

Oratorio Sweeps Boards In Europe

A Forthcoming Attraction!



Oratorio

It has been a huge year in Europe for Danehill stallion Oratorio. The prolific sire of international Gr1 winners heads for the lush pastures of Avontuur Estate later this month with a host of impressively outstanding finishes on the European leading sire tables following the end of the Northern Hemisphere season last week.

Leading South African breeders Avontuur Stud recently announced a coup for the SA breeding industry when acquiring the proven and sought after Australian stallion from Coolmore.

And while the international confidence booster was hardly required as his consistent track record speaks volumes, Oratorio proved the early endorsements and confidence spot-on with a truly terrific year in Europe.

He finished third behind the legends Oasis Dream and Galileo on the Individual Winners Listing and ahead of the likes of Rock Of Gibraltar, Pivotal and Dansili.

Oratorio finished sixth with 12 winners on the Individual Black-Type winners table scoring in 18 black-types races. His runners earned in excess of 2,3 million pounds and he has the distinction of finishing above Dubawi and Holy Roman Emperor.

Oratorio finished twelfth on the overall leading European sires listing measured by stake earnings.

This fellow was an outstandingly versatile racehorse, winning from 1200m to 2000m. A Gr1 winning 2yo, Oratorio was also a dual Gr.1 winner of the Eclipse Stakes and Irish Champion Stakes at 3.

His first two Australian crops include exciting Gr.1 winner Manawanui, Gr.1 winning 2yo Banchee and Torio's Quest, winner of the Gr2 Queensland Guineas and Listed \$1 Million Gold Coast Magic Millions 3yo Guineas.

Oratorio is currently based just outside of Sydney in Australia and is due to fly to Dubai around 17 January, and then on to Luxembourg en route to the Kenilworth Quarantine Station near Cape Town.

Avontuur General Manager Pippa Mickleburgh commented: "It's a long trip, but it was our only option as we wanted to get him to Cape Town rather than Johannesburg."

She added that Oratorio's book was 'just about full' with 'just a few places' still open.

"Not since Var's arrival has there been such a buzz of excitement on the farm. And the anticipation runs wide with our phones ringing off the hook as breeders make enquiries. The publication of the European statistics do all the talking and it appears that everybody has realised what is looming and headed our way. And they obviously want to get in early!" she said with a smile.

Oratorio will form a powerful Avontuur two-pronged attack as stands alongside Avontuur's sensational Forest Wildcat stallion, Var, sire of the 2012 SA Horse Of The Year and current Gr1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate favourite, Variety Club.

(Statistics kindly supplied by Hyperion Promotions Ltd)

Leading Sires In Europe In 2012

In order of Individual Winners

Sire	Runners	Winners	Wins	Plcs	BT Wnrs	BT Wns	BT Pld	BT Pls	Total £
1 OASIS DREAM	272	147	268	620	15	22	12	31	2,994,415
2 GALILEO	289	133	201	443	35	50	22	75	7,383,240
3 ORATORIO	262	127	217	596	12	18	8	17	2,385,750
4 INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	285	125	201	603	15	23	9	30	3,549,378
5 VERGLAS	257	116	189	641	2	2	8	11	1,961,731
6 ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	253	110	167	537	9	9	16	32	2,416,378
7 PIVOTAL	218	109	185	476	9	19	11	28	3,580,622
8 DANSILI	226	108	165	445	19	28	4	25	3,143,576
9 HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR	230	107	155	552	10	12	5	18	2,486,945
10 KHELEFY	239	104	176	505	4	6	3	7	1,457,609
11 CAPE CROSS	250	102	165	421	5	5	9	17	1,457,867
12 REFUSE TO BEND	218	102	185	483	3	4	3	7	1,320,429
13 EXCEED AND EXCEL	217	100	185	477	8	12	7	19	2,828,095
14 ACCLAMATION	237	99	165	515	7	9	9	21	1,784,794
15 KYLLACHY	215	94	153	473	6	11	4	13	1,426,532
16 ELUSIVE CITY	210	89	156	403	5	6	4	8	1,327,960
17 SHAMARDAL	198	88	150	371	12	15	8	18	1,978,700
18 ROYAL APPLAUSE	234	87	132	494	1	1	5	11	884,466
19 MEDICEAN	193	82	120	392	9	14	7	15	1,857,225
20 MOTIVATOR	155	82	117	303	4	6	7	9	1,430,715

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Leading Sires In Europe In 2012

In order of Individual Black Type Winners

Sire	Runners	Winners	Wins	Plcs	BT Wnrs	BT Wns	BT Pld	BT Pls	Total £
1 GALILEO	289	133	201	443	35	50	22	75	7,383,240
2 DANSILI	226	108	165	445	19	28	4	25	3,143,576
3 MONSUN	113	63	97	211	17	22	9	33	2,634,182
4 INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	285	125	201	603	15	23	9	30	3,549,378
5 OASIS DREAM	272	147	268	620	15	22	12	31	2,994,415
6 ORATORIO	262	127	217	596	12	18	8	17	2,385,750
7 SHAMARDAL	198	88	150	371	12	15	8	18	1,978,700
8 DUBAWI	159	75	125	316	11	13	18	41	2,187,051
9 HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR	230	107	155	552	10	12	5	18	2,486,945
10 MEDICEAN	193	82	120	392	9	14	7	15	1,857,225
11 PIVOTAL	218	109	185	476	9	19	11	28	3,580,622
12 ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	253	110	167	537	9	9	16	32	2,416,378
13 BIG SHUFFLE	141	64	95	367	8	9	3	15	1,267,577
14 EXCEED AND EXCEL	217	100	185	477	8	12	7	19	2,828,095
15 TEOFILLO	126	57	94	187	8	10	2	8	1,246,433
16 ACCLAMATION	237	99	165	515	7	9	9	21	1,784,794
17 DANEHILL DANCER	233	80	118	436	7	10	18	41	1,833,550
18 DUTCH ART	116	56	88	212	7	10	6	16	1,111,218
19 LAWMAN	106	40	62	166	7	10	6	11	1,231,401
20 MONTJEU	168	67	102	353	7	10	11	21	3,786,052

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Leading Sires In Europe In 2012

In order of Prize Money

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wins	Plcs	Total £	Black Type			
						Wnrs	Wins	Plcd	Plcs
1 GALILEO	289	133	201	443	7,383,240	35	50	22	75
2 MONTJEU	168	67	102	353	3,786,052	7	10	11	21
3 PIVOTAL	218	109	185	476	3,580,622	9	19	11	28
4 INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	285	125	201	603	3,549,378	15	23	9	30
5 DANSILI	226	108	165	445	3,143,576	19	28	4	25
6 OASIS DREAM	272	147	268	620	2,994,415	15	22	12	31
7 EXCEED AND EXCEL	217	100	185	477	2,828,095	8	12	7	19
8 MONSUN	113	63	97	211	2,634,182	17	22	9	33
9 HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR	230	107	155	552	2,486,945	10	12	5	18
10 POLIGLOTE	69	19	28	149	2,453,466	1	3	2	4
11 ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	253	110	167	537	2,416,378	9	9	16	32
12 ORATORIO	262	127	217	596	2,385,750	12	18	8	17
13 DUBAWI	159	75	125	316	2,187,051	11	13	18	41
14 SHAMARDAL	198	88	150	371	1,978,700	12	15	8	18
15 VERGLAS	257	116	189	641	1,961,731	2	2	8	11
16 MEDICEAN	193	82	120	392	1,857,225	9	14	7	15
17 SLICKLY	149	53	86	373	1,841,820	3	5	2	8
18 DANEHILL DANCER	233	80	118	436	1,833,550	7	10	18	41
19 ACCLAMATION	237	99	165	515	1,784,794	7	9	9	21
20 HIGH CHAPARRAL	193	70	108	349	1,650,181	6	8	7	15

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