

Annual
**KENTUCKY-BRED
CHAMPIONS**

Awards Presentation

Wednesday, April 20th, 2022

*Presented by the
Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders, Inc.
and the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association*

**Keeneland Sales Arena
Lexington, Kentucky**

*Kentucky-Bred Champion Bronzes
by Emma MacDermott*

KTDF Bronzes by Steve Johnson



Broodmares of the Year

1946	Bloodroot	1962	Track Medal	1978	Primonetta	1994	Fall Aspen	2010	Liabile
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		
1959	Knight's Daughter	1975	Shenanigans	1991	Toll Booth	2007	Better Than Honour		*Imported
1960	Siamia	1976	*Gazala II	1992	Weekend Surprise	2008	Vertigineux		
1961	Striking	1977	Sweet Tooth	1993	Glowing Tribute	2009	Sweet Life		

Horses of the Year

1971	Ack Ack	1982	Lemhi Gold	1993	Lure	2004	Ghostzapper	2015	American Pharoah
1972	Typcast	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		
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

INDIAN MISS

Indian Charlie-Glacken's Gal, by Smoke Glacken
Owner: OXO Equine LLC

Indian Miss, a bay 2009 mare by Indian Charlie out of the stakes-winning and Graded stakes-producing Smoke Glacken mare Glacken's Gal and a half-sister to Graded stakes winner Live Lively, has unquestionably made her mark on the breed as a broodmare. Likely best known as the dam of 2019 Champion Male Sprinter Mitole, Indian Miss added to her legacy last year as her son, Hot Rod Charlie, became her second Grade 1 winner. Racing for William and Corinne Heiligbrodt, Mitole enjoyed a brilliant season in 2019 for trainer Steve Asmussen. The son of Eskendereya won 6-of-7 starts in his championship season—four of them in Grade 1 events—and capped off the year with a 1 ¼-length victory in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) at Santa Anita. All told, Mitole won 10-of-14 lifetime starts and earned \$3,104,910 before retiring to stand at Spendthrift Farm. While Mitole excelled at sprint distances, Hot Rod Charlie is more of a Classic-type horse who prefers a route of ground. A determined 2 ¼-length winner of the 2021 Pennsylvania Derby (G1) at Parx for owners Boat Racing LLC, Gainesway Stable, Roadrunner Racing, and William Strauss, Hot Rod Charlie also captured the Louisiana Derby (G2) at Fair Grounds and hit the board in a pair of Triple Crown races. The talented son of Oxbow was runner-up in the Belmont S. (G1) and third in the Kentucky Derby (G1) while amassing seasonal earnings of \$2,127,500 under the tutelage of trainer Doug O'Neill in 2021. Having produced a Champion Sprinter and a dual Classic-placed horse, Indian Miss has secured her place in the annals of racing. She was bred in Kentucky by Edward A. Cox Jr. and was most recently sold for \$1.9 million (in foal to Into Mischief) to Larry Best's OXO Equine at the 2020 Keeneland November Sale.



Horse of the Year/Three-Year-Old Male

ESSENTIAL QUALITY

Tapit-Delightful Quality, by Elusive Quality
Breeder: Godolphin

Essential Quality, the Eclipse Champion 2-Year-Old Male of 2020 and the Kentucky-Bred Champion Two-Year-Old Male after a perfect 3-for-3 season, has been described as having a rare combination of talent and consistency. He was as good as advertised and backed up that claim in 2021 with another championship campaign as a 3-year-old. The handsome gray colt won five stakes last year, including a pair of historic Grade 1s—the Belmont S. (G1) and the Travers S. (G1), and was crowned Eclipse Champion Three-Year-Old Male at season's end. A Godolphin homebred trained by Brad Cox, Essential Quality wasted little time getting down to business, taking down top prize in the Southwest S. (G3) over a sloppy track at Oaklawn Park in February. Next out, he annexed the Blue Grass S. (G2) at Keeneland, overcoming a bump at the break and digging in gamely to turn back Highly Motivated by a neck in a determined effort. After crossing the wire in fourth in the Kentucky Derby (G1), Essential Quality became a Classic winner and gave his renowned sire, Tapit, a remarkable fourth Belmont Stakes winner with a 1 ¼-length score over Hot Rod Charlie in the 1 ½-mile "Test of the Champion." He added a win in the Jim Dandy S. (G2) at Saratoga over the summer before prevailing by a neck over Midnight Bourbon in the Travers S. (G1), marking his fourth Grade 1 triumph. Facing older horses in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1), he finished third behind subsequent Horse of the Year Knicks Go. All told, Essential Quality won 5-of-7 starts in 2021, adding \$3,420,000 to his coffers. Following the Breeders' Cup, he was retired to his owner's Darley at Jonabell Farm with total earnings of \$4,755,144.

Two-Year-Old Male **CORNICHE**

Quality Road-Wasted Tears, by Najran
Breeder: Bart Evans & Stonehaven Steadings

Undeclared in three career starts, Corniche capped off his impressive juvenile season with a powerful front-running score in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) at Del Mar last November. A two-time Grade 1 winner and Eclipse Champion Two-Year-Old Male, the Kentucky-bred colt captured all his races in wire-to-wire fashion for trainer Bob Baffert and jockey Mike Smith. Purchased for a sale-topping \$1.5 million at last year's Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.'s Spring Sale by Peter Fluor and K.C. Weiner's Speedway Stables, Corniche registered a 4 ¼-length victory in his unveiling in a 5 ½-furlong maiden special weight at Del Mar in September. He returned in Santa Anita's American Pharoah S. (G1) the following month, where he dominated his rivals once again. He repelled a challenge from stablemate Rockefeller on the far turn and surged clear late to defeat Pappacap by 3 ¼ lengths in his initial foray into stakes company and his first start around two turns. The sparkling win earned him an automatic berth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) at Del Mar. Corniche brought the curtain down on his freshman campaign with a flawless performance in the Juvenile. Returning to the site of his debut triumph, Corniche overcame a wide draw and led from start to finish in the Juvenile. He took command at the break and was never seriously threatened, ultimately prevailing by 1 ¾ lengths. The \$1,040,000 winner's share of the purse swelled his bankroll to \$1,262,000.

Two-Year-Old Filly **ECHO ZULU**

Gun Runner-Letgomyecho, by Menifee
Breeder: Betz/J.Betz/Burns/CHNNHK/Magers/CoCo Equine/Ramsby

One of four Graded stakes winners last year for her first-crop sire Gun Runner, Echo Zulu proved unbeatable in 2021. Undeclared in four starts, Echo Zulu captured three Grade 1 events, including the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) in authoritative fashion. Based on the merits of her scintillating season, she was crowned Eclipse Champion Two-Year-Old Filly by a runaway margin, garnering 233 votes, more than any other Eclipse winner in 2021. Trained by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen and owned by Land N Racing and Winchell Thoroughbreds, Echo Zulu hit the ground running. She broke her maiden on debut, taking a Saratoga maiden special weight by a dominating 5 ½ lengths in July. Her ascent was fast. She proceeded to rattle off daylight scores in the Spinaway S. (G1) and the Frizette S. (G1), winning the latter by a commanding 7 ¼ lengths. Echo Zulu put an exclamation point on her championship season in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) at Del Mar. As anticipated, Echo Zulu asserted her superiority at once. She grabbed the lead away from the gate and was never headed, scoring impressively by 5 ¼ lengths in the 1 ⅛-mile fixture. Echo Zulu is produced from the Grade 2-winning Menifee mare Letgomyecho, making her a half-sister to Grade 1 winner Echo Town and Grade 3 winner J Boys Echo. Winchell Thoroughbreds purchased Echo Zulu for \$300,000 at the 2020 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Following her juvenile season, Echo Zulu boasts earnings of \$1,480,000.

Three-Year-Old Filly MALATHAAT

Curlin-Dreaming of Julia, by A.P. Indy
Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Shadwell Stable's 3-year-old filly Malathaath, a magnificently bred daughter of two-time Horse of the Year Curlin, followed up an undefeated 2-year-old season in 2020 with another spectacular year at three in 2021. Originally slated to make her 3-year-old debut in the Gulfstream Park Oaks (G2) on March 27, Malathaath skipped the race as her owner, Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, passed away just days before the race. She instead made her seasonal bow in the Ashland S. (G1) at Keeneland on April 3. Sent off as the favorite in the 1 1/16-mile test, Malathaath did not disappoint, defeating Pass the Champagne by a head at the wire. Despite having just one race under her belt, Malathaath was sent off as the 5-2 favorite in the \$1,250,000 Kentucky Oaks (G1) at Churchill Downs on April 30. She broke slowly in the Oaks and was bumped repeatedly entering the first turn before settling into fifth place early behind a moderate pace. Under John Velazquez, Malathaath launched her bid from the four-path into the lane and collared the early leaders Travel Column and Search Results in the stretch. While under a sustained drive through the lane, Malathaath held a stubborn Search Results at bay late to prevail by a neck. Following a runner-up effort to Maracuja after a frantic stretch duel in the Coaching Club American Oaks (G1), Malathaath added another Grade 1 to her already impressive resume with a 1 1/2-length score over Clairiere in the Alabama S. (G1) at Saratoga in August. Her victories in signature races in 2021 for Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher earned her the well-deserved crown of Eclipse Champion Three-Year-Old Filly. Produced from the Grade 1 winner Dreaming of Julia, by A.P. Indy, Malathaath was sold by Denali Stud for \$1,050,000 at the 2019 Keeneland September Sale.



Older Dirt Male MAXFIELD

Street Sense-Velvety, by Bernardini
Breeder: Godolphin

Godolphin homebred Maxfield closed out his sensational 11-race career in style in 2021, winning his final start in the \$750,000 Clark S. (G1) at Churchill Downs last November before heading off to stallion duty at his owner's Darley at Jonabell Farm. In the Clark, Maxfield once again demonstrated his affinity for the racing surface at Churchill Downs, where he was undefeated in his career. He raced in the three-path around the first turn of the 1 1/8-mile event and stalked early leader Midnight Bourbon down the backstretch. He ranged up on the outside into the lane, edged past Midnight Bourbon near the eighth pole, and fought bravely to the wire to defeat a hard-charging Happy Saver in 1:49.06 for trainer Brendan Walsh. Earlier in the year, Maxfield proved much the best in the Alysheba S. (G2); ran his rivals off their feet in winning the Stephen Foster S. (G2), in hand by 3 1/4 lengths; and began his season with a win in the Mineshaft S. (G3). The Clark marked the second Grade 1 score for Maxfield, who also scored in the Breeders' Futurity S. (G1) at Keeneland at two in 2019. Maxfield suffered a foot bruise and underwent subsequent surgery for an ankle chip that kept him out of that year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1). He returned at three and captured the Matt Winn S. (G3) before an ankle fracture knocked him out of that year's delayed Kentucky Derby (G1), returning toward the end of the season to win the Tenacious S. at Fair Grounds. Maxfield stands at Jonabell alongside his sire, Street Sense, and fellow Champion Essential Quality.

Older Dirt Female

LETRUSKA

Super Saver-Magic Appeal, by Successful Appeal
Breeder: St. George Stables

Safe to say, St. George Stables homebred Letruska racked up enough travel miles in 2021 to make any frequent flyer envious. With eight starts at seven different racetracks last year, and four Grade 1 victories during a stretch that saw her win five consecutive Graded races, Letruska showed the way in her division all season long. Her brilliant season culminated with the Eclipse Award for Older Dirt Female. Letruska blossomed for trainer Fausto Gutierrez in 2021. She kicked off her year with a facile 3 ½-length score in the Houston Ladies Classic (G3) at Sam Houston. After a narrow defeat to Shedaresthedevil in the Azeri S. (G2) at Oaklawn Park, she hit her best stride in winning the Apple Blossom H. (G1) over two-time Champion Monomoy Girl. Letruska resurfaced in June and led wire-to-wire in the Ogden Phipps S. (G1) at Belmont Park, leaving in her wake Bonny South and Shedaresthedevil. Letruska roared home by 5 ¾ lengths in the Fleur de Lis S. (G2) at Churchill Downs before a front-running score in the Personal Ensign S. (G1) at Saratoga. She shifted to Keeneland for the Spinster S. (G1), which she promptly won in gate-to-wire fashion, defeating Dunbar Road by 1 ¾ lengths. A fairytale ending to her season was not in the cards when she uncharacteristically finished 10th in the Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) in her final start of the year. Despite the loss, the superstar mare won 6-of-8 starts in 2021 and amassed earnings of \$1,945,540.

Male Turf Horse

COLONEL LIAM

Liam's Map-Amazement, by Bernardini
Breeder: Phillips Racing Partnership

Robert and Lawana Low's Colonel Liam kicked off his 2021 campaign returning from a nearly eight-month layoff to successfully defend his crown in the \$1 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S. (G1) at Gulfstream Park. Guided to the outside at the top of the lane by jockey Irad Ortiz Jr., Colonel Liam unleashed a devastating late kick to run down stablemate Largent close to home to score by a neck as the race favorite. The strong outing marked the first start since an unplaced effort in the 2020 Manhattan S. (G1) at Belmont Park the previous June for the accomplished 5-year-old son of Liam's Map. The Todd Pletcher trainee collected another Graded win in his next outing, taking the Muniz Memorial Classic S. (G2) at Fair Grounds by 1 ½ lengths. With Ortiz back aboard, Colonel Liam was taken in hand early in the 1 ⅛-mile turf affair. He made a three-wide bid at the quarter pole and took the lead under a drive just inside the three-sixteenths before moving clear late to win in 1:48.33. In a deep and contentious renewal of the \$1 million Turf Classic S. (G1) at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Derby day, Colonel Liam finished on even terms with Domestic Spending (GB) following a thrilling stretch drive in the 1 ⅛-mile event. The dead-heat victory extended Colonel Liam's win streak to three on the year. A \$1.2 million acquisition from Wavertree Stables' consignment at the OBS Spring Sale in 2019, Colonel Liam was bred in Kentucky by Phillips Racing Partnership. He captured 3-of-4 appearances in 2021, adding \$1,137,600 to his bankroll.

Female Turf Horse

WAR LIKE GODDESS

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

Purchased for just \$30,000 at OBS as a 2-year-old in 2019, War Like Goddess emerged as a star of the turf in 2021 for owner George Krikorian and Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott. A daughter of Champion Turf Male English Channel, War Like Goddess finished fifth in her seasonal debut in The Very One S. (G3) at Gulfstream Park before stringing together four straight Graded stakes victories for her connections. A relentless late rally under jockey Julien Leparoux carried War Like Goddess to a narrow score in the Orchid S. (G3) at Gulfstream in just her fourth lifetime start. She was dominant in her next race, winning the Bewitch S. (G3) at Keeneland as she pleased. Rated far off the pace early in the 1 ½-mile contest, Leparoux smoothly tipped her off the rail turning for home and swung War Like Goddess five wide in upper stretch. She inhaled her competition with an electrifying turn of foot passing the three-sixteenths pole and drew away in the late stages to cross the wire an open-lengths winner while being geared down. Following a brief freshening, War Like Goddess returned a few months later to annex the Glens Falls S. (G2) at Saratoga, comfortably defeating My Sister Nat (FR) by 3 ¼ lengths. She earned a berth in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (G1) with a decisive victory in the Flower Bowl S. (G1) in September and concluded her year with a game third-place finish behind Loves Only You (JPN), beaten less than a length, in the Filly and Mare Turf after seeing the lead briefly in the stretch. War Like Goddess won 4-of-6 starts in 2021, earning \$800,620.



Male Sprinter

JACKIE'S WARRIOR

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

Jackie's Warrior garnered the lion's share of attention in the sprint ranks in 2021, and rightfully so. The blazingly fast son of Maclean's Music streaked to four Graded stakes wins last year as a 3-year-old and was voted Eclipse Champion Male Sprinter at season's end for owners J. Kirk and Judy Robison. Under the tutelage of trainer Steve Asmussen, Jackie's Warrior turned in an unforgettable performance in winning the prestigious Allen Jerkens Memorial S. (G1) over Life Is Good at Saratoga in August. The showdown proved to be a battle for the ages. After bobbling slightly at the start, Jackie's Warrior raced in the two-path in pursuit of Life Is Good who grabbed the lead

at the start of the seven-furlong test. After he prompted the pacesetter through the opening half-mile, Jackie's Warrior overtook his rival and surged to the front in the stretch. He dug in under a drive late after to defeat a stubborn Life Is Good to prevail by a determined neck at the finish. Jackie's Warrior's final time was 1:21.39. Prior to the Allen Jerkens, Jackie's Warrior captured the Pat Day Mile S. at Churchill Downs in May and the Amsterdam S. (G2) at Saratoga in early August, comfortably dispatching a compact but competitive field by a romping 7 ¼ lengths in the latter. Following his signature win in the Jerkens, he reported home a 6 ¾-length victor of the Gallant Bob S. (G2) at Parx, getting six furlongs in an eye-opening 1:08.64 and earning a career-high Beyer Speed Figure of 110 (one of the top numbers earned in all of 2021). Jackie's Warrior finished first or second in 6-of-7 outings last season, amassing earnings of \$1,051,400.

Female Sprinter

CE CE

*Elusive Quality-Miss Houdini, by Belong to Me
Breeder: Bo Hirsch LLC*

Ce Ce, a Bo Hirsch homebred daughter of the late Elusive Quality and a two-time Grade 1 winner last year at the age of four, knocked off defending Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (G1) champion Gamine in a memorable renewal of the marquee race last November at Del Mar. Ce Ce's victory in the Filly and Mare Sprint, combined with her sharp one turn form, secured the 5-year-old chestnut mare the title of Eclipse Champion Female Sprinter. Backed by a deep pedigree loaded with class—she is out of Grade 1 winner Miss Houdini, the dam of 2009 Arkansas Derby (G1) winner Papa Clem—and her second dam is multiple Grade 1 winner Magical Maiden, Ce Ce has lived up to her active pedigree. Trained by Michael McCarthy, Ce Ce shipped to Gulfstream Park from her Southern California base in July to annex the seven-furlong Princess Rooney Invitational S. (G2), defeating Estillo Talentoso by 3 ¼ lengths in 1:21.94. She finished third behind Gamine in the Ballerina H. (G1) at Saratoga before returning to Santa Anita to prepare for the Breeders' Cup. Ce Ce proved an impressive victress of the Chillingworth S. (G3) at Santa Anita in October before facing heavily favored Gamine in the Breeders' Cup. Ce Ce avenged her earlier defeat at the hands of Gamine, turning the tables on that rival in her final start of the year. The recipient of a patient ride, Ce Ce loomed five-wide into the stretch. She cleared her rivals in the lane and drew away to score by 2 ½ lengths with Edgeway second and Gamine third. Her final time of 1:21 for the seven furlongs was just a second off Solar Launch's 1990 track record. Ce Ce notched four wins from six starts in 2021, earning \$888,000.

Steeplechase Horse

SNAP DECISION

*Hard Spun-Salute, by Unbridled
Breeder: Phipps Stable*

Snap Decision began his 2021 campaign in the same manner he started his undefeated 2020 season: with a dominating victory. Owned by Bruton Street-US and trained by Jack Fisher, the 7-year-old bay gelding made short work of his rivals in his seasonal debut in the Temple Gwathmey Hurdle H. (G2) during the Glenwood Park at Middleburg meet in May. Rated off the pace in the 2 ½-mile hurdle test, Snap Decision took command three fences out and stormed home unchallenged to win by nine lengths. The win marked his eighth consecutive score—five of them in stakes—dating back to 2019. No stranger to winner's enclosures on the flat or over hurdles, Snap Decision promptly ran his win streak to nine and became a Grade 1 winner with a sparkling win in the Calvin Houghland Iroquois Hurdle S. (G1) at Percy Warner in Nashville in June. Snap Decision rated in third along the inside in the early going of the 2 ¾-mile hurdle event. He took over entering the final bend and held sway to defeat Amschel (GB) as he pleased by 3 ½ lengths. The historical win tied Snap Decision with Thrice Worthy's modern-day record by an American steeplechase horse dating back to 1981-82. Unable to extend his win streak and break the tie for consecutive wins, Snap Decision closed out his banner year with a pair of runner-up finishes in both the Lonesome Glory Handicap (G1) at Belmont Park in September and the Grand National Hurdle Stakes (G1) at Fair Hills in October. Never worse than second in his four starts in 2021, Snap Decision earned \$159,000 on the year, elevating his total bankroll to \$612,334.

Racing Abroad

MYSTIC GUIDE

Ghostzapper-Music Note, by A.P. Indy
Breeder: Godolphin

Mystic Guide made only three starts in 2021, but the 2017 son of Ghostzapper certainly made his trio of appearances at home in the U.S. and abroad count. After a romping six-length victory in the \$600,000 Razorback H. (G3) at Oaklawn Park in February to begin his season, trainer Michael Stidham, convinced Mystic Guide was up to the task, shipped his charge to the United Arab Emirates for the \$12 million Dubai World Cup (G1) in March. Created by Godolphin's Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Dubai World Cup at Meydan is always among the most coveted international trophies year in and year out. When the dust cleared after the Dubai World Cup's 10 furlongs, Mystic Guide proved 3 ¾ lengths better than Chuwa Wizard (JPN), stopping the timer for the about 1 ¼ miles in 2:01.61 for jockey Luis Saez and becoming the 12th U.S. trained horse to win the Dubai World Cup. The popular victory gave Godolphin its record ninth win in the lucrative event, which was run for the 25th time last year, and provided Stidham the initial international Grade 1 score in a training career that started in 1979. Mystic Guide made just one other start after returning home from Dubai, finishing second—beaten just a neck by Max Player—in the \$400,000 Suburban S. (G2) at Belmont Park in July. For the season, Mystic Guide amassed earnings of \$7,400,000 and was never worse than second in his three starts. All told, Mystic Guide is a four-time winner and boasts a total bankroll of \$7,593,200. Bred in Kentucky, Mystic Guide is produced from the accomplished A.P. Indy mare Music Note, a five-time Grade 1 winner in her sensational racing career.



P.A.B. Widener Trophy

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 enjoyed a remarkably strong 2021 season and was honored at season's end with dual Eclipse Awards in the categories of Outstanding Breeder and Outstanding Owner. Sheikh Mohammed's international racing operation stood head and shoulders above its competitors in Eclipse voting, garnering 205 votes (runner-up Calumet Farm received 8 votes) for Outstanding Breeder and 216 votes (runner-up Klaravich Stables received 7) for Outstanding Owner. As an owner, Godolphin registered 84 wins on the year and won \$17,401,604 in purses in North America. Godolphin's impact on the 2021 racing season was felt at the highest levels of the industry with 84 starts in Graded stakes in the U.S. and Canada that produced 23 victories, 23 placings, and Graded stakes earnings of \$12.7 million. As a breeder, Godolphin bred 172 North American starters in 2021. Those runners won 136 races and secured another 241 placed finishes, collecting \$18,447,150 in purse money. They included 18 stakes winners—14 of them Graded winners. Among the operation's 100 homebred stakes performers worldwide were eight Grade 1 winners in North America. The operation's instantly recognizable royal blue silks were carried to noteworthy victories by homebreds Essential Quality, Maxfield, and Mystic Guide in 2021. Essential Quality captured the Belmont S. (G1) and the Travers S. (G1); Maxfield won the Clark S. (G1) in his final career start; and Mystic Guide won the Dubai World Cup (G1).

Charles W. Engelhard Award

ALICIA HUGHES

First given in 1970, this award honors Charles W. Engelhard, 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 recipient is Alicia Hughes. Hughes is the Digital Content Editor for TVG Network Betfair US. In 2008, she began covering the Thoroughbred industry on the topics of racing, sales, breeding, and business for the Lexington Herald-Leader. She became the Racing Editor and Staff Writer for The BloodHorse in 2016, and then in 2019, began a two-year stint as the Director of Communications at the NTRA before moving to her current position with TVG. Hughes is an award-winning turf writer and a past president of the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters Association. "As a journalist, I always want to be both challenged and inspired in my work," Hughes says. "Covering the Thoroughbred industry over the last couple decades has fulfilled each of those needs as this sport provides an endless number of intriguing storylines surrounding our equine athletes and presents countless opportunities to amplify a wide-range of perspectives."

Hardboot Breeders' Award

HARGUS & SANDRA SEXTON

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 Hargus and Sandra Sexton. Owners of Moss Hill Farm in Versailles, Ky., the Sextons were married in 1987 and became immersed in breeding and raising top-quality Thoroughbreds. While Hargus passed away in 2017 at the age of 96, Sandra continues to run the breeding operation. "After I lost Hargus, there was never any doubt that I would continue on with the horses," Sandra has said. "Hargus would have been very disappointed if I had done something else because we always enjoyed it so much." Together, the Sextons bred or co-bred more than 50 stakes-winning and stakes-placed horses, including Grade 1 winners Corinthian, Rustaceo, Gayego, Capo Bastone, Hog Creek Hustle, and British Idiom, as well as Graded stakes winners Sir Hutch, Satans Quick Chick, Xtreme Bid, Grand Tito, Silent Valor, and so many more.

Lifetime Achievement Award

DR. PETER J. TIMONEY

There is no one more respected or admired on the topic of infectious diseases, either locally or internationally than Dr. Peter J. Timoney, MVB, MS, Ph.D., FRCVS, a professor and Frederick Van Lennep Chair in Equine Veterinary Science at the University of Kentucky's Gluck Equine Research Center in Lexington, Ky. Timoney received an MVB degree in veterinary medicine from National University of Ireland (UCD), MS in virology from the University of Illinois, Ph.D. from the University of Dublin, and Fellowship from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, London. He has worked at the Veterinary Research Laboratory in Dublin, Ireland; Cornell University; and the Irish Equine Centre and has specialized in infectious diseases of the horse since 1972. Named an American Association of Equine Practitioners' (AAEP) Distinguished Educator in 2017, Dr. Timoney's practical application of science and steadfast commitment to equine health helped create the Gluck Center as a world-renowned research institution and enables Central Kentucky to become the leading American exporter of horses to markets on six continents. Throughout his five-decade career, Dr. Timoney has provided insight, guidance, and authorship to numerous infectious disease control documents and guidelines that have benefitted veterinarians and horse owners around the world. He has also provided expertise to thousands of equine practitioners through individual communication and presentations at international veterinary conferences. It has been said of Dr. Timoney that he always makes time to talk to practitioners on aspects of how to prevent, diagnose, and control infectious diseases of the horse.

William T. Young Humanitarian Award

HONORABLE EARLE I. MACK

Established in 2003, the award presented in its first year to Mr. Young's family, honored a person that touched many people not only in our industry but also throughout the community. This award does not represent a person or organization's achievement in the Thoroughbred industry, instead it recognizes a person or organization associated with our industry that promotes the human endeavor and is voted upon by the KTA/KTOB Board of Directors.

This year's worthy winner of the William T. Young Humanitarian Award is Honorable Earle I. Mack, who has had a distinguished career of serving his country and the Thoroughbred industry. Mack most recently helped lead a humanitarian mission for Ukrainian refugees by providing medical supplies, food, clothing, and other essentials to those in need as co-leader of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation Humanitarian Delegation to Hungary to Assist Ukrainian Refugees. He also funded and arranged several missions to Haiti after the 2010 earthquake and received the 2010 International Humanitarian Award from the Hope for Tomorrow Foundation for his important relief efforts. Numbered among his contributions to philanthropy, Ambassador Mack founded the Man o'War Project, the first university-led research trial to establish manualized guidelines for the application of Equine-Assisted Therapy for treating veterans with PTSD. He served on the Board of Directors of the Prostate Cancer Foundation and was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation Advisory Council. Ambassador Mack is an American businessman, philanthropist, and former United States Ambassador to Finland, a role he served in until November of 2005 after being chosen by President George W. Bush in 2004. He is also active in the arts, having served as chairman and CEO of the New York State Council on the Arts for three years. He served in the United States Army Infantry as a Second Lieutenant while on active duty (1959), and as a First Lieutenant, U.S. Army Infantry and Military Police while on Reserve duty (1960-1968). He has been involved in Thoroughbred breeding and racing since 1963 as both an owner and advocate. He has bred or raced 25 stakes winners, including 1993 Canadian Triple Crown winner Peteski. In 2011, Ambassador Mack started the Earle Mack Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation Award, which is given to recipients who make significant contributions towards improving the safety and welfare of Thoroughbred horses during and after their racing careers. Earlier this year, Ambassador Mack was the recipient of the Eclipse Award of Merit in recognition of a lifetime of outstanding achievement.

2021 Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund Leaders

Sire of the Year

INTO MISCHIEF

In 2021, Into Mischief enjoyed yet another record-breaking season. With \$24,411,267 in progeny earnings, the prolific stallion shattered his own record of \$22,506,085 and has now been the No. 1-ranked General Sire in North America three consecutive years. Further cementing his legacy as one of the most influential stallions of the modern era, Into Mischief was represented by four Grade 1 winners in 2021—Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) winner Life Is Good; Haskell S. (G1) winner Mandaloun; Carter Stakes (G1) winner Mischievous Alex; and Ballerina Stakes (G1) and Derby City Distaff S. (G1) winner Gamine. Leading all sires, Into Mischief's progeny banked over \$935,000 in KTDF earnings in 2021.

Earner of the Year

GEAR JOCKEY

Calumet Farm homebred Gear Jockey made nine starts in 2021, winning four times, placing in three others, and banking \$777,800 in a stellar season. Trained by George Arnold, II, the 4-year-old son of Twirling Candy captured the \$1 million Turf Sprint Stakes (G3) at Kentucky Downs and finished third in both the Canadian Turf Stakes (G3) at Gulfstream Park and the Troy Stakes (G3) at Saratoga. He also held his own against the top turf sprinters in the world with a close sixth-place finish in the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1) at season's end. Of his seasonal bankroll, over \$276,000 were from KTDF supplements which made Gear Jockey the KTDF Earner of the Year for 2021.

Owner/Breeder of the Year

GODOLPHIN

Honored with a pair of Eclipse Awards as Outstanding Breeder and Outstanding Owner for its exploits last year, Godolphin truly had a year to remember in 2021. Godolphin's top runners in the U.S. last year included Belmont S. (G1) and Travers S. (G1) winner Essential Quality and Clark S. (G1) winner Maxfield. Godolphin's memorable results on the racetrack paced all owners and breeders in 2021. As an owner, Godolphin won \$17,401,604 in purse money in North America with KTDF earnings (at Kentucky tracks only) of \$1,128,664. As a breeder, Godolphin's horses won 136 races in 2021 and earned \$18,447,150 in purse money. Godolphin's total earnings for 2021 included over \$1 million of KTDF earnings which topped all others for the year.

Trainer of the Year

BRAD COX

Louisville native Brad Cox followed a breakout season in 2020 with an even stronger and record-breaking year in 2021. Honored with his second straight Eclipse Award for Outstanding Trainer in 2021, Cox set a single-season earnings mark of \$31.8 million in purses last year, eclipsing Chad Brown's previous record of just over \$31.1 million in 2019. Cox's top runners included Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner and Horse of the Year Knicks Go and Eclipse Champion 3-Year-Old Male Essential Quality. Cox saddled the winners of 10 Grade 1 races in 2021 and 30 graded stakes overall. Cox racked up KTDF earnings at Kentucky tracks totaling more than \$2.1 million in 2021.



Committed to long-term solutions that will enable us to protect and promote the Thoroughbred industry

4079 Iron Works Parkway Lexington, KY 40511 • 859-259-1643 www.kentuckybred.org