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winner of the Gr.1 Oaks d'Italia, the Gr.3 Prix Cleopatre and a Listed race, as well as achieving three Group places and being the dam herself of Gr.3 Joel Stakes winner **Splendid Era (Green Desert)**, **Dublin (Carson City)**, winner of the Gr.3 Vintage Stakes and placed in the Gr.1 National Stakes, and **Dream Play (In The Wings)**, who was twice Group-placed. The third dam, **White Star Line (Northern Dancer)**, three times a Gr.1 winner in the USA, was dam of Group winner **Whitehaven (Top Ville)**, grandam of Champion two-year-old filly **Preseli (Caerleon)** and third dam of German Champion and sire **Dai Jin (Peintre Celebre)**.

CONDITIONS RACES

Finicius (Officer) likes Dundalk and, having been dropped two pounds for winning over six furlongs at the track in a blanket finish, he won another decent conditions race there over a mile on Friday night by a length. He had a wind operation in the summer and can continue to be a profitable proposition on this surface when this type of race appears, although he has always been held in Listed company. He has his last domestic opportunity in a couple of weeks time.

He is the first foal out of the twelve-time scorer and Stakes-placed **Glorious Linda (Le Glorieux)**. The second dam, **She's My Lovely (Sharpo)**, has produced the Gr.1 Prix Ganay hero and sire **Execute (Suave Dancer)**, the Gr.2 Grand Prix d'Evry victor and sire **Tot Ou Tard (Robellino)**, and the Gr.3 Prix Quincey victrix **Ing Ing (Bering)**. The third dam is the 1,000 Guineas and Gr.1 King's Stand Stakes runner-up **Girl Friend (Birdbrook)**, whose offspring include the Gr.3 Prix du Palais Royal winner and sire **Comrade In Arms**.

Sales Talk

ARQANA

DECEMBER YEARLING CATALOGUE NOW AVAILABLE

288 yearlings are catalogued for ARQANA's December Yearling Sale, which takes place on Tuesday, 9th December in Deauville. In spite of its late schedule, this session has brought strong evidence of its capacity to produce quality performers at all prices: 2008 French Derby victor **Vision D'etat** features prominently among the recent graduates. The son of young stallion **Chichicastenango** was purchased for €39,000 by trainer Eric Libaud in 2006.

The 2008 catalogue is rich in attractive pedigrees offered by many of the leading French farms, including Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard, du Mézeray, de la Pérelle, de la Reboursière et de Montaigu, d'Étreham etc. The largest drafts are offered by Haras de Grandcamp (25 lots), Haras de la Beauvoisinière (18 lots), Haras du Camp Bénard (12 lots), Haras des Granges (11 lots), etc.

FLAT-BRED YEARLINGS

Purchasers looking for yearlings with a future on the flat will be able to pick amongst the progeny of numerous successful sires, including **American Post**, **Chichicastenango**, **Gold Away**, **Green Tune**, **Fusaichi**

Pegasus, **Highest Honor**, **Lando**, **Muhtathir**, **Poliglote**, **Slickly**, **Sinndar**, **Street Cry**, etc. There are some solid dam sides as well, with siblings to the Stakes/Pattern winners **Arakan**, **Chill**, **Equiano**, **Mysterious Lina**, **Numerieus**, **Poltava**, **Royal Fantasy**, **Super Celebre** And **Unefer**.

Among the most eye-catching pages are:

- **Lot 780**, from Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard, is a daughter of **Hernando**. Her half-brother **Unefer** took a Listed event at Newmarket this year and was placed several times at Gr.3 level.

- **Lot 792**, from Haras de la Beauvoisinière, is a half-brother to two Listed scorers in **Mysterious Lina**, who also filled the runner-up spot in the Gr.3 Prix de la Nonette, and **Mysterious Peintre**, who achieved his best efforts in America.

- **Lot 846**, a son of **Fusaichi Pegasus**, is the second foal of the Listed victrix **Shake Off**, whose dam is none other than the brilliant **Shake The Yoke**. The latter took the Gr.1 Coronation Stakes and is out of the great broodmare **Bermuda Classic**.

- **Lot 867**, from Haras de la Beauvoisinière, is by **Kingsalsa** out of **Supergirl**. The latter has already produced **Super Celebre**, winner of the Gr.2 Prix Hocquart and second in both the Prix du Jockey Club and the Gr.1 Prix Lupin.

- **Lot 961**, from Haras du Mézeray, is a half-brother to **Equiano**, who won the 2008 Gr.1 King's Stand Stakes.

NH PROSPECTS

Those looking for future smart jumpers will also be in for abundance of choice, with sons and daughters of the proven sires **Antarctique**, **Astarabad**, **Goldneyev**, **Kapgarde**, **Nononito**, **Robin des Champs**, **Saints des Saints**, **Sleeping Car**, **Turgeon**, etc.

The most attractive pages include:

- **Lot 898**, the first produce of the Listed victrix **A Plus Ma Puce**, hails from the first crop of the exciting stallion **Bonbon Rose**. This colt is consigned by Haras de Grandcamp.

- **Lot 969**, from Haras de la Beauvoisinière, is a half-sister to the multiple Listed scorer **Fabulously**.

- **Lot 974**, offered from Haras du Mézeray, is by **Tremolino** out of a half-sister to the top class **Franchhoek**, another son of Tremolino who won the Gr.1 Finale Juvenile Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham.

OSARUS SALES

FRENCH COMPANY TO STAGE SECOND SALE AT PAU

Following the success of their first yearling sale at La Teste, the new French Sales company Osarus will hold their second sale at Pau on the 17th January 2009.

Approximately one hundred selected two and three-year-old horses will be catalogued for this National Hunt sale.

The date coincides with the Pau meeting and will be held on the eve of the Grand Steeplechase. Following the sale, all those involved will be invited to a Béarnaise evening, which will take place in the racecourse lounge.

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