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Louisiana's leading sire Songandaprayer will stand for \$4,500 in 2015

# Crowne for a Song

Songandaprayer puts Copper Crowne front and center

#### BY LENNY SHULMAN

**IF YOU'RE A BIG BELIEVER** in quality over quantity, the Stallion Station at Copper Crowne Equestrian Center near Opelousas, La., is for you. With the sale of El Corredor to Turkey after the 2014 breeding season, just one stallion calls Copper Crowne home, but he is absolutely the right stallion if you're only going to have one.

Songandaprayer, winner of the 2001 Fountain of Youth Stakes (gr. I), will be heading into his third year of residency at Harold Forman's jewel of a farm in horse country north of Lafayette, the cradle of North American jockeys. Seventeen-year-old Songandaprayer (Unbridled's Song—Alizea, by Premiership) has become arguably the premier sire in the region. In the past two racing seasons he has totaled 14 stakes winners that have won 20 stakes events, including 2014 grade III winner Prudhoe Bay and 2013 grade III winner Singanothersong. Songandaprayer ranked an outstanding 38th on 2013's North American general sire list and in 2014 was 77th. He will stand the 2015 season for \$4,500.

Retired after two seasons of racing that netted \$380,480 in purse earnings, Songandaprayer began his second career at Marablue Farm in Florida in 2002 and stood three seasons in the Sunshine State for a \$10,000 fee. He was deemed strong enough to move to Kentucky, where he stood at Walmac Farm from 2005-12 for as high as \$45,000. As his popularity began slipping in the competitive Kentucky market, a change was sought.

"One of our syndicate members owned, and still owns, a significant number of shares in him, and encouraged the moving of Songandaprayer," said David Tillson, operations manager at Copper Crowne. "He made us an offer, and we

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went out and solicited interest in the horse. We found a tremendous amount of interest for him in Louisiana, so we put together a group of investors, re-syndicated him, and brought him to Copper Crowne."

The timing was perfect. As Songandaprayer arrived in the Bayou State at the beginning of 2013, his impressive 2012 statistics came attached. Not only did Songandaprayer finish 23rd on the general sire list with \$6.1 million in progeny earnings but he ranked third in 2-year-old winners with 27.

"He was high on the general sires list and very high on the juvenile sire list, and that right there jump-started him here tremendously," Tillson said.

At Copper Crowne in 2013, Songandaprayer bred 113 mares and last year bred 101. He'd enjoyed large books early in his stud career until the final couple of years in Kentucky, when he averaged between 40-60 mares.

"My goal is to shoot for 100 mares a season, and I'm working on that right now," said Tillson, who added that as of mid-December, 30 mares were already booked for 2015. Mares from all over the



Harold Forman started developing Copper Crowne in 2008

map, from Pennsylvania, Florida, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Texas, Illinois, Arkansas, and Mississippi, made the journey to Copper Crowne in 2014 to breed to Songandaprayer.

Dancer lines. Descending from the great stallion Mr. Prospector through Fappiano, Unbridled, and Unbridled's Song, Songandaprayer is far enough removed *(continued on page 57)* 

mares from the Storm Cat and Northern

Tillson noted the stallion does well with

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|      |                                                                          |                  |               | Stakes       | Rstrct       |                                |                  |       |              |              |               |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands                      | 2015<br>Stud Fee | Rnrs/<br>Wnrs | Wnrs/<br>Wns | SW/<br>BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings)       | 2014<br>Earnings | Foals | Stks<br>Wnrs | A-E<br>Index | Comp<br>Index |
| 1    | SONGANDAPRAYER (98, Unbridled's Song), The Stallion Stn. @ Copper Crowne |                  | 199/103       | 4/8          | 0/4          | (Aireofdistinction, \$176,749) | \$3,783,429      | *812  | 37           | 1.20         | 1.54          |
| 2    | E DUBAI (98, Mr. Prospector), Elite Thoroughbreds                        | \$3,500          | 167/93        | 2/2          | 0/2          | (Writingonthewall, \$191,177)  | \$3.647.414      | *857  | 32           | 1.33         | 1.23          |
| 3    | <b>D'WILDCAT</b> (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm              | \$3,500          | 120/69        | 3/5          | 1/3          | (Wildcat Red, \$848,600)       | \$3,216,192      | *365  |              | 1.42         | 1.23          |
| 4    | HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud                       | \$5.000          | 123/68        | 3/4          | 3/3          | (Our Quista, \$201,200)        | \$2.549.195      | *244  | 7            | 1.06         | 1.27          |
| 5    | <b>CLOSING ARGUMENT</b> (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farr    | 1 - 1            | 100/59        | 2/4          | 1/2          | (Closing Report, \$149,500)    | \$2,098,118      | *375  | 17           | 1.27         | 1.23          |
| 6    | YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions                      | \$3,500          | 117/54        | 1/1          | 1/1          | (Prissy Bele, \$118,815)       | \$1,829,600      | *418  | 19           | 1.23         | 1.25          |
| 7    | MASS MEDIA (01, Touch Gold), Red River Farms                             | \$1,500          | 78/46         | 1/4          | 0/1          | (Hear the Chatter, \$185,776)  | \$1,663,557      | *153  |              | 1.17         | 1.09          |
| . 8  | <b>SUN KING</b> (02, Charismatic), Elite Thoroughbreds                   | \$3,500          | 111/52        | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Solomon's Sun, \$69,280)      | \$1,296,842      | 226   |              | 0.69         | 1.04          |
| 9    | TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds                          | \$3,500          | 87/42         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Regal Strike, \$74,860)       | \$1,226,789      | *316  | 9            | 0.95         | 1.08          |
| 10   | IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud                                  | \$2,500          | 75/30         | 1/2          | 1/1          | (Ide Be Cool, \$193,100)       | \$1,097,087      | 549   | 17           | 1.12         | 1.08          |
| 11   | PRIVATE VOW (03, Broken Vow), Red River Farms                            | \$2,000          | 60/28         | 3/4          | 3/3          | (Tensas Harbor, \$189,600)     | \$1,034,467      | 120   | 4            | 0.75         | 1.28          |
| 12   | GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley), Averett Farm                         | \$2,500          | 32/17         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Asset Inflation, \$111,350)   | \$910,838        | 80    | 1            | 1.17         | 1.20          |
| 13   | LION TAMER (00, Will's Way), Clear Creek Stud                            | \$2,500          | 57/28         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Win Lion Win, \$117,897)      | \$876,882        | 101   | 2            | 0.81         | 1.09          |
| 14   | GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City)                                         | Died, 2012       | 69/30         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Crypto Good, \$57,865)        | \$863,550        | *445  | 16           | 1.12         | 1.14          |
| 15   | MY FRIEND MAX (92, Danzig)                                               | N/A              | 46/22         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Adieu My Friend, \$85,285)    | \$755,121        | 214   | 10           | 0.99         | 0.92          |
| 16   | GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms                       | \$2,000          | 54/18         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Tunica Girl, \$113,500)       | \$735,947        | *464  | 11           | 0.95         | 1.09          |
| 17   | AFTERNOON DEELITES (92, Private Terms)                                   | Pnsd             | 42/20         | 1/2          | 1/1          | (Afternoon Tango, \$158,290)   | \$719,209        | *602  | 26           | 1.11         | 1.34          |
| 18   | MY PAL CHARLIE (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds                 | \$2,500          | 43/20         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (C' maw Charlie, \$95,225)     | \$691,101        | 72    | 1            | 0.89         | 1.26          |
| 19   | BIG TOP CAT (02, Storm Cat)                                              | Died, 2012       | 44/24         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Chaotic Kitty, \$84,070)      | \$683,552        | 122   | 2            | 0.80         | 0.88          |
| 20   | FOREFATHERS (04, Gone West), Red River Farms                             | \$2,000          | 46/20         | 1/2          | 1/1          | (Mr. L. S. Shoe, \$128,400)    | \$641,290        | 77    | 1            | 0.64         | 1.14          |
| 21   | TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Heritage Stud                       | \$1,000          | 33/17         | 1/1          | 1/1          | (Awesome Bandit, \$96,345)     | \$590,327        | 244   | 4            | 0.86         | 0.92          |
| 22   | TETON FOREST (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds                         | \$2,500          | 42/20         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Forest Mouse, \$106,098)      | \$530,768        | *211  | 3            | 0.79         | 1.05          |
| 23   | RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Whispering Oaks Farm                 | \$2,500          | 40/17         | 1/1          | 1/1          | (She Loves Runnin', \$79,600)  | \$501,691        | 129   | 7            | 1.30         | 1.05          |
| 24   | HARBORAGE (03, Monarchos), Kraft Farm                                    | \$1,000          | 22/13         | 2/2          | 2/2          | (Off Cycle, \$148,654)         | \$483,299        | 47    | -            | 0.79         | 0.87          |
| 25   | GRAND APPOINTMENT (98, Unbridled), Fallen Oaks Farm                      | \$1,500          | 21/12         | 1/1          | 1/1          | (Gold Appointment, \$112,010)  | \$470,401        | 58    |              | 1.03         | 0.90          |
| 26   |                                                                          | Died, 2013       | 52/20         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Social Misfit, \$74,229)      | \$468,391        | 232   | 5            | 0.99         | 1.17          |
| 27   |                                                                          | Died, 2011       | 31/15         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Professor Palmer, \$71,740)   | \$455,181        | *158  | 1            | 0.63         | 1.02          |
| 28   | OLE REBEL (99, Carson City), Clear Creek Stud                            | \$1,500          | 33/15         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Warren's Rebel, \$55,575)     | \$433,515        | 76    | 1            | 0.75         | 0.84          |
| 29   | RULER'S COURT (01, Doneraile Court), Holly Hill Farm                     | N/A              | 31/20         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Stella's Ruler, \$44,628)     | \$421,735        | 109   | 1            | 0.59         | 0.79          |
| 30   | SNUCK IN (97, Montbrook), Matthews Thoroughbred Farm                     | \$1,000          | 36/18         | 1/1          | 1/1          | (Sneaking Uponyou, \$93,477)   | \$402,820        | *297  | 5            | 0.86         | 0.95          |



A full-service operation, Copper Crowne delivered 67 foals in 2014

#### Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in North America (stallions exported prior to the 2010 breeding season are excluded), and have runners in North America. All available statistics listed for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2014. As supplied to *The Blood-Horse* by The Jockey Club Information Systems, Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. \*Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (*A ¶ indicates a sire* represented by his first crop to race.)

\*AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX and COMPARABLE INDEX: Lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00; COMPARABLE INDEX indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX higher than their mares' COMPARABLE INDEX.

#### 2014 LOUISIANA SIRES BY WINNERS

| Sire                |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Songandaprayer      | 199 103 |
| E Dubai             | 167 93  |
| D'wildcat           | 120 69  |
| Half Ours           | 123 68  |
| Closing Argument    | 100     |
| Yankee Gentleman    | 117 54  |
| Sun King            | 111     |
| Mass Media          |         |
| Tenpins             |         |
| lde                 |         |
| Good and Tough      |         |
| Private Vow         |         |
| Lion Tamer          |         |
| Big Top Cat         |         |
| My Friend Max       |         |
| Porto Foricos       |         |
| Forefathers         |         |
| My Pal Charlie      |         |
| Afternoon Deelites. |         |
| Teton Forest        |         |
| Ruler's Court       |         |
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| 1    | LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farm                | \$3,500          | 125/61        | 3/5          | 3/3          | (Sky and Sea, \$150,700)       | \$2,260,121      | *265  | 6            | 0.95         | 1.09          |
| 2    | READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farm       | \$3,500          | 79/43         | 2/2          | 2/2          | (Storied Lady, \$239,336)      | \$2,122,865      | *277  | 15           | 1.40         | 1.19          |
| 3    | CACTUS RIDGE (01, Hennessy), Royal Vista Ranches              | \$5,000          | 75/51         | 5/6          | 1/5          | (Cactus Joe, \$199,809)        | \$2,017,563      | *409  | 23           | 1.28         | 1.05          |
| 4    | NOTIONAL (04, In Excess), Rockin' Z Ranch                     | \$2,000          | 101/58        | 2/2          | 1/2          | (Far Right, \$155,766)         | \$1,733,486      | 176   | 5            | 0.85         | 1.19          |
| 5    | KIPLING (96, Gulch), Mighty Acres                             | \$2,500          | 103/47        | 2/2          | 2/2          | (Kipling's Joy, \$100,738)     | \$1,518,107      | 294   | 12           | 1.09         | 0.88          |
| 6    | TOCCET (00, Awesome Again), Mighty Acres                      | \$2,500          | 71/35         | 1/2          | 0/1          | (Az Ridge, \$139,644)          | \$1,276,344      | *309  | 14           | 1.09         | 1.22          |
| 7    | DON'T GET MAD (02, Stephen Got Even)                          | Died, 2013       | 51/30         | 1/1          | 0/1          | (What Lola Wants, \$139,812)   | \$1,138,076      | *129  | 4            | 1.23         | 0.97          |
| 8    | ORATORY (02, Pulpit), River Oaks Farm                         | \$3,500          | 40/22         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Tujoes, \$89,685)             | \$948,380        | *158  | 3            | 1.25         | 1.16          |
| 9    | TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Raywood Farm                    | \$1,000          | 60/30         | 2/2          | 2/2          | (Heykittykittykitty, \$96,680) | \$813,511        | 548   | 27           | 1.05         | 1.23          |
| 10   | EVANSVILLE SLEW (92, Slew City Slew)                          | Died, 2012       | 70/32         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Two Moons, \$67,300)          | \$790,976        | *519  | 34           | 1.07         | 0.91          |
| 11   | OMEGA CODE (00, Elusive Quality), Rockin' Z Ranch             | \$2,000          | 61/27         | 2/3          | 2/2          | (Fesstune, \$96,013)           | \$725,289        | 301   | 9            | 0.69         | 1.26          |
| 12   | SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station | \$1,000          | 34/22         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Service for Ten, \$79,025)    | \$688,899        | 365   | 20           | 1.17         | 1.01          |
| 13   | FREEFOURINTERNET (98, Tabasco Cat)                            | N/A              | 25/18         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Fastnfree, \$78,088)          | \$482,664        | 85    | 1            | 0.87         | 0.95          |
| 14   | LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore)                              | N/A              | 36/18         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Tight Britches, \$67,820)     | \$468,711        | 343   | 14           | 1.14         | 1.23          |
| 15   | SAVE BIG MONEY (03, Storm Cat), Mighty Acres                  | \$2,000          | 25/11         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Rich Uncle, \$61,120)         | \$391,165        | 42    | 1            | 0.69         | 1.07          |
| 16   | WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Kirton Farms              | \$1,500          | 24/9          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Western Tryst, \$79,804)      | \$331,482        | *311  | 5            | 1.11         | 1.32          |
| 17   | LIQUOR CABINET (IRE) (01, Hennessy), Oklahoma Equine          | \$1,000          | 24/13         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Shut the Gate, \$48,911)      | \$327,819        | 63    | 1            | 0.53         | 0.89          |
| 18   | KING OF SCAT (96, Eastern Echo), Raywood Farm                 | \$1,000          | 23/11         | 1/1          | 1/1          | (Aintgotno Home, \$75,460)     | \$320,113        | 202   | 13           | 0.71         | 0.75          |
| 19   | MR. NIGHTLINGER (04, Indian Charlie), JEH Stallion Station    | \$2,500          | 31/8          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Lingering Smoke, \$79,703)    | \$304,869        | 73    | 1            | 0.55         | 0.83          |
| 20   | DIAMOND (95, Mr. Prospector), Oklahoma Equine                 | \$1,000          | 26/9          | 1/1          | 1/1          | (Diamond Disco, \$135,172)     | \$304,410        | 292   | 7            | 1.06         | 1.04          |

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from Mr. Prospector so that mares that have Mr. P close up in their pedigrees still nick up quite well with him. Tillson also mentioned the In Reality line as another that works well with Songandaprayer.

Many of the mares in the region are producers because they showed speed on the racetrack, which doubles up on Songandaprayer's greatest strength. But he has other attributes as well.

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# 2014 LEADING SIRES IN TEXAS

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|      |                                                              |                  |               | Stakes       | Rstrct       |                                |                  |       | Cumu         | lative       |               |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands          | 2015<br>Stud Fee | Rnrs/<br>Wnrs | Wnrs/<br>Wns | SW/<br>BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings)       | 2014<br>Earnings | Foals | Stks<br>Wnrs | A-E<br>Index | Comp<br>Index |
| 1    | TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Lane's End Texas               | \$4,000          | 66/47         | 4/5          | 3/4          | (Vivian Da Bling, \$158,463)   | \$1,754,062      | 130   | 13           | 1.29         | 1.14          |
| 2    | VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal)                        | Pnsd             | 72/38         | 2/2          | 1/2          | (Ivan Fallunovalot, \$126,780) | \$1,122,883      | 635   | 45           | 1.21         | 1.16          |
| 3    | MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm            | \$4,000          | 37/21         | 4/7          | 2/4          | (Fiftyshadesofgold, \$322,731) | \$1,077,998      | 68    | 7            | 1.12         | 1.07          |
| 4    | EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm                    | \$2,500          | 65/31         | 1/2          | 1/1          | (Fly the Red Eye, \$54,501)    | \$735,466        | 220   | 15           | 0.82         | 0.90          |
| 5    | INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center           | \$1,500          | 67/33         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Lady Emily Sage, \$74,470)    | \$725,664        | 169   | 5            | 0.65         | 0.79          |
| 6    | UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch                       | \$2,000          | 41/19         | 2/4          | 0/2          | (Ibaka, \$183,764)             | \$638,668        | 212   | 8            | 0.67         | 0.64          |
| 7    | SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), Keen Farms                            | \$1,500          | 34/18         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Sharon's Boy, \$57,100)       | \$458,198        | *177  | 3            | 1.01         | 0.91          |
| 8    | SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), Stoneview Farm                    | \$3,000          | 43/18         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Bucking Thunder, \$57,497)    | \$425,995        | 127   | 2            | 0.59         | 0.49          |
| 9    | LITTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center | \$1,500          | 28/13         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Expecting Cash, \$82,300)     | \$326,148        | 189   | 4            | 0.77         | 1.00          |
| 10   | ¶ SILVER CITY (06, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm             | \$3,500          | 14/8          | 1/3          | 0/1          | (Promise Me Silver, \$154,355) | \$324,134        | 18    | 1            | 1.11         | 0.90          |
| 11   | GAFF (02, Maria's Mon), Seguin Horse Center, Inc.            | \$2,000          | 21/14         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Bloody Smart, \$52,459)       | \$305,467        | 52    | 0            | 0.67         | 1.01          |
| 12   | CAPTAIN COUNTDOWN (96, Relaunch), Double S Thoroughbred Farm | \$500            | 33/16         | 1/1          | 1/1          | (Wampas Kitty, \$35,500)       | \$241,751        | 174   | 3            | 0.51         | 0.67          |
| 13   | JET PHONE (01, Phone Trick), Valor Farm                      | \$2,000          | 11/4          | 2/3          | 2/2          | (W V Jetsetter, \$142,296)     | \$239,440        | 20    | 3            | 1.52         | 1.18          |
| 14   | CITY STREET (99, Carson City)                                | N/A              | 10/7          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Disarm, \$113,570)            | \$235,467        | 127   | 3            | 0.65         | 0.80          |
| 15   | HABAYEB (00, Storm Cat)                                      | N/A              | 13/6          | 2/3          | 2/2          | (Derby Day Storm, \$82,560)    | \$218,390        | 40    | 6            | 0.56         | 0.61          |

# 2014 LEADING SIRES IN ARKANSAS

|      |                                                                  | Stakes Rstrct    |               |              |              |                              |                  |       |              |              |               |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands              | 2015<br>Stud Fee | Rnrs/<br>Wnrs | Wnrs/<br>Wns | SW/<br>BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings)     | 2014<br>Earnings | Foals | Stks<br>Wnrs | A-E<br>Index | Comp<br>Index |
| 1    | BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center                 | \$2,000          | 76/43         | 3/9          | 1/3          | (Sunbean, \$621,250)         | \$1,894,094      | *617  | 18           | 1.09         | 1.18          |
| 2    | THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center  | \$1,500          | 52/31         | 2/2          | 1/2          | (Manchurian High, \$132,760) | \$1,007,928      | *128  | 5            | 1.02         | 1.23          |
| 3    | PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy), McDowell Farm                    | \$1,000          | 35/22         | 1/1          | 1/1          | (Sea N Suds, \$83,380)       | \$644,185        | 92    | 4            | 0.76         | 1.13          |
| 4    | HESABULL (93, Dispersal)                                         | N/A              | 49/22         | 1/1          | 1/1          | (Valid Commander, \$89,475)  | \$575,167        | 181   | 6            | 0.85         | 1.06          |
| 5    | PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat), Anderson Farms                  | \$1,000          | 33/19         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (He Is a Roadster, \$54,900) | \$496,763        | 74    | 0            | 0.68         | 1.03          |
| 6    | HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman), Cornerstone Farms                    | \$500            | 39/12         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Ollie Baby, \$69,950)       | \$345,818        | *167  | 1            | 0.50         | 0.63          |
| 7    | COMMANDER'S SHOES (03, Deputy Commander), Lake Hamilton Equine A | ssoc. \$500      | 18/14         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Pistol's Shoes, \$49,542)   | \$296,507        | 35    | 0            | 0.60         | 0.70          |
| 8    | MIDWAY ROAD (00, Jade Hunter)                                    | N/A              | 23/10         | 1/2          | 0/1          | (Winding Road, \$58,745)     | \$230,308        | 79    | 2            | 0.59         | 1.03          |
| 9    | RICHTER SCALE (94, Habitony), Chad White                         | \$1,500          | 32/9          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Uptown Babe, \$39,752)      | \$227,289        | 362   | 9            | 0.75         | 1.23          |
| 10   | ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev), Chad White                                | \$1,500          | 26/9          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (I Hope, \$30,000)           | \$226,790        | *336  | 15           | 1.09         | 0.85          |

# 2014 LEADING SIRES IN ARIZONA

|      |                                                                  | Stakes Rstrct    |               |              |              |                                |                  |       |              | Cumulative   |               |  |  |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands              | 2015<br>Stud Fee | Rnrs/<br>Wnrs | Wnrs/<br>Wns | SW/<br>BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings)       | 2014<br>Earnings | Foals | Stks<br>Wnrs | A-E<br>Index | Comp<br>Index |  |  |
| 1    | TOP HIT (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch                          | Private          | 37/22         | 3/4          | 1/3          | (Top Fortitude, \$160,500)     | \$734,160        | 81    | 11           | 1.02         | 0.91          |  |  |
| 2    | MARGIE'S WILDCAT (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm      | Private          | 27/13         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Silky Sami, \$67,135)         | \$386,155        | 85    | 0            | 0.72         | 0.93          |  |  |
| 3    | DEPUTY WILD CAT (99, Deputy Minister)                            | Died, 2012       | 26/12         | 1/2          | 0/1          | (Bim Bam, \$126,908)           | \$322,183        | 133   | 2            | 0.87         | 1.00          |  |  |
| 4    | CHELOKEE (04, Cherokee Run), University of Arizona Horse Center  | Died, 2014       | 22/11         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Slippingonoutthere, \$38,572) | \$239,677        | 39    | 0            | 0.60         | 0.82          |  |  |
| 5    | DISTORTED REALITY (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming Thoroughbred Fa | rm Private       | 40/12         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Bonita Rock, \$34,138)        | \$210,566        | 77    | 0            | 0.30         | 0.82          |  |  |

"He's a good-sized horse with good length," Tillson said. "But more than anything Songandaprayer has an elegance about him that seems to dominate his

mares. You can put a smaller mare on him and you end up with size, and you can put a semi-coarse mare on him and the baby will inherit that elegance.



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"One of the things that has been very rewarding about standing this horse is that when we go to sales nationally or to other farms or meet people at the races, we find he is very well-respected on a national level. For a regional program there is a lot of satisfaction that comes with that national recognition."

Songandaprayer has displayed amazing consistency with his progeny at the racetrack over the last several seasons. In 2012 he had 11 stakes winners that won 17 stakes, including one graded stakes. In 2013 he had nine stakes winners that won 12 stakes including one graded stakes. And in 2014 he had three graded stakes wins and eight stakes victories from five stakes winners.

In 2014, 10 2-year-olds by Songandaprayer sold at auction for an average \$34,700. He had 20 yearlings sell last year for an average of \$19,265. These represent



# MY GOLDEN SONG

## UNBRIDLED'S SONG - GOLDEN PAR, BY GOLD MERIDIAN

A prolific sire of stakes horses, **MY GOLDEN SONG** has four stakes winners in 2014 alone, including one of the nation's top 3yo fillies in **FIFTYSHADESOFGOLD**, a Grade 3 winner and multiple Grade 2-placed earner of \$420,521

2015 FEE: \$4,000

# SILVER CITY

## UNBRIDLED'S SONG - PROPOSAL, BY MT. LIVERMORE

Far and away the leading freshman sire in Texas, **SILVER CITY** has eight winners from 12 starters in his first crop, including **PROMISE ME SILVER**, winner of the \$108,300 Debutante Stakes at Churchill Downs and Texas Stallion Stakes at Retama Park, and **Silverhill**, runner-up in the Grade 3 Bashford Manor, also at Churchill **2015 FEE: \$3.500** 



# EARLY FLYER

GILDED TIME – BISTRA, BY CLASSIC GO GO A leading juvenile and overall sire, EARLY FLYER has sired 29 stakes horses with average earnings per starter of nearly \$38,000

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## 2015 FEE: \$1,500



# JET PHONE

## PHONE TRICK - JET ROUTE, BY ALYDAR

From only eight starters this year, **JET PHONE** is the sire of two stakes winners, including TTA Sales Futurity and Texas Stallion Stakes winner **W V JETSETTER**, who finished third in the Grade 2, \$300,000 Saratoga Special in New York **2015 FEE: \$2.000** 



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|      |                                                              |                  |               | Stakes       | Rstrct       |                              |                  |       | Cumulative   |              |               |  |  |
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| 1    | DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano)                                    | Pnsd             | 52/29         | 5/8          | 4/5          | (Proceed, \$235,389)         | \$1,694,571      | 258   | 27           | 1.51         | 0.74          |  |  |
| 2    | DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch                          | Private          | 64/38         | 8/10         | 8/8          | (Liberty Lover, \$274,361)   | \$1,395,360      | 83    | 8            | 1.03         | 1.03          |  |  |
| 3    | QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm            | \$5,000          | 40/25         | 3/5          | 3/3          | (Lux, \$216,346)             | \$1,107,204      | 82    | 8            | 1.58         | 0.87          |  |  |
| 4    | ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch             | \$3,000          | 45/22         | 3/5          | 3/3          | (Renewed Vows, \$207,910)    | \$1,088,888      | 92    | 10           | 1.42         | 0.82          |  |  |
| 5    | ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch               | \$3,500          | 32/16         | 3/5          | 3/3          | (Twixy Roll, \$205,328)      | \$726,173        | 109   | 10           | 1.09         | 1.03          |  |  |
| 6    | THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm         | \$3,500          | 36/23         | 1/1          | 1/1          | (Way to Go Gerda, \$86,439)  | \$646,642        | 73    | 4            | 1.06         | 0.97          |  |  |
| 7    | WEATHER WARNING (04, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm              | \$3,000          | 42/19         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Weather Bill, \$53,515)     | \$560,232        | *93   | 3            | 1.26         | 1.03          |  |  |
| 8    | DEVON LANE (93, Storm Cat)                                   | Died, 2012       | 47/17         | 1/2          | 1/1          | (Devons Ca Ching, \$151,170) | \$509,568        | 434   | 19           | 0.78         | 0.80          |  |  |
| 9    | GHOSTLY MOVES (92, Silver Ghost)                             | N/A              | 36/14         | 1/1          | 1/1          | (Atomic Echo, \$72,176)      | \$432,835        | 229   | 23           | 1.03         | 1.03          |  |  |
| 10   | YOUR EMINENCE (01, Saint Ballado)                            | Died, 2012       | 36/18         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Strawberry Bling, \$47,510) | \$431,079        | 150   | 3            | 0.69         | 0.74          |  |  |
| 11   | PREMEDITATION (99, Afternoon Deelites), A & A Ranch          | \$2,500          | 26/12         | 2/2          | 2/2          | (Beau Wizer, \$107,598)      | \$398,571        | 74    | 6            | 1.09         | 0.89          |  |  |
| 12   | DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat), McKenna Thoroughbreds       | \$2,500          | 21/12         | 1/1          | 1/1          | (D Cat's Trip, \$54,018)     | \$366,433        | 93    | 4            | 0.85         | 0.62          |  |  |
| 13   | TO TERAS (00, Unbridled's Song), New Mexico State University | \$1,500          | 22/11         | 1/1          | 1/1          | (Thunder Agard, \$118,491)   | \$351,961        | 71    | 2            | 0.84         | 0.61          |  |  |
| 14   | SILVER WAGON (01, Wagon Limit), McCallum View Farm           | \$2,500          | 19/9          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (The Big Deluxe, \$121,644)  | \$351,850        | 49    | 1            | 1.14         | 1.34          |  |  |
| 15   | PROUD TOWER TOO (02, Proud Irish), Tricar Stables            | Private          | 23/6          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Proud Step, \$71,676)       | \$235,640        | 57    | 0            | 0.34         | 0.71          |  |  |
| 16   | REAL DANDY (02, Yankee Victor)                               | N/A              | 19/9          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Shesarealdandy, \$26,384)   | \$233,864        | 29    | 1            | 0.65         | 1.18          |  |  |
| 17   | MR. TRIESTE (01, Old Trieste)                                | N/A              | 12/8          | 1/1          | 1/1          | (He Knows Better, \$45,040)  | \$229,911        | 32    | _            | 0.69         | 0.88          |  |  |
| 18   | GOLDEN RANSOM (99, Hennessy)                                 | N/A              | 11/10         | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Later Dude, \$35,589)       | \$197,773        | 102   | -            | 0.49         | 0.83          |  |  |
| 19   | ¶ SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (04, Gone West), A & A Ranch             | \$2,500          | 14/6          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Baby Vamp, \$64,270)        | \$190,418        | *22   |              | 0.62         | 0.98          |  |  |
| 20   | PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm                | \$2,000          | 19/6          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Wyatt, \$36,027)            | \$185,216        | 47    | 0            | 0.59         | 0.90          |  |  |
| 21   | DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm                         | \$2,500          | 21/7          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Southern Dome, \$21,093)    | \$180,947        | 200   |              | 0.74         | 0.84          |  |  |
| 22   | LESTERS BOY (96, Cee's Tizzy)                                | Died, 2012       | 17/7          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Helluva Lester, \$37,488)   | \$180,912        | 73    | 4            | 1.07         | 0.60          |  |  |
| 23   | COPELAN'S PACHE (95, Copelan), Doug Lee Farm                 | Private          | 17/8          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Cope's My Goat, \$49,053)   | \$174,982        | 111   | 1            | 0.56         | 0.87          |  |  |
| 24   | INDIAN TERRITORY (98, Carson City)                           | N/A              | 11/6          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Indian Artifact, \$67,332)  | \$157,911        | 72    | 0            | 0.62         | 0.84          |  |  |
| 25   | REUBEN (97, Rubiano)                                         | N/A              | 12/4          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Funnyoushouldask, \$88,020) | \$151,897        | 36    | 0            | 0.58         | 0.50          |  |  |

very good prices based on his stud fee.

Some of his more accomplished runners include Songster, winner of the Woody Stephens Breeders' Cup Stakes (gr. II) and Bold Ruler Handicap (gr. III); What a Song, who took the Best Pal Stakes (gr. II) and Hollywood Juvenile Championship Stakes (gr. III); Praying for Cash, winner of the Long Branch Breeders' Cup Stakes (gr. III) and second in the Haskell Invitational Stakes (gr. I); He's Got Grit, winner of the Sapling Stakes (gr. III); Rapport, who took the Victory Ride Stakes (gr. III); and Kentucky Wildcat, a group III winner in Argentina. Additional stakes winners include Surplus Singer (in Japan), Stolen Prayer, Go Go Shoot, Streakin' Mohican, Evelyn's Dancer, Say a Novena, Country Diva, Reveron, Preachin Man, Dan the Tin Man, Celtic Chant, Credit Report, Just Got In, Musical Flair, Bee Cee Cee, Song of Humor, Let Em Shine, and Song Warrior. His 2014 stakes winners included Sinandaprayer, a grade I winner in Puerto Rico and Chilean group II winner Genial Boy.

Songandaprayer, who was co-owned during his racing days by Duke University basketball star Bobby Hurley, has a couple of sons standing at stud. Samba Rooster stands in Pennsylvania at Blue Rose Farm. In seven races as a 3-year-old, Samba Rooster showed much promise. He finished second in the 2008 Coolmore Lexington Stakes (gr. II) at Keeneland and third in the Lone Star Derby (gr. III) in his final two starts before retiring due to injury. Samba Rooster, raced by the Lanni Family Trust, Mercedes Stable, and Bernie Schiappa, the same team that owned superstar Game On Dude, never ran out of the money in seven starts for trainers Martin Wolfson and Baffert. He scooped up \$160,380 in purse earnings. Truest Legend stands at Rancho Temescal in California. He ran third in the 2010 Pirate's Bounty Stakes at Del Mar. He made \$80,259.

Tillson said that while Copper Crowne is open to standing other stallions, it wants to bring in horses that are at least equivalent to Songandaprayer.

"We try to play at the higher levels and hope to make as many new friends and clients as possible," he said.

Copper Crowne has made the proper investment to aspire to the top. Its 210 acres are unique to Louisiana in that the land rolls in gentle hills inside a state that is generally flat. The land drains exceptionally well and supports crops of productive grass.

Forman, who at one time sent mares to be bred at what is now Copper Crowne, started a construction company in 1978 and eventually became one of the state's

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|--------------------|---|
| Diabolical         | 8 |
| Desert God         | 9 |
| Quinton's Gold 40  | 5 |
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| Attila's Storm 45  | 2 |
| Weather Warning 1  | 9 |
| Your Eminence      | 8 |
| Devon Lane 1       | 7 |
| Roll Hennessy Roll | 6 |
| Ghostly Moves 1    | 4 |
| Premeditation 1    | 2 |
| Dominique's Cat    | 2 |
| To Teras           | 1 |
| Golden Ransom 11 1 | 0 |
| Real Dandy 19      | 9 |
| Silver Wagon 19    | 9 |
| Copelan's Pache    | 8 |
| Abajo              | 8 |
| Mr. Trieste        | 8 |
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top real estate developers, designing residential neighborhoods, shopping malls, and office buildings. Less than 20 years after establishing Olde Orleans Construction, he retired, and in 2007 got the itch to get back into the horse business. He bought and developed Copper Crowne,

# 2014 LEADING SIRES IN KANSAS

|      |                                                     | Stakes Rstrct    |               |              |     |                          |                  | Cumulative |              |      |               |  |  |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----|--------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------|------|---------------|--|--|
| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands | 2015<br>Stud Fee | Rnrs/<br>Wnrs | Wnrs/<br>Wns | SW/ | (Chief Earner, Earnings) | 2014<br>Earnings | Foals      | Stks<br>Wnrs |      | Comp<br>Index |  |  |
| 1    | GRAND ON DAVE (95, Meadowlake)                      | N/A              | 8/2           | 0/0          | 0/0 | (Rock On Dave, \$19,081) | \$40,415         | 32         | 2            | 0.53 | 0.60          |  |  |
| 2    | RED'S HONOR (98, Glitterman)                        | N/A              | 9/2           | 0/0          | 0/0 | (My Lil Lynda, \$17,845) | \$35,298         | 39         | 0            | 0.37 | 0.50          |  |  |

# 2014 LEADING SIRES IN COLORADO

|      |                                                     | Stakes           | Rstrct        |              | Cumulative   |                             |                  |       |              |              |               |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands | 2015<br>Stud Fee | Rnrs/<br>Wnrs | Wnrs/<br>Wns | SW/<br>BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings)    | 2014<br>Earnings | Foals | Stks<br>Wnrs | A-E<br>Index | Comp<br>Index |
| 1    | CRAFTY SHAW (98, Crafty Prospector), Menoken Farms  | \$2,000          | 26/17         | 4/6          | 2/4          | (Diva's Diamond, \$188,723) | \$763,355        | *78   | 4            | 0.88         | 1.11          |
| 2    | OLIVER'S TWIST (92, Horatius), Menoken Farms        | \$1,000          | 27/11         | 1/1          | 0/1          | (Magical Twist, \$62,455)   | \$286,086        | 253   | 14           | 0.54         | 0.76          |
| 3    | GRAND MINSTREL (05, Grand Slam), Menoken Farms      | \$1,500          | 28/11         | 2/2          | 2/2          | (Grand and Great, \$38,608) | \$202,239        | 39    | 3            | 0.37         | 0.57          |
| 4    | CRYSTAL CLASS (00, Mr. Prospector)                  | N/A              | 12/5          | 0/0          | 0/0          | (Billie D, \$35,261)        | \$80,166         | 61    | 4            | 0.32         | 0.63          |

which previously had been owned by owner/breeder John Franks, who won five Eclipse Awards. Ground was broken for Copper Crowne in 2008.

The farm's training track shows the level of excellence built into the property. The 6½-furlong track was built with input from engineers and construction experts from around the country. Surface material profiles were studied from tracks such as Churchill Downs and Fair Grounds, and Louisville-based Steve Green, who has had a hand in racetracks around the globe, ultimately provided the surface, which is a blend of sand and clay formulated for the local climate. The training track is sanctioned by the Louisiana State Racing Commission for official workouts and gate cards. The track is 65 feet wide, with sweeping turns, two chutes, and starting gates. Inner and outer railings help provide safety.

Copper Crowne opened for clients in 2010. Along with its rolling hills, walking trails, and fertile pastures, it benefits from its proximity to all of the state's racetracks. Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots and Delta Downs are located two hours away, Louisiana Downs about 2½ hours away, and Evangeline Downs is right around the corner.

When not taking advantage of the training track, horses enjoy open, airy stalls that allow them to see out of all four sides. High ceilings provide maximum ventilation. Horsemen can choose to live in quarters on the farm as well and have offices there. Year-round boarding is available for equines and humans alike. Lay-up and rehab needs are also met at Copper Crowne, which boasts an Aquacizer so horses can swim back to fitness.

Another advantage for horses at Copper Crowne is the Acadiana Equine Clinic at



Horses gallop over Copper Crowne's 61/2-furlong training track

the farm. Owned by Dr. James Corley, the clinic is a 17,000-square-foot facility featuring a full-service equine surgery center. Orthopedic, upper airway, and neonatal procedures are done there, along with fracture repair, lameness care, reproduction work, internal medicine, and acupuncture, among many other disciplines. There is a state-of-the art surgery and recovery unit as well. In fact, every service other than doggy day care is available... wait, doggy day care is available as well.

Last year 67 live foals were reported on Copper Crowne. Boarding for pregnant mares and foaling care are available via personalized care programs. Many of the farm's clients will foal their mares out at their own facilities, considering the wide geographic area serviced by Copper Crowne. The farm will also board mares that are headed to other stallions around the state.

"We try to deliver the best we possibly can from boarding and breaking to vet care," said Tillson. "We invite people to come here and look at our facilities."

Several industry professionals have compared Copper Crowne favorably to the industry-standard farms in the Bluegrass of Kentucky.

"It was like entering a first-class Kentucky farm," said Hall of Fame jockey Kent Desormeaux of a recent visit. Desormeaux, like so many other of the sport's top jockeys, hails from nearby Lafayette.

Summing up Copper Crowne's mission statement at the time it opened, Forman said, "Our goal is to create a modern facility that is not just a training center, but a complete service facility where people can get all of their veterinary needs met, be able to foal a mare, raise the baby, have qualified trainers break the young horses, train them, get them ready for the sale or the track, rehab them, and board them. They won't have to leave the facility."

Mission accomplished.