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DIVINING ROD FILLY BRINGS \$350,000 IN OCALA 2YO SPRING SALE



Highest-priced 2-year-old by a Mid-Atlantic sire in 2023 so far is Divining Rod's Maryland-bred filly out of Grade-1 producer Island Bound. Bred by Katharine (Katy) M. Voss at her Chanceland Farm in Howard County, the Divining Rod filly initially sold for \$60,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling Sale to savvy Maryland trainer Mike Trombetta. He resold the sleek filly on April 26 at the Ocala Breeders Spring Sale in Florida for \$350,000.

The talented young filly breezed an eighth-mile in :9 4/5ths seconds leading up to the sale. She was purchased by Bradley Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent and will head to North America's winningest trainer Steve Asmussen. We hope she returns to contest the 2023 Maryland Million Lassie Stakes, or on the larger stage, the 2023 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (both programs for which she is eligible).

The filly's speed should not surprise anyone. Her daddy Divining Rod set the pace in the 2017 Preakness Stakes before yielding the lead to American Pharoah on his way to the Triple Crown.

The bay by Divining Rod is a half-sister to 2021 Breeders' Cup Sprint champion Aloha West (earner of \$1,507,290), and to talented Maryland-bred filly Moquist (4-for-4; \$127,500).

Divining Rod is the Leading Third-Crop sire outside of Kentucky (excluding relocations). His largest foal crop to date is landing this spring on farms from Kentucky to Maryland. His sire Tapit, represented by last year's Horse-of-the-Year Flightline, also is the sire of a Kentucky Derby favorite for this weekend in Grade-1 Bluegrass Stakes winner Tapit Trice.

A head-bobbing loss to Connect in the Grade-1 Cigar Mile (a race known for making sires) stood between Divining Rod and Grade-1 glory. His pedigree is glorious, though: He is out of the 3-time Grade-1 winner Precious Kitten. He is clearly a young sire who brings pedigree and racing performance to the Mid-Atlantic.

**COUNTRY LIFE:
MID-ATLANIC LEADER
IN BREEDING and RACING PARTNERSHIPS**

If "quality" is the direction you want to go in horse racing and breeding, watch for Country Life partnership horses all season long.

At the track, our Midshipman filly LADY ENSIGN is breezing bullets in preparation for her racing debut in May. LADY ENSIGN is out of the A. P. Indy mare Sister State, a 1/2-sister to classic-winner Bernardini's dam. It's quite a pedigree, one of the best line of mares from Godolphin.

And our Maryland-bred mare COMBAT QUEEN (a \$20,000 Preakness sale 2yo) is just one "in-the-money" finish away from reaching the \$300,000-mark in earnings. A speedball sprinter, COMBAT QUEEN should love the tight turns at the upcoming Pimlico meet.

Our Virginia-bred Lemon Drop Kid filly GALILEI (out of the Galileo-mare Fairytale Ending) is prepping at Fair Hill for a summer campaign at Colonial Downs, where \$100,000 allowance purses are projected.

In our breeding partnerships, the 10 members of the Starr Quality LLC are making reservations for Saratoga this August; our 2022 Gun Runner yearling filly out of the stakes-winning mare STARR OF QUALITY has been accepted to the select sale.

And making next year's foal crop, pronounced in foal so far this season in Kentucky, are the first wave of Bluegrass matings: partnership mares in foal for 2024 include MAKE AMENDS (2023 colt by Yaupon; back in foal to Mandaloun); LUNAR RILLE (2023 colt by Bolt d'Oro, back in foal to Vekoma), FIFTEEN MOONS (in foal to Jimmy Creed); PLAYFUL LOVE (2023 colt by Higher Power, back in foal to Vino Rosso); MOON VISION (2023 filly by Mo Town, back in foal to Known Agenda); and MISS NONDESCRIPT (2023 colt by Divining Rod, back in foal to Take Charge Indy).

Later-booked mares in Kentucky for our breeding partnerships include FIFTEEN ROYALS (2023 filly by Divining Rod, booked to Jimmy Creed); INDEXATION (2023 colt by Improbable, booked to Vekoma); JENNEMILY (2023 filly by Bolt d'Oro, booked to Practical Joke); MISSY RULES (2023 filly by Bolt d'Oro, booked to Greatest Honor); WAR VALUE (2023 filly by Known Agenda, booked to McKinzie); and STARR OF QUALITY (due to Improbable, booked to Cyberknife).

**PREAKNESS 2-YEAR-OLD SALE
THREE WEEKS AWAY**



Country Life will be focusing on well-bred fillies at the upcoming May 22-23 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Old Sale (the "Preakness" sale). If you want to play the game at a quality level, stay in contact with us as Preakness weekend rolls into sales week at Timonium.

Click catalog picture above for link to the Fasig-Tipton online sale catalog and e-mail us to get on the list for a share in any purchases we make: info@countrylifefarm.com

April Foals

(click pictures for links to Ellen's galleries)

Miss Avalon -
Great Notion colt

April 1st 2023 at 1:05 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Hiding -
Independence Hall filly

April 1st 2023 at 4:15 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

In Dad's Wallet -
Divining Rod colt

April 3rd 2023 at 7:38 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Bode's Brienne -
Divining Rod colt

April 4th 2023 at 7:37 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Wildly Good Lookin -
Friesan Fire colt

April 5th 2023 at 2:34 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Miss Spiderweb -
Blofeld filly

April 5th 2023 at 6:46 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Mischiefs Model -
Divining Rod colt

April 6th 2023 at 8:14 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Foxtrot Sally -
Modernist colt

April 6th 2023 at 10:43 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Wonderwall -
Uncle Lino colt

April 7th 2023 at 3:56 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Blisstikus -
Divining Rod colt

April 8th 2023 at 7:59 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Amapola -
Divining Rod colt

April 9th 2023 at 11:34 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

My Star Potential -
Golden Lad colt

April 12th 2023 at 5:44 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Toasty -
Friesan Fire filly
April 12th 2023 at 10:37 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Princess Cadey -
Vekoma colt
April 14th 2023 at 12:04 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Danny Deep Cuts -
Friesan Fire colt
April 14th 2023 at 9:36 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Last Love -
Long River colt
April 16th 2023 at 2:23 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Devil's Shoes -
Lumino colt

April 17th 2023 at 11:41 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Matunuck -
Golden Lad filly

April 21st 2023 at 1:04 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

War Value -
Known Agenda filly

April 21st 2023 at 9:01 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Conjecture -
Wicked Strong filly

April 21st 2023 at 9:06 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Helen Gibson -
Engage colt

April 22nd 2023 at 7:59 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Queen Of Tomorrow -
Mosler colt

April 26th 2023 at 11:32 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Ankle Monitor -
Lumino colt

April 27th 2023 at 5:16 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Reappearance -
Divining Rod colt

April 28th 2023 at 5:08 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Lucky Trinity -
Lumino colt

April 29th 2023 at 1:35 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Elizabeth T -
Biblical colt

April 29th 2023 at 1:56 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

DD Renegade -
Blofeld filly

April 29th 2023 at 5:05 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Judi Blue Eyes -
By My Standards colt

April 29th 2023 at 8:43 pm



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Eileen's Girl -
Cairo Prince filly
April 30th 2023 at 12:13 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Missy Rules -
Bolt d'Oro filly
April 30th 2023 at 12:51 am



Foaled at Country Life Farm

Foaling Webcam

Country Life Bred or Sired Winners

DIVINING ROD

UNDER THE RADAR: 4/5 at PRX, Starter Allowance (breeder Willow Oaks Stable LLC; owner Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc. and Jagger, Inc; trainer Jamie Ness)

DIVINE FASHION: 4/15 at CT, Starter Allowance (breeder Susan Wantz; owner Richard Burnsworth; trainer Anthony Farrior)

RUSTYS GFIVEFIFTY: 4/29 at CT, Allowance (breeder Bowman & Higgins Stable; owner Robert D. Bone & Edward J. Brown, Jr.; trainer Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon)

MOSLER

LADY MOSLER: 4/7 at LRL, Maiden (breeder Barak Farm; owner Robert D. Bone; trainer Damon R. Dilodovico)

PRIMORDIAL FEAR: 4/14 at CT, Claiming (breeder Joey Gee Thoroughbreds; owner FF Racing Stables; trainer Felix Flores-Coba)

FRIESAN FIRE

BERNIE'S ON FIRE: 4/27 at CT, Claiming (breeder William Bayne; owner William Bayne & Super C Racing; trainer John J. Robb)

EMBERLY: 4/28 at CT, Claiming (breeder Nancy Camp; owner Debbie Rhodes; trainer Ronney W. Brown)

OTHER COUNTRY LIFE/PARTNERSHIP-bred or OWNED winners:

FRENCH TOAST (Tonalist - Miss Pauline) - Claiming win on 4/4 at PRX. Bred by Country Life Farm & Miss Pauline LLC; owned by Jimmie Gordon Gilbert

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