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Dk.b./br.m. 2004 by Catienus – Golden Wave Band by Dixieland Band

A stakes performer in her own right, Storm Dixie has made an exceptional start to her career as a producer. With her first foal she is dam of one of the most exciting fillies of her crop, Eclipse Award finalist Princess of Sylmar, a four-time grade one winner of over \$2,000,000.

By a multiple grade one sire and broodmare sire son of Storm Cat, out of a half-sister to both Dubai Duty Free (gr. III) victor Rhythm Band, and to the dam of Sovereign Award Champion Youcan'tcatchme, Storm Dixie has a pedigree that opens a world of possibilities.

Storm Dixie is currently in foal to **Tapit**, who appears to have been an inspired cross here. **Tapit** is by Pulpit, an A.P. Indy/Mr. Prospector cross, as is **Majestic Warrior**, the sire of Storm Dixie's brilliant daughter Princess of Sylmar. Over and above this, we can also note the strong affinity between **Tapit** and Storm Cat line mares, this cross having already produced eight stakes winner, seven of them graded, among them Champion Hansen, and grade one winners Careless Jewel and Tell A Kelly.

Follow the same logic, it would also make sense to consider Storm Dixie with other A.P. Indy line stallions, such as **Malibu Moon** and **Bernardini**. **Malibu Moon**, an A.P. Indy son out of a mare by Mr. Prospector has sired eight stakes winners out of Storm Cat line mares. A.P. Indy's Horse of the Year, **Bernardini** – who is out of a Mr. Prospector line mare – is already sire of eight stakes performers, six of them graded stakes performers, out of Storm Cat line mares, including grade two winner Spellbound, whose dam is a product of the same Storm Cat/Mr. Prospector cross as the sire of Storm Dixie.

Although she has already produced a superstar on the dirt, with Storm Cat and Dixieland Band as her grandsires, and a black-type performance on the lawn to her credit, Storm Dixie would appear to have equal potential to produce top-class turf runners. Among North American stallions who might be expected to sire a grass-horse from Storm Dixie are **Arch** and **Kitten's Joy**. **Arch** has four stakes winners, one grade one, out of Storm Cat line mares, and also has a pair of graded winners out of mares by Dixieland Band. The Leading Sire of 2013, **Kitten's Joy** has already sired seven stakes winners from Storm Cat line mares, and they are headed by multiple grade one scorer Stephanie's Kitten, who is out of a mare by the same sire as Storm Dixie.

Kitten's Joy is a grandson of Sadler's Wells, and in Europe, one could make a strong case for a mating between Storm Dixie and the Sadler's Wells son who is generally regarded as the world's leading sire, **Galileo**. From Storm Cat line mares, **Galileo** has sired classic winners

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Marvellous and Misty For Me (out of a mare bred on an identical cross to the sire of Storm Dixie), and three other group winners winners, including the extremely promising 2014 juvenile Gleneagles. Of course sons of **Galileo** could also be considered among them the mighty **Frankel**, and the young classic sires **New Approach** and **Teofilo** (already sire of a two-year-old group one winner out of a mare by a son of Storm Cat). Looking further afield among the European stallion elite, one might consider **Oasis Dream** and **Dubawi**. Oasis Dream, who strongly appeals on pedigree pattern here, already has two stakes winners out of Storm Cat mares. **Dubawi**, who offers a version of the successful combination of Seeking the Gold and Storm Cat is sire of group two winners Universal and Principe Adepto out of Storm Cat line mares.

No list of the world's top ten stallions would be complete without mention of Sunday Silence's wonderful Japanese-based son, **Deep Impact**. He is already sire of a trio of group/grade one winners out of Storm Cat line mares, including the history making European classic winner, Beauty Parlor. Another Japanese standout is **King Kanehameha**, a son of **Kingmambo**, and he has sired the brilliant Champion Sprinter Lord Kanaloa out of a Storm Cat mare. Japan is also now home to the much-missed **Empire Maker** who also appeals here, having grade one winners Bodemeister and In Lingerie among his trio of graded winners out of Storm Cat line mares.

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