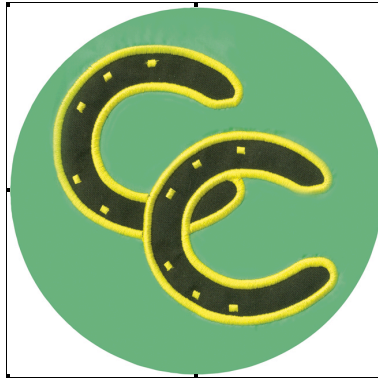


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**Cullen to America:
Kentuckiana Farms to Stand Australasian Super Sire Christian Cullen**

Through a move unprecedented in Standardbred breeding industry history, Kentuckiana Farms announced today that Australasian super sire Christian Cullen will stand at Kentuckiana in North America in 2009. Christian Cullen, the foremost pacing stallion in the Southern Hemisphere, currently stands at stud duty in Christchurch, New Zealand at Wai-Eyre Farm and commands a service fee of \$25,000 NZ. Based on the ever-growing progeny earnings record currently being amassed, it is expected that Christian Cullen's 2008/09 Southern Hemisphere service fee will be \$30,000 NZ – making him the most expensive pacing sire in the world.

New Zealander Ian Dobson owns Christian Cullen, the 13 year-old son of In The Pocket. Dobson owned and campaigned Christian Cullen during his spectacular racing career that included 22 wins and career earnings of \$1,249,150. Regarded by many as the greatest pacer in Australasian pacing history, Christian Cullen retired from racing as the 1998 New Zealand Horse of the Year after winning 14 Group I and II races including the 1998 Miracle Mile, the 1998 Auckland Cup and the 1998 New Zealand Cup.

Cullen, as referred to by members of the Australasian harness world, has carried the Cullen "X Factor" into his breeding career – his progeny have dominated the annual yearling sales and winner's circles throughout New Zealand and Australia since going to stud. In his first crop, Cullen produced the sensational race mare Mainland Banner, p. 3, 1:56.2; 4, 1:55.1 (\$684,579), New Zealand's darling of racing. Mainland Banner won 17 of 22 starts on her way to being named the 2004-05 3 Year-Old Filly of the Year, 2005-06 4 Year-Old Pacing Mare of the Year, Pacer of the Year, Harness Horse of the Year and the first 4YO mare to win the prestigious New Zealand Cup. This dominance has continued into the 2007-08 racing season with Christian Cullen's stock having eclipsed the record for single season earnings for a sire by amassing over \$2.9M in earnings with over 4 months of racing remaining.

From only 5 racing crops, Christian Cullen has bred 1 New Zealand Cup Winner, 1 Auckland Cup Winner, 9 Oaks Winners, and 4 Derby Winners. Cullen has sired 2003-04 2YO Colt of the Year and Filly of the Year in Roman Gladiator and Kamwood Cully; the 2004-05 3YO Filly of the Year Mainland Banner and 3YO Pacer of the Year Roman Gladiator; 2005-06 2YO Colt of the Year Gotta Go Cullen, 3YO Colt of the Year Pay Me Christian and Horse of the Year Mainland Banner; and 2006-07 2YO Colt of the Year Ohoka Arizona. His current record setting racing crop includes the sensational Auckland Cup Winner Gotta Go Cullen (\$790,459 in career earnings), 3YO Group I Oaks Winner Lizzie Maguire (\$360,605 in career earnings), and 2YO filly and Group I Classic winning Rona Lorraine, recent winner of the 2008 Caduceus Club Classic. Throughout his short career at stud, Christian Cullen has established himself as the preeminent Australasian sire of 2 and 3 year-old speed.

In the sales arena, Christian Cullen has been equally dominant exerting a profound influence on the recent record breaking yearling sales in New Zealand. At the 2008 PGG Wrightson Australasian Classic Yearling Sales at Karaka earlier this year, Christian Cullen's yearlings averaged a stunning \$89,000 (24 yearlings). With 9 \$100,000 plus yearlings being sold, Cullen was the sire of 8 of the 9, including the two \$200,000 plus sale toppers. At the Christchurch Premier sale, his 34 yearlings averaged just shy of \$64,000, with Cullen setting a modern day record for a yearling colt with the sale of \$250,000 Tuapeka Mariner. In the two premier yearling sales combined, Christian Cullen sired and unprecedented three \$200,000 plus yearlings, 10 \$100,000 plus yearlings, and 20 \$50,000 plus yearlings. In Melbourne, Christian Cullen also topped the APG Yearling Sale with a \$100,000 colt.

Christian Cullen's success is remarkable in that he started his breeding career with a modest first crop of 46 foals from a crop of questionable mares. His overwhelming success has led to his last two crops of mares being the "Who's Who" of Southern Hemisphere bloodlines. Christian Cullen bred a book of over 200 mares in each of the past two breeding seasons, while standing for a service fee of \$20,000 in 2006-07 and \$25,000 in 2007-08. This fee is more than triple the next closest pacing sire in the Southern Hemisphere. According to Ian Dobson, "The best is yet to come. We have been forced to turn down more high quality mares in the past two seasons than he received early in his breeding career."

Although stallion location details are still being determined, his 2009 service fee has been established at \$10,000 US. "Establishing the appropriate service fee was a key component of our negotiations. One of our primary goals was to establish a service fee that would afford breeders of all size the opportunity being presented by bringing an outcross stallion of this caliber to North America," says Kentuckiana's Ken Jackson. Christian Cullen's North America book will be limited to approximately 100 mares.

According to Ian Dobson, "I have been approached by many leading breeding farms over the past few years about bringing Cullen to North America. His dominance as a sire in Australasia has caught the attention of breeders around the world. After meeting with Kentuckiana's Bob Brady and Ken Jackson in late February, I became

convinced that the timing is right and that we have found the right home for Cullen in North America. With Kentuckiana, I believe that Cullen will be best situated to achieve my goal of establishing Cullen as the preeminent pacing sire in the world.”

When asked about the significant difference in service fee being established in North America, Dobson responded by saying, “The decision to dual-hemisphere Cullen is not an economic one. I want to secure a broad cross-section of mares in North American in order to provide Cullen the best opportunity to succeed. Along with many others in the Southern Hemisphere, I firmly believe that Cullen is the best pacing stallion in the world. With the structure we have established with Kentuckiana and the support of the tremendously bred North American mares, I am convinced that he will prove me right. He is simply a special and unique horse that comes along only once in a lifetime.”

Owner and General Manager Bob Brady summarized Kentuckiana’s aggressive pursuit of Christian Cullen; “There are many reasons why we have been working so diligently over the past year to secure Christian Cullen. Most importantly, he is a proven super sire of two and three-year-old speed and his offspring have dominated at the yearling sales and on the track. No other stallion in the Southern Hemisphere has made such an impact in recent years. With the loss of Western Hanover and Artsplace, the North America pacing market is searching for the next super stallion – one that can consistently produce the right type of commercial yearling and racehorse that can withstand the pressures of our competitive racing. He is a spectacular athlete that stamps his offspring like many of the great stallions. After spending several days in New Zealand inspecting foals, yearlings and racehorses by Christian Cullen, we became convinced that everything we had read about and heard on Cullen was accurate. We are confident that he will cross extremely well with the type of mares currently being bred in North America and will produce a yearling that can meet the demands of the commercial marketplace and be able to compete at the highest level of racing.”

Ken Jackson also explained another key reason for Kentuckiana’s desire to secure Christian Cullen, “In 2004, the USTA engaged Dr. Gus Cothran of the University of Kentucky to study the dramatic loss in genetic variation in the Standardbred horse. This study led to the USTA rules changes to limit stallion books that will go into effect in the next couple of years. Dr. Cothran made it overwhelmingly clear that action must be taken to slow down the rate of loss of genetic variation. He suggested that recovery of variation that is being lost could be achieved by increased breeding of stallion lines that are not well represented in our current breeding population and by breeding to distinct lines outside of North America. We have been searching for this type of stallion for the past several years. After a tremendous amount of research, inspection of horses and conversations with leading trainers and breeders around the world, Christian Cullen became the obvious answer to our search. We are extremely excited about this unique and limited opportunity and look forward to working with breeders in North America. Based upon early expressions of interest and the limited book Cullen will serve, Kentuckiana will be taking pre-booking requests immediately.”

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**2009 CHRISTIAN CULLEN
STALLION SERVICE APPLICATION**

Name of Mare _____ Tattoo No _____ Color _____ YOB _____
Race record of mare _____ Earnings _____ Sire of Mare _____
Dam of Mare _____ Sire of Dam _____
Owner(s) of Mare _____ Telephone Office(____) _____
Telephone Home (____) _____
Percent Owned _____ Telephone Fax (____) _____
Address _____
Postal or Street _____
City or Town _____ Province or State _____ Postal Code _____

Billing Address: (Please provide address for all owners)

BREEDING STATUS

Was mare bred in 2008? Yes ___ No ___ To: _____

Result: Maiden-Barren-Aborted-In Foal Due date: _____
(PLEASE CIRCLE)

Was mare bred in 2007? Yes ___ No ___ To: _____

Result: Barren-Live Foal (PLEASE CIRCLE)

Does mare have any fertility or foaling problems? If yes, please explain:

Will mare be bred by semen transport? _____ If yes, where will semen be sent? _____

Phone: _____

Approved _____ By _____

Denied _____ By _____

It is very important that all ownership, billing and mare information is filled out completely. This will help in the processing of your application.

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