

BELLE WATLING

A daughter of Pulpit who is a three-quarters sister to a \$2,000,000 earner, Belle Watling has lived up to this heritage with an outstanding start to her stud career. Her first three foals, by Macho Uno, Northern Afleet and Bellamy Road are all stakes contenders, two are graded stakes performers, including a 2016 graded stakes winner and classic placed runner.

A look at Belle Watling's background goes a considerable way to explaining this bright beginning. By Pulpit, the most influential of all of A.P. Indy's stallion sons, she is three-quarters sister to Essence of Dubai, a multiple graded stakes winner of over \$2,000,000. She is also half-sister to Yoursmineours, a multiple stakes winner who is dam of the Arlington-Washington Futurity (gr. III) scorer Shared Property, and of stakes winner Whiskey Romeo. For good measure, her dam, a daughter of stakes winning and Kentucky Oaks (gr. I) placed Honest and True, is half-sister to Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Epitome.

Belle Watling's first foal, Draw Two, a son of Macho Uno, an allowance winner at Keeneland and Belmont Park, also ran fourth in the Secretariat Stakes (gr. I). The second foal for Belle Watling, the Northern Afleet son, War Story, distinguished himself on the Fair Grounds road to the Triple Crown with a second in the Lecomte Stakes (gr. III) – defeating Champion Runhappy – a second in the Risen Star Stakes (gr. II) – with Keen Ice, conqueror of American Pharoah and Frosted in the Travers Stakes (gr. I), third – and a third, again defeating Keen Ice, in the Louisiana Derby (gr. II).

Belle Watling's third foal, the current three-year-old, Land Over Sea, a daughter of Bellamy Road, has stamped herself among the best fillies of her crop. Winner of a Del Mar maiden special weight on her second start at two, Land Over Sea has since competed exclusively in graded stakes company. She earned graded black-type by romping in 4½ lengths clear in the Fair Grounds Oaks (gr. II), and followed up with an excellent second in the Kentucky Oaks (gr. I), while accounting for grade one winners Rachel's Valentine, Paola Queen and Weep No More, and grade two scorers Lewis Bay, Land Over Sea, Go Maggie Go, Mokat and Venus Valentine.

Land Over Sea has also claimed second in the Chandelier Stakes (gr. I), Las Virgenes Stakes (gr. II) and Santa Ysabel Stakes (gr. III), on each occasion defeating all but the magnificent Songbird, and third in the Del Mar Debutante Stakes (gr. I) to that same champion.

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Belle Watling is also dam of the current two-year-old, Cedar Rapids, a son of Elusive Quality who finished a very promising fourth at Del Mar, beaten two lengths, on his only start to date. Upgraded commercially after her exceptional start to her stud career, Belle Watling also has a filly foal by Curlin – whose daughters already include such as Stellar Wind, Curalina, Off The Tracks and Terra Promessa – and is bred to another outstanding sire in Medaglia d'Oro.

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