

LIRA

A dual stakes winner and graded stakes placed, Lira is a Giant's Causeway half-sister to a 2016 grade one winner, and from a major tap-root family.

Lira began her career with three straight victories. Successful in a maiden event on her debut, she emerged victorious by 2¼ lengths in a field of 14 in the Wait a While Stakes. Lira made it three straight in the Ginger Brew Stakes, defeating graded winners Pricedtoperfection and Auntie Joy. Lira also took second to Champion Catch a Glimpse in the Herecomesthebride Stakes (gr. III) and third in the Sanibel Island Handicap.

An outstanding son of Storm Cat, both on the track and at stud, Giant's Causeway is a threetime Leading Sire, with almost 100 group or graded stakes winners to his name, among them Shamardal, Take Charge Brandi, Carpe Diem, First Samurai, Creative Cause, Giant Oak, and Eskendereya. Giant's Causeway is now also rapidly becoming a major international broodmare sire with 64 stakes winners, 11 of them grade/group one, including Verrazano, Evening Jewel, Eden's Moon, European classic winner Beauty Parlour, and one of Europe's top three-year-olds of 2016, Hawkbill.

Out of the Woodman mare, Lerici, Lira is half-sister to Avenge, a War Front daughter who on her last two starts has taken the John C. Mabee Stakes (gr. II) and Rodeo Drive Stakes (gr. I), and is now a leading candidate for the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (gr. I). Lerici is also dam of a Scat Daddy two-year-old colt who realized \$475,000 as a yearling; a Giant's Causeway colt, who realized \$675,000 as a yearling in 2016; a War Front colt foal – a brother to Avenge – and is bred to War Front.

Lerici is a three-quarters sister to Grass Skirt, the dam of Grasshopper, a graded stakes winner who was only narrowly beaten in the Travers Stakes (gr. I), of graded winner Turf War, and of stakes winner Straw Hat. Lira's granddam, Balinese, is a sister to Classic winner Mashaallah, to the Oak Leaf Stakes (gr. I) victress Folk Art, and stakes winner Sportin Life. This is also the immediate family of 2016 Del Mar Debutante Stakes (gr. I) heroine, Union Strike, Classic winner Mark of Esteem, and Champion Eishin Champ.

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