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Bernardini filly takes center stage at yearling show

By Sara Gordon



Grand champion was GreenMount Farm's Bernardini filly shown by Sabrina Moore. Presentation included Michelle Jennings, representing class sponsor The Mill, Bill Reightler representing groom's awards sponsor EMO Agency, and Angie Moore from GreenMount Farm.

Despite a postponed show date, heat index of 100 degrees and Covid-19 protocols requiring facemasks and social distancing, Maryland breeders presented a strong group of 66 Maryland-bred yearlings to compete under the watchful eye of judge Michael Matz at the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's yearling show at the Timonium Fairgrounds July 19.

As the smattering of spectators in the stands switched between reading show programs and using them as fans,

a daughter of Bernardini, owned by GreenMount Farm, was crowned grand champion of the 86th annual show. The bay filly, who won Class IV (fillies by out-of-state sires), was bred by GreenMount in partnership with Godolphin.

"She's really turned out to be pretty classy so I've gotten lucky there. She's just grown up really nice," said Sabrina Moore, co-owner and manager of GreenMount, who handled the filly in the show ring. "It's surreal, but I count my blessings, I know it doesn't

happen all the time. It's really easy to get discouraged, so even these small wins just keep you going for a little bit longer."

Moore's first yearling show class winner and champion is the second foal out of the multiple stakes-winning Not For Love mare Mystic Love. The broodmare, bred by Dark Hollow Farm, was a surprise gift to Moore from her mother Angie, who bought her for \$100,000 at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale.



Class I winner was R. Larry Johnson's Street Magician colt Whenigettoheaven. Mike Pons (representing Harford County) and Paget Bennett of Fasig-Tipton Midlantic present prizes to handler Abbi Walker.



Dark Hollow Farm's Class II-winning Maclean's Music colt with (from left): Bill Reightler (EMO Agency groom's award), Paget Bennett (cash awards from Fasig-Tipton Midlantic), breeder/owners David and JoAnn Hayden, Jim Steele (trophy sponsor Shamrock Farms) and groom's award winner Jose Rodriguez.

After seamlessly delivering the Bernardini filly last year, Mystic Love eventually underwent colic surgery with the foal by her side, which resulted in the filly's slight decline in condition and Moore's decision to keep her as a yearling, rather than selling her as a weanling like she normally would.

The commitment has certainly paid off. Fasig-Tipton's inspection team selected the Maryland-bred yearling show champion for the 2020 Selected Yearlings Showcase, in Lexington, Ky., Sept. 9-10, as a consolidation of its July, Sara-

toga and New York-bred yearling sales.

"I love the [yearling] show because they get out and you kind of get a feel for them, what they're going to be like as soon as you get them off the farm, and they [get to] school a little bit," said Moore. "I just think the show is really the key for them, so I was glad to get her there."

Using his experience in the horse show world and Thoroughbred industry, Matz was confident in his selections, as he not only focused on conformation but also analyzed the

traits the yearlings possessed as racing prospects.

"I thought the last class that the [champion] filly won was the strongest group," said Matz. "She just had an overall look. I thought she was well-made and pretty well balanced."

R. Larry Johnson's homebred Whenigettoheaven, a son of Johnson's homebred stallion Street Magician, took reserve champion honors after winning Class I (colts and geldings by Maryland sires). The bay colt wasn't Johnson's first choice as a Class I entry, but the other Street Magician

colt he'd originally chosen developed an abscess that prevented him from prepping for the show.

"The colt was kind of a substitute, but he actually took to the [prep] program quite well. I think he's a nice colt and he was very precocious," said Johnson, represented by farm manager Jonathan Smart at the show. "I think I was just trying to get something that I thought was representative of the stallion, that would be competitive when we were showing him, and it turned out better than I expected."

Another Johnson homebred by Street Magician, a chestnut filly with a crooked stripe on her face and splashes of chrome on her hind legs, captured Class III (fillies by Maryland sires).

The reserve champion colt is the fourth foal from the multiple stakes-winning mare Heaven Knows What, a daughter of Holy Bull. The Class III-winning filly is the second foal out of the stakes-winning mare A Lover's Question, by Spring At Last. Both broodmares are granddaughters of Johnson's homebred mare Whatwould-happenif, the first foal from his foundation mare Ran's Chick.

"I think the filly will be in the Timonium auction [in October]. She's a nice enough filly and if I don't get a decent price, I'm certainly prepared to bring her home and race her," said Johnson. "I suspect I would race the Street Magician colt. He's from a long line of horses that I've bred and his mother was a multiple stakes winner, so I'm just kind of hopeful that this colt can go on and continue to improve the family."

To top it off, Street Magician, who stands as part of Legacy Farm Stallions at Roland Farm, took home the Northview Stallion Station Challenge Trophy. The son of Street Cry (Ire) had two class winners, one a reserve champion, from two shown.

A Maclean's Music colt continued Dark Hollow's leg-

acy of yearling show success when Matz selected him as winner of Class II (colts and geldings by out-of-state sires). Owned and bred in partnership with Dorsey Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Davidov and Mr. and Mrs. David Schwaber, the flashy bay is the partnership's last foal from the mare Dream, a graded stakes-placed daughter of Malibu Moon, who they sold in foal to City of Light for \$170,000 at last year's Keeneland November breeding stock sale.

"I think he's a rock star, there's no question about it. He's just a powerfully built, gorgeous colt," said David Hayden, who co-owns Dark Hollow with his wife JoAnn.

Dark Hollow-connected horses took the top three ribbons of Class II, as a Hillwood Stable homebred colt by Twirling Candy, foaled at Dark Hollow, took second and a Union Rags colt, bred and owned by the same partnership as the class winner, finished third.

"To me, it was actually between [the Maclean's Music colt] and the Union Rags colt, the horse who finished third," said Hayden. "But Matz has a good eye and he knows what he's looking at. We're not complaining. When you're first, second and third, you can't be upset about that at all."

Class winners each receive \$1,000, with the champion receiving an extra \$1,000 and the reserve champion getting an extra \$500. Along with the worthwhile experience and exposure, all yearlings that participate are eligible for \$40,000 in premiums based on racetrack earnings as 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds. 🐾

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Abbi Walker shows R. Larry Johnson's Street Magician filly to a Class III win. Presenting class awards were Paget Bennett (filling in for Joe Clancy and This is Horse Racing) and Wanda Jones of Marama Farm.



GreenMount Farm's Bernardini—Mystic Love, by Not For Love, filly shown by Sabrina Moore wins Class IV shortly before being selected grand champion. Stan Salter (for trophy sponsor The Racing Biz) and Paget Bennett (for cash sponsor The Maryland Jockey Club) are the presenters.

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Results

Class I. For colts and geldings foaled in Maryland, the

produce of mares covered in Maryland. (19 exhibited)

1. Whenigettoheaven, b.c., Street Magician—Heaven Knows What, by Holy Bull. Owned and bred by R. Larry Johnson, Bluemont, Va. 2. ch.c., Holy Boss—Nick's Funnybone, by D' Funnybone. Owned and bred by Anchor and Hope Farm Inc., Port Deposit, Md. 3. Bliss This, b.c., Divining Rod—Blisstikus, by Luftikus. Owned and bred by William Bayne and Super C Racing, Arlington, Va. 4. Unclear Day, dk.b./br.c., Di-

vining Rod—Happy Refrain, by Not For Love. Owned by Sallyellen M. Hurst, Glen Arm, Md. Bred by Sallyellen and Hugh Hurst. 5. gr./ro.c., Mosler—Laura's Valley, by Two Punch. Owned and bred by Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr., Reisterstown, Md.

Class II. For colts and geldings foaled in Maryland, the produce of mares covered in states other than Maryland. (13 exhibited)

1. b.c., Maclean's Music—Dream, by Malibu Moon. Owned and bred by Dark Hol-



Reserve champion was R. Larry Johnson's Street Magician colt (with Abbi Walker). Presenting the groom's award was EMO Agency's Bill Reightler as Paget Bennett steps in for ribbon and trophy sponsors Mid Atlantic Farm Credit and Komlo & Associates. With two class winners and the reserve champion, Johnson's homebred Street Magician won the Northview Stallion Station Challenge Trophy.



Michael Matz was presented with the traditional judge's trophy by ringmaster Jason Egan.

low Farm, Dorsey Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Davidov and Mr. and Mrs. David Schwaber, Upperco, Md. 2. dk.b./br.c., Twirling Candy—Access to Charlie, by Indian Charlie. Owned and bred by Hillwood Stable LLC, Washington, D.C.

3. b.c., Union Rags—Dr. Diamonds Prize, by Pure Prize. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm, Dorsey Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Davidov and Mr. and Mrs. David Schwaber, Upperco, Md. 4. Celtic Cousen, b.c., Palace Malice—Celtic

Katie, by Posse. Owned and bred by Lewis Family Racing Stable, Clarksville, Md. 5. Good Knight Nile, dk.b./br.c., Midnight Storm—Serena's Joy, by Forestry. Owned and bred by Warning Drums Racing LLC, Baltimore, Md.

Class III. For fillies foaled in Maryland, the produce of mares covered in Maryland. (17 exhibited)

1. ch.f., Street Magician—A Lover's Question, by Spring At Last. Owned and bred by R. Larry Johnson, Bluemont, Va. 2. Madame Mosler, b.f., Mosler—Will Do, by Roman Ruler. Owned and bred by Bell Gable Stable, Chadds Ford, Pa. 3. dk.b./br.f., Mosler—So Far Away, by Skip Away. Owned and bred by Betsy Mead, Orange, Va. 4. Excusememissmargot, dk.b./br.f., Baltimore Bob—Chase My Tail, by Tale of the Cat. Owned and bred by Lauralea Glaser, Laurel, Md. 5. dk.b./br.f., Mosler—Sagamoon, by Malibu Moon. Owned and bred by Country Life Farm and Sagamoon LLC, Bel Air, Md.

Class IV. For fillies foaled in Maryland, the produce of mares covered in states other than Maryland. (17 exhibited)

1. b.f., Bernardini—Mystic Love, by Not For Love. Owned by GreenMount Farm, Reisterstown, Md. Bred by GreenMount Farm and Godolphin. 2. ch.f., Uncle Lino—Just for Lust, by Not For Love. Owned by Marshall W. Silverman and Wendi Miller, New Freedom, Pa. Bred by Winding Creek Farm. 3. dk.b./br.f., Warrior's Reward—Flying K C, by Tale of the Cat. Owned by Marshall W. Silverman, New Freedom, Pa. Bred by Winding Creek Farm. 4. b.f., Golden Years—Misty in Malibu, by Malibu Moon. Owned and bred by Hillwood Stables LLC, Washington, D.C. 5. ch.f., Lord Nelson—Keep Right, by Street Cry (Ire). Owned and bred by Country Life Farm and Keep Right LLC, Bel Air, Md.

Champion—b.f., Bernardini—Mystic Love, by Not For Love. Owned by GreenMount Farm, Reisterstown, Md. (Class IV)

Reserve Champion—Whenigettoheaven, b.c., Street Magician—Heaven Knows What, by Holy Bull. Owned and bred by R. Larry Johnson, Bluemont, Va. (Class I).

Northview Stallion Station Challenge Trophy—STREET MAGICIAN. Presented to the Maryland stallion whose offspring earn the most points based on the following: five for first, three (second), two (third), one (fourth) and a half (fifth). The champion earns two and the reserve one.

The following stallions earned points at this year's show:

Street Magician, 11 points (two shown); Mosler, 6 points (six); Divining Rod, 3 points (five); Holy Boss, 3 points (one); Baltimore Bob, 1 point (one).

Groom's awards: Class I, #68, Kim Crowell; Class II, #37, Jose Rodriguez; Class III, #70, Christy Holden; Class IV, #11, Marshall Silverman; Championship class, #26, Sabrina Moore (champion); #51, Abbi Walker (reserve).

Premium award winners from 2017 and 2018 MHBA Yearling shows

The \$40,000 MHBA Yearling Show premium is split and distributed twice among the four show contestants who earn the most money as 2- and 3-year-olds.

The highest earners of 2019 received \$13,000 for first; \$4,000, second; \$2,000, third; and \$1,000, fourth.

Shown in 2017—3-year-olds in 2019

Judge: Dale Romans

Las Setas—\$226,890

b.f., Seville-Ger—Tanca, by Polish Numbers; shown in Class III by Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss. *In 2019:* Won Weber City Miss S, Beyond The Wire S, Wide Country S

Bunting—\$99,985

dk.b./br.f., Bandbox—Oriental River, by Orientate; 5th in Class III, shown by Hillwood Stables LLC. *In 2019:* 2nd Miss Disco S

Confessor—\$93,083

ch.g., Freedom Child—Taconic Victory, by Eddington; shown in Class I by Spendthrift Farm.

My T Talk—\$91,635

dk.b./br.f., Straight Talking—My T Swift, by Spring At Last; shown in Class IV by Skeedattle Associates.

Shown in 2018—2-year-olds in 2019

Judge: Rick Violette

Sharing—\$730,300

ch.f., Speightstown—Shared Account, by Pleasantly Perfect; shown in Class IV by Sagamore Farm. *In 2019:* Won Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1, Selima S

Hello Beautiful—\$166,558

dk.b./br.f., Golden Lad—Hello Now, by Tiznow; 2nd in Class III, shown by Hillwood Stables LLC. *In 2019:* Won Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S, Maryland Million Lassie S

Laddie Liam—\$128,556

b.c., Golden Lad—Buffgirl, by Quiet American; shown in Class I by Hillwood Stables LLC. *In 2019:* Won Maryland Juvenile Futurity, 3rd Maryland Million Nursery S

Tommy Shelby—\$111,596

b.c., Super Ninety Nine—Moon Map, by Malibu Moon; shown in Class I by Country Life Farm and Moon Map Broodmare LLC. *In 2019:* 2nd First State Dash S, 3rd Maryland Juvenile Futurity



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For the first time EVER, Maryland's most exciting equestrian events will be held in October. Held without spectators but broadcast and *streamed* live for your viewing pleasure.

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Oct 3

The 145th Preakness Stakes

Oct 15 - 18

The Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill (Virtual Event)

Oct 24

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Maryland-bred top earners in 2020

(through August 4)

1. Field Pass \$302,860	11. Double Crown \$100,725
2. Project Whiskey 195,780	12. Galerio 100,197
3. Majestic Reason 150,000	13. Stroll Smokin 97,742
4. Sharing 126,171	14. Youngest of Five 93,242
5. Harpers First Ride 125,648	15. Naughty Thoughts 87,279
6. Artful Splatter 120,717	16. Eastern Bay 82,735
7. Plata O Plomo 118,376	17. Pete's Play Call 81,825
8. Alwaysmining 118,200	18. Toy 80,691
9. American Nina 107,401	19. Seany P. 77,685
10. Blamed 103,300	20. Outofthepark 77,298

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services, these statistics compiled August 4 are for stallions who currently stand or completed their careers in Maryland. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2020. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2020

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Great Notion	69	181	30	36	\$991,989
Friesan Fire	62	209	16	24	666,019
Golden Lad	39	109	14	15	641,443
Bandbox	33	93	14	19	601,960
Super Ninety Nine	44	144	15	18	564,267
Bourbon Courage	33	91	10	13	514,535
Seville (Ger)	60	176	13	16	479,250
Not For Love	32	120	11	16	413,311
Oriente	47	155	14	15	405,088
Street Magician	35	125	8	11	368,822
Imagining	27	74	5	6	307,676
Outflanker	17	64	6	11	218,322
Redeemed	34	90	7	7	211,570
Petionville	21	75	6	7	197,908
Nicanor	18	90	3	6	193,814
Tritap	16	40	2	2	131,906

2-year-old earnings in 2020

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Great Notion	4	5	2	2	\$75,900
Bourbon Courage	5	9	1	1	40,530
Seville (Ger)	1	2	1	1	28,000
Buffum	2	4	1	1	22,438
Oriente	1	2	1	1	20,250

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	845	19,504	686	2,903	\$80,963,206
Oriente	687	14,027	537	2,046	48,207,119
Petionville	667	14,397	520	1,938	45,551,742
Louis Quatorze	777	14,985	576	1,959	38,230,077
Lion Hearted	507	9,775	389	1,333	30,114,414
Outflanker	444	9,529	333	1,343	29,700,054
Great Notion	277	4,267	222	731	22,616,502
Friesan Fire	178	2,905	129	372	11,665,886
Rock Slide	222	3,931	151	440	11,463,389
Street Magician	111	1,848	81	231	7,087,683
Mojave Moon	156	3,121	107	339	5,946,460
Cherokee's Boy	75	1,541	49	150	4,102,508
Redeemed	69	928	40	96	3,233,626
Showing Up	88	1,170	55	135	2,577,307
Super Ninety Nine	50	429	28	68	1,937,135
Bandbox	43	283	29	51	1,767,773
Seville (Ger)	108	936	43	71	1,741,060
Tritap	30	292	19	40	1,460,474
Golden Lad	41	177	19	30	1,307,914

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	365	1,164	139	186	\$6,956,746
Oriente	368	1,157	142	184	5,353,381
Petionville	383	1,184	123	152	4,866,671
Louis Quatorze	338	1,047	104	130	3,509,023
Outflanker	229	924	94	125	3,466,391
Lion Hearted	224	733	81	111	3,096,416
Great Notion	101	300	43	59	2,290,657
Friesan Fire	102	317	34	38	1,732,327
Rock Slide	94	299	24	35	1,075,420
Street Magician	53	207	18	22	1,035,824
Golden Lad	24	75	10	15	685,271
Mojave Moon	87	338	25	30	673,520
Cherokee's Boy	24	105	8	13	641,664
Tritap	19	79	10	17	619,644
Bourbon Courage	27	85	9	11	607,772