



Country Life Press **October 2022** Newsletter

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**THE LEADER IN
MID-ATLANTIC PARTNERHIPS
Now Offering:
Country Life's Latest Well-Bred Filly LLC

By AUDIBLE--PLEASANT LAUGHTER
9 of 10 Shares at \$10,700 Each
NO MARKUP
\$107,000 Kentucky October Yearling**



ON THE SEARCH FOR FAST HORSES

Only two kinds of prospects seem for sale in present-day yearling sales: Those with unacceptable issues on X-rays, a bad walk, and sired by a stallion out-of-fashion. Or more rarely, those with clean X-rays, a great walk, and sired by a hot young stud.

This is a story about one of the good ones, a \$107,000 yearling---a filly with a big swinging walk, from a fast stakes-class family, by a very popular young sire at the sales, raised by a venerable old Kentucky Thoroughbred farm, and presently being placed into a Country Life Partnership.

Last Thursday, on the final day of the near-week-long Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Yearling sale, we selected a filly in the first crop of Into Mischief's Florida Derby-winning son AUDIBLE. At \$107,000, we had to outbid prominent trainer Mark Casse and Ocala horsewoman April Mayberry, two top horsepeople whose interest validated our selection process. (Click picture below for the WinStar web page for Audible, and see the sales video of the filly below.)



[AUDIBLE at Winstar](#)

Chalk up the strong demand for quality yearlings to record-high purses. For example, on our return to Maryland for Sunday's races at Laurel, we watched Country Life Partnership filly Combat Queen win a \$52,000 allowance. Another Country Life filly, Galilei (winner of a \$60,000 Colonial maiden), then ran third in a \$54,000 turf allowance. The feature at Laurel on Sunday was a \$70,000 filly-and-mare allowance.

That's just here in Maryland. This new Audible filly is eligible for Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund purses. On Sunday at Churchill Downs, KTDF-eligible 2-year-olds were running in \$150,000 Maiden Special Weight races. It is no wonder top yearling prospects are in great demand at the sales. Their earning potential has never been higher.

The new filly was bred by an historic old farm, Runnymede, and raised on great limestone ground near Paris, Kentucky. Runnymede paid \$250,000 for her dam, Pleasant Laughter, as a young broodmare.

We only buy into pedigrees with "speed" in them. Fast mares make fast foals. Any Thoro-Manager number under "10" is flying. Pleasant Laughter ran a "7," placed in a sprint stake at Aqueduct on the dirt, and she earned \$172,007.

Runnymede bred Pleasant Laughter to speed-sire Danzig's son Exchange Rate and got a filly later named Hillhouse High. A \$195,000 2-year-old, Hillhouse High went on to win the Grade 2, \$200,000 Royal Heroine Stakes at Santa Anita on her way to \$456,803 in earnings. Hillhouse High, a half-sister to this Audible filly, ran 10 single-digit "figs," including two "6's." This is a fast family.



After her racing career, Hillhouse High was purchased for \$300,000 by Merriebelle Stable in 2017. She has a 3-year-old Into Mischief, a 2-year-old Quality Road, and she is presently in foal to Charlatan.

As we did at the October yearling sale in Maryland when we purchased a Mendelssohn filly for \$155,000 whose 10 shares sold out in two days, we utilized the expertise of Kentucky bloodstock agent Alistair Roden to short-list the 1,600 offerings. It all came down to Hip #1455, two hours from the end of a

four-day sale.

"Her energy was the same every time I came back to look at her," explained Roden. "We looked at her four days in a row. Every time, she came out with a big, two-turn walk. She has good bone. She's an exciting filly. She's the one we waited all sale for."

Average price for an Audible yearling this year is \$147,072. Top colt: \$725,000. Top filly: \$320,000. Trainers such as Pennsylvania's John Servis had this to say after buying one for \$220,000: *"I always try to look at the younger stallions, try to get lucky before they get too popular. Audible seems to put a really good hip on all of them. I haven't seen one that isn't athletic."*

If you are looking to share the risks of racing, and perhaps the benefits of breeding (should this Audible filly earn a place in our select broodmare band), then you should hop on board. We've done all the due diligence. A quality filly, at no markup, \$10,700 a share, for the ride of a lifetime, we certainly hope.

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**November Breeding Stock Sales Next:
Country Life has 3 Weanlings in Fasig-Tipton
Night of the Stars
And a Broodmare Prospect at Keeneland**

Country Life Farm's emphasis on quality has placed three of our 2022 foals into the most exclusive breeding sale in the world: "The November Sale" at Fasig-Tipton, a/k/a the "Night of the Stars."

The three weanlings out of our young broodmare band are:

1. A colt by Maclean's Music out of Make Amends, by Malibu Moon
2. A filly by Liam's Map out of Indexation, by Malibu Moon; and
3. A filly by Liam's Map out of Missy Rules, by Peace Rules

The dams of these weanlings are back in foal. Make Amends to Uncle Mo's son Yaupon; Indexation to City Zip's son Improbable; and Missy Rules to red-hot freshman sire Bolt d'Oro.

Stay tuned to see what we find for our Breeding Partnerships as the sales get underway the week after the Breeders' Cup.

Maryland Million Success





What a great time at the Maryland Million for Country Life and partners. From the Sip & Win event on Friday evening to christen the brand-new Maryland Horse Library and Education Center to a great day of racing on Saturday at Laurel to the Sunday return of our annual "Autumn Day in the Country" open house at Merryland.

Our wild weekend started on Friday when 2-year-old homebred filly Divine Romance (Divining Rod - Imagistic) broke her maiden in determined fashion at Laurel. She broke well and held off the favorite Never Done in a thrilling stretch duel for a neck victory. Trainer Michael Trombetta was pleased with the filly's grit and determination, so we're looking forward to what might be next for her.

Divine Romance is an example of the importance of making a racing stable eligible to the various state programs. She earned bonuses for her breeders (a Country Life Breeding Partnership), for her owners (Maryland-bred Owner's and Developer's Awards), for her sire, Divining Rod, and she clipped a coupon as well from the Virginia Thoroughbred Association as a Virginia-certified runner (she spent six months with Chris Kolb at the Middleburg Training Center to qualify).

On Saturday, Mosler's son Wicked Prankster won the \$125,000 Maryland Million Turf Stakes. Bred by Country Life and partners in the Broken Trust Fund LLC, the 4-year-old gelded son of Mosler had won an allowance at Laurel six days earlier for trainer/owner Samuel Davis. Wicked Prankster earned a lifetime best 100 Equibase speed figure while pushing his earnings to \$218,121.

The featured \$150,000 Maryland Million Classic came up with the best field in recent memory, including past Classic winners Monday Morning QB and Prendimi. Post time favorite was 5-year-old Ournationonparade, by former Country Life sire Cal Nation. Claimed at Churchill Downs for \$50,000 by trainer Jamie Ness in his prior start, Ournationonparade stalked the pace for most of the 1-1/8th race before making his move on the turn for home and drawing off to an easy 5-length win (see this horse's story below).

In the last race of the day, Country Life had an entry in the Maryland Million Turf Distaff. Mosler's Image, bred by Country Life and the Imagistic Broodmare partnership (1/2-sister to the above mentioned Divine Romance) and owned by the Mosler Girls LLC, finished third after traffic trouble. She's just shy of \$100,000 in earnings for her racing partnership.

Jay Williamson: One-Mare Broodmare Band



Maryland Million Classic winner

Ournationonparade, as a newborn at Country Life Farm, February 2018



Jay with Parade of Colors and her 2020 Mosler filly, now 2-year-old racehorse Mysisternancy

When local Maryland trainer Jamie Ness was ready to retire a modest chestnut filly named Parade of Colors in 2012, Jay Williamson offered to give her a home. Jay had co-owned the filly as a yearling with Marshall Silverman and they sold her as a 2-year-old to Buzz Chace as agent. Trained by Tim Keefe for Clover Hill Racing, she broke her maiden in her 2nd start at Laurel as a 2-year-old and won an Allowance at 3 before being claimed by Jamie Ness for Midwest Thoroughbreds as a 4-year-old. After several lackluster starts for Jamie it was time to find her a new career. Jay told Jamie he'd take her, because something about her just appealed to Jay's horse instincts. Jay had never owned a broodmare and didn't have a farm, but he was determined to have this 4-year-old filly.

Sent to Country Life stallion Cal Nation the next year, her first foal was Parade of Nations---a winner on debut for Jay who would go on to earn over \$275,000 in his career. Parade of Colors then produced two more foals, one by

Freedom Child and one by Tritap, before coming back to Cal Nation in 2016.

Foaled at Country Life in February of 2017, Ournationonparade would show even more promise than his big brother. Debuting in tough maiden special weight company as a 2-year-old at Laurel, he led all the way but just got caught at the wire. Seeing talent, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing made an offer that Jay couldn't refuse and purchased the gelding after that race. He made his next start in the 2019 Maryland Million Nursery and won as the favorite---as a maiden. That was just the beginning of this horse's story, however.

Ournationonparade went on to third-place finishes in the Hutcheson and Carry Back Stakes at Gulfstream Park as a 3-year-old and had allowance wins for Reeves. In November of 2021, he was dropped into a claiming race at Churchill Downs for the first time and was promptly haltered for \$40,000. He ran at Oaklawn, Fair Grounds, Keeneland, and Churchill Downs for his new owners with some success, but he was claimed again in June of this year for \$32,000 off a win at Churchill.

His new connections sent him to Horseshoe Indianapolis, where he won again in August while being risked for \$40,000, and then went back to Churchill last month where he scored in a \$50,000 claiming race. This time, he was claimed by someone who had been watching him all year and knew the family well: Jamie Ness.

Jamie brought Ournationonparade back to Maryland for the express purpose of running him in the \$150,000 Classic. With Jay Williamson proudly watching in person, Ournationonparade added the Classic to his laurels, which included his earlier win in the Nursery.

And that lone broodmare of his? After producing Ournationonparade, Parade of Colors has added two Mosler fillies, a Divining Rod yearling filly and a Divining Rod weanling colt. The mare has produced five winners from six starters, with 2-year-old Mysisternancy looking to make it six winners soon: She's been on the board in four of her five races.

Whatever Jay saw in that chestnut filly in the Receiving Barn 10 years ago has rewarded his judgment. Wouldn't every breeder like to have a mare like Parade of Colors?

Country Life-Bred-or-Sired Winners

DIVINING ROD

DIVINING STAR: 9/29 at CMR, Claiming (breeder Country Life, Divining Rod Syndicate & Luisa Cuprill; owner Establo Carmen Anita)

BO'S BOURBON: 10/1 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Clover Hill Farm, Inc.; owner Larry Metz and Robert D. Bone)

QUANTICO CREEK: 10/5 at DEL, Maiden (breeder Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.; owner Runaway Point Farms LLC)

CLIMBER: 10/5 at IND, \$150,000 Cardinal Stakes (breeder Dawn Martin; owner Southwest Racing Stables, Inc. and Bruce Murphy)

LECTRIC ROD: 10/6 at CT, 2yo Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm; owner Deborah & Sylvester McGill)

BORN FOR VICTORY: 10/8 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.; owner MCA Racing Stable LLC)

FLAMING EAST: 10/8 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Candyland Farm; owner Squire Thoroughbreds LLC)

PRECIOUS AVARY: 10/8 at MED, 2yo Maiden (breeder/owner Smith Farm & Stable)

LADY MEZNAH (KSA): 10/7 at KKR (Saudi Arabia), Maiden (breeder/owner Faisal Mohammed A Aljadheei)

LIQUIDATOR: 10/13 at LRL, 2yo Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm/Stone LLC; owner Not The 1 Stable, Inc.)

WONDER WATER: 10/15 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Country Life Farm & Missy Rules LLC; owner LBR Racing Stable)

DIVINE ROMANCE: 10/21 at LRL, 2yo Maiden (breeder/owner Country Life Farm & Imagistic Broodmare II LLC)





2-year-old Liquidator (Divining Rod) breaks her maiden on 10/13 at Laurel.
Photo: Jim McCue

MOSLER

BIG DADDY D R: 10/5 at CT, Claiming (breeder No Guts No Glory Farm; owner Barry Utterback)

SMALL BUT FEISTY: 10/9 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Country Life & Placentia LLC; owner MCA Racing Stable LLC)

NEXT EPISODE: 10/10 at PID, Allowance (breeder Country Life Farm & Rue de Rivoli LLC; owner Niall Saville)

HEIR PORT: 10/11 at PRX, Claiming (breeder New Farm; owner Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc, Dawn Witte and Jagger, Inc.)

WICKED PRANKSTER: 10/16 at LRL, Allowance (breeder Country Life & Broken Trust Fund LLC; owner Samuel G. Davis)

BANDITS WARRIOR: 10/21 at LRL, Allowance (breeder/owner No Guts No Glory Farm)

WICKED PRANKSTER: 10/22 at LRL, \$125,000 MD Million Turf Stakes (breeder Country Life & Broken Trust Fund LLC; owner Samuel G. Davis)

PRIMORDIAL FEAR: 10/23 at WO, Maiden (breeder/owner Joey Gee Thoroughbreds)

PEPE AND HEYWOOD: 10/26 at CT, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Sassy Molly LLC; owner Manuel Sepulveda and Maria Isabel Rodriguez)

SCARF: 10/26 at PRX, Maiden (breeder Smith Farm & Stable; owner Cecilia Evans)

HELLO HOT ROD: 10/27 at RP, Allowance (breeder Hillwood Stables LLC; owner George A. Sharp)

ESPERANNA: 10/28 at LRL, Claiming (breeder Country Life Farm & Moonlit Malibu LLC; owner Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon)



Bandits Warrior wins Allowance at Laurel on 10/21 for her 3rd lifetime victory.
Photo: Jim McCue

FRIESAN FIRE

BOFFO KID: 10/6 at DEL, Maiden (breeder Don Wilson; owner Teresa Haupt & Carl Doran)

HESFIREDUP: 10/7 at CT, 2yo Maiden (breeder/owner James McIngvale)

RESCUE FIVE: 10/25 at MNR, Allowance/Opt Clm (breeder Ralph Dimitri & Sandy Prinzivalli; owner Dimitri Racing Stable, Inc.)

EMBERLY: 10/26 at CT, Allowance (breeder Nancy Camp; owner Debbie Rhodes)

OTHER COUNTRY LIFE/PARTNERSHIP-bred or OWNED winners:

TARGE (Will Take Charge - Curio) - Allowance win on 10/2 at LRL. Bred by Country Life Farm & Curio Broodmare LLC; owned by Marko Milojevic

COMBAT QUEEN (Congrats - Starsonhershoulder) - Claiming win on 10/9 at LRL; and Allowance win on 10/30 at LRL. Bred by Dark Hollow Farm and Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Davidov; owned by Country Life Farm & Combat Queen LLC

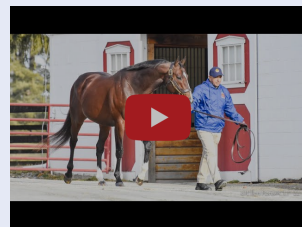


Combat Queen won for the 2nd straight time in October at Laurel and pushed her career earnings to \$250,000.

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