga for three consecutive years, an achievement that clearly establishes him as one of the top racehorses in recent memory. As a 2-year-old, he captured the Hopeful Stakes (G1) at the track and won the H. Allen Jerkens Stakes (G1) the following year at three. Opening the season with four consecutive Graded stakes wins, Jackie's Warrior proved uncatchable in the Count Fleet Sprint Handicap (G3) at Oaklawn, the Churchill Downs Stakes (G1) at Churchill Downs, the True North Stakes (G2) at Belmont Park, and capped off the four-race win streak with a history-making score in the Vanderbilt. He concluded his standout season with a second-place finish in the Forego Stakes (G1) and he finished third in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1), the final race of his career. The son of Maclean's Music hit the board in all six starts last year and earned \$1,405,200 in his 4-year-old season. Jackie's Warrior has been retired from racing and entered stud at Spendthrift Farm after compiling 12 wins—11 coming in Graded stakes—from 18 starts, and amassing earnings of \$2,959,164.



Female Sprinter

GOODNIGHT OLIVE

Ghostzapper-Salty Strike, by Smart Strike

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Goodnight Olive, the reigning Eclipse Champion Female Sprinter, ran lights out in 2022. Despite not making her seasonal debut until June for owners First Row Partners and Team Hanley, Goodnight Olive made the most of her four starts, winning them all, including a pair of Grade 1s to bring the curtain down on her championship season. Hampered by ankle issues at ages two and three, Goodnight Olive captured a second-level allowance race at Belmont Park in June following an eight-month layoff. The 5 ½-length win offered encouragement to her trainer Chad Brown that bigger things were ahead for the daughter of Ghostzapper. Following another allowance score, Goodnight Olive made her stakes debut in the Ballerina Stakes (G1), a Breeders' Cup Challenge race at Saratoga in August. She handled the step up in class with aplomb, powering away from her rivals to win the seven-furlong "Win and You're In" event by 2 ¾ lengths in the fast time of 1:21.40 for seven furlongs. The win earned Goodnight Olive a berth in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (G1). In a field of 12 in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (G1), Goodnight Olive did not disappoint as the race favorite. After attending the pace throughout, she gained ground between horses through the far turn and struck the front entering the stretch. She shook clear from her rivals in the lane and powered home for a 2 ½-length victory. Goodnight Olive concluded the year with \$915,450 in earnings and was perfect in her four appearances. She was purchased as yearling for \$170,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling Sale where she was consigned by Summerfield and bought by Liz Crow, agent for First Row Partners.

Steeplechase Horse

SNAP DECISION

Hard Spun-Salute, by Unbridled

Breeder: Phipps Stable

Champion Kentucky-Bred Steeplechase Horse Snap Decision is a model of consistency. Thanks to two Grade 1 victories last season—the only two-time Grade 1 winner in American jump racing a year ago—the Phipps Stable-bred son of Hard Spun once again took his rightful place at the top of the American steeplechase division in 2022. Having dominated the circuit in recent years, Snap Decision picked up where he left off the previous year. Following a runner-up effort in the Temple Gwathmey Hurdle Handicap (G2) at Glenwood Park at Middleburg in April, the 8-year-old gelding annexed the Calvin Houghland Iroquois Hurdle Stakes (G1) at Percy Warner in Nashville in his second start of the season. Asserting his superiority and class, Snap Decision won that three-mile hurdle event by a commanding 7 ¼ lengths for owner Bruton Street-US, a partnership between Mike Hankin, Charlie Fenwick, and Charlie Noell. Trained by Jack Fisher, Snap Decision notched his second Grade 1 score of the year in another dominating performance, winning the 2 ¾-mile Jonathan Sheppard Handicap (G1) over hurdles at Saratoga in August by a stunning 13 ¼ lengths under regular rider Graham Waters. Snap Decision closed out his 2022 season with a second-place finish in the Lonesome Glory Handicap (G1) in September at the Belmont at the Big A meeting and was unplaced in the Grand National Hurdle Stakes (G1) at Far Hills in New Jersey in October in his final start of the year. All told in 2022, Snap Decision won \$220,500 in purse money, the most of an American-based steeplechase horse. For his career, Snap Decision owns an impressive record of 37-13-8-7 and has banked \$849,334.



Racing Abroad

COUNTRY GRAMMER

Tonalist-Arabian Song, by Forestry
Breeder: Scott Pierce and Debbie Pierce

Owned by Commonwealth Thoroughbreds, WinStar Farm, and Zedan Racing Stables, and trained by Bob Baffert, the seasoned traveler Country Grammer shined brightly in 2022. After finishing a game second in the \$20 million Saudi Cup (G1) in February, Country Grammer made a forward move for the \$12 million Dubai World Cup (G1), the second-richest race in the world. It isn't often that a horse utilizes a \$20 million race as a steppingstone to a \$12 million race but that is just how Country Grammer's biggest win of the season materialized. Ridden by Frankie Dettori in the prestigious Dubai World Cup (G1) in March, Country Grammer took the international field to school in the 1 ¼-mile contest. When the dust settled after approximately 1 ¼ miles at Meydan Racecourse, the son of Tonalist surged late following a relentless rally through the stretch to defeat fellow Kentucky-bred Hot Rod Charlie by 1 ¾ lengths. In addition to his victory in the Dubai World Cup, Country Grammer also notched an emphatic win in the San Antonio Stakes (G2) at Santa Anita last December, was runner-up to subsequent Horse of the Year Flightline in the Pacific Classic (G1) at Del Mar in September and finished second to Defunded in the Awesome Again Stakes (G1). For the season, Country Grammer, who now ranks among the industry's leading all-time earners, earned a whopping \$10,900,000 in winning two of six starts and placing in four others. Country Grammer was acquired by WinStar Farm for \$110,000 at the 2021 Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale. He had previously sold to Bradley Thoroughbreds, agent, for \$450,000 at the 2019 OBS Spring Sale, and originally sold to Brooke Hubbard, agent, for \$60,000 as a yearling at the 2018 Keeneland September Sale.



P.A.B. Widener Trophy/KTDF Owner of the Year/KTDF Breeder of the Year GODOLPHIN

Awarded since 1972, the P.A.B. Widener Trophy represents the Breeder of the Year. Nominees are determined by points earned in Graded stakes and voted upon by the KTA/KTOB Board of Directors.

Godolphin's vast international breeding and racing operation continued its impressive run in 2022, and Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum's program was richly rewarded after being honored with Eclipse Awards as Outstanding Owner and Outstanding Breeder for the second consecutive year. As an owner, Godolphin racked up 88 wins, 61 second-place finishes, and 57 third-place finishes for earnings of \$16,343,067, tops for North American owners in 2022. Godolphin outpaced all others in graded stakes wins as well with 23, and by Grade 1 victories with 13. Numbered among Godolphin's highlights on the track was the sentimental victory by Kentucky-bred Cody's Wish in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) at Keeneland.

Cody's Wish, a son of Curlin, is named after Cody Dorman, who was born with a rare genetic disorder, Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome. In multiple visits to the farm, Cody's Wish and Dorman established a unique bond, and the emotional Breeders' Cup win by Cody's Wish was named the Moment of the Year by NTRA. Trained by Bill Mott, Cody's Wish also annexed the Forego Stakes (G1) last year and finished second in the Eclipse voting for Champion Sprinter behind stablemate Elite Power. As a breeder, Godolphin was represented by 189 starters that notched 150 wins and earned \$18,621,521 in purse money and included 20 stakes winners. In addition to Cody's Wish, additional homebred stakes winners in 2022 included Kentucky-bred Grade 1 winners Santin, winner of the Arlington Million (G1) and the Turf Classic Stakes (G1) at Churchill Downs; Matareya, victorious in the Acorn Stakes (G1) at Belmont Park; Proxy, winner of the Clark Stakes (G1) at Churchill Downs; and Carter Handicap (G1) winner Speaker's Corner.



Charles W. Engelhard Award

STEVE BYK

First presented in 1970, the Charles W. Engelhard Award honors its namesake, who in 1962 became renowned as a buyer and owner of championship Thoroughbreds. The award is presented to a member of the media for outstanding coverage of the Thoroughbred industry and is voted upon by the KTA/KTOB Board of Directors.

This year's deserving winner is Steve Byk. A racing writer and broadcaster known for his infectious enthusiasm for horse racing, Byk is widely considered "the most listened to" voice in racing radio. Byk launched Derbytrail.com in 2003, where his feature writing, race previews, and editorials attracted a loyal following, and he joined "At the Races and Beyond" on Sirius Satellite Radio in 2005. He began hosting "At the Races with Steve Byk" in 2007, and today, that daily national show boasts more than 40,000 loyal listeners and features a roster of the leading voices in the game. Byk, along with trainer Chuck Simon, introduced Dee Tee Stables in 2006 as a way to bring new fans into the game as owners at a minimal cost, and in 2008, he was named to the NTRA's Horseplayers' Coalition Advisory Panel. Byk was honored with the Jim McKay Award for excellence in broadcasting from the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters Association in 2021.

Hardboot Breeders' Award

JOHN WILLIAMS

Honoring breeders who are well-established but not typically acknowledged through other awards, the Hardboot Award pays tribute to distinctive but overlooked or unsung breeders that help make up the backbone of our industry and is voted upon by KTA/KTOB Board of Directors.

This year's award is given to honor the contributions of John Williams. After graduating high school, Williams began working with Thoroughbreds in Maryland. He went on to build a career in the industry, including working as a farm manager, owner, breeder, sales agent, and was a partner in Eaton-Williams, one of the earliest and most successful Thoroughbred sales consignors in the 1980s and 1990s. Williams paid his first visit to a winner's circle in 1966 at Bowie in Maryland, with a horse named Compass Rose. In 1967, he worked as a farm manager for Helmore Farm in Maryland, which led to relocating to Kentucky for a job as general manager at Spendthrift Farm, a position he held for eight years. During his tenure at Spendthrift, he worked with such notable stallions as Triple Crown winner Affirmed, Seattle Slew, Nashua, Majestic Prince, Proud Clarion, and Gallant Man. Recalling his time at Spendthrift, Williams said in an Oral History of Keeneland, "He (Leslie Combs) was the father of modern-day syndication...He brought so many people into the business. He brought them to the party and made it fun." Following his time at Spendthrift, Williams formed Eaton-Williams sales agency with Lee Eaton, and in 1992, while working at Ballindaggin Farm, Williams was named Farm Manager of the Year by Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers Club. Today, Williams says he is retired from the breeding business but not from the Thoroughbred business.



William T. Young Humanitarian Award

H. GREG GOODMAN

The William T. Young Humanitarian Award, established in 2003 by the KTOB, replaced the Coman Humanitarian Award and was presented in its first year to Mr. Young's family. The award honors a person or organization that touched many people not only in the Thoroughbred industry but also throughout this community and this State. The award does not represent a person or organization's achievement in the Thoroughbred business. Instead, it recognizes a person or organization associated with our industry that recognizes and promotes the human endeavor.

Through his generosity and dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of others, H. Greg Goodman, owner of Mt. Brilliant Farm, serves as an inspiration to the Thoroughbred community and is this year's deserving recipient of the award. A native of Houston, Texas, Goodman has been involved in Thoroughbred racing all his life and has been an owner and breeder for more than 20 years. He participates in every aspect of the industry, including breeding, sales, and racing. Goodman has not only achieved success in the Thoroughbred industry, but he has made an enormous impact through his commitment to giving back. Goodman is a member of Breeders' Cup Ltd; is Vice Chair of the Markey Cancer Foundation Board of Trustees, and is on the board of the Fayette Alliance, which he helped found. Through the Mt. Brilliant Family Foundation, formerly the HGG Family Foundation, Goodman and his wife, Becky, have given generous grants to numerous entities in Kentucky and around the country, including Vanderbilt University; Town Branch; Sayre School; Fayette Alliance; Transylvania University; UK Markey Cancer Foundation; Kentucky Children's Hospital; Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Bluegrass Community Foundation; The Race for Education; Bluegrass Land Conservancy; Surgery on Sunday; UK Gluck Equine Research; Massachusetts General Hospital; Cincinnati Children's Hospital; and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, among others.



2022 Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund Leaders

Sire of the Year **INTO MISCHIEF**

Spendthrift Farm

Spendthrift Farm's sire sensation Into Mischief was North America's leading sire for the fourth straight year in 2022. The prolific son of Harlan's Holiday even broke his own progeny earnings record with a history-making total of \$28,523,242 (\$2,194,262 in KTDF earnings), more than \$7.5 million ahead of his closest pursuer. Further cementing his legacy as one of the most influential stallions in history, Into Mischief topped nearly every key statistical category with 236 individual winners, 371 victories, including 17 graded wins, and 27 stakes wins. Among his leading performers were Eclipse Award Champion Wonder Wheel, a two-time Grade 1 winner in 2022; Life Is Good, winner of the Woodward Stakes (G1) and the Whitney Stakes (G1); and Gina Romantica, winner of the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Stakes (G1) at Keeneland.

Earner of the Year **KITODAN**

Foster Family Racing, Douglas Miller, and William Wargel

Kitodan enjoyed a banner 2022 season, winning five of eight starts, including three stakes victories en route to amassing earnings of \$731,741. Numbered among his wins was a facile four-length romp over a competitive field in the \$750,000 Dueling Grounds Derby (G3) contested at 1 ⁵/₁₆ miles on the turf at Kentucky Downs in September for trainer Eric Foster. The son of Point of Entry also won the \$200,000 Audubon Stakes on the turf at Churchill Downs and displayed his versatility taking down top prize in the \$200,000 Rushaway Stakes over a synthetic surface at Turfway Park in April. Kitodan earned \$268,975 in KTDF money to top all KTDF earners in 2022.

Owner/Breeder of the Year **GODOLPHIN**

History repeated itself in 2022 with Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin once again sweeping the Eclipse Awards as Outstanding Owner and Outstanding Breeder for its exploits in 2022. Led by Kentucky-bred Grade 1 winners Cody's Wish, Santin, Matareya, Proxy, and Speaker's Corner, Godolphin won 88 races as an owner and collected prize money of \$16,343,067. A total of 189 starters bred by Godolphin earned \$18,621,521 in 2022 and included 20 stakes winners. Godolphin's KTDF earnings (at Kentucky tracks only) amounted to \$1,010,897 in the ownership ranks, and \$1,144,601 as a breeder.

Trainer of the Year **BRAD COX**

A two-time Eclipse Award winner (2020-21) as outstanding trainer, Louisville, Ky., native Brad Cox set a single-season earnings mark of \$31.8 million in 2021 and approached that record level once again in 2022 with earnings of \$23.8 million, the second-largest earnings total of his training career. Runners conditioned by Cox made 916 starts a year ago, accounting for 222 wins. Among Cox's leading runners in 2022 were Cyberknife, winner of the Arkansas Derby (G1), the Haskell Stakes (G1), and runner-up in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1), Caravel, winner of the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1), and Matareya, winner of the Acorn Stakes (G1). Cox racked up KTDF earnings (available only at Kentucky tracks) totaling \$2,846,128 last season.



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