33RD ANNUAL WORLD'S CHAMPION SIRE RATING

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s we head into breeding season it's time to again look into the sires that made the most impact at the highest level, the World's Championship Horse Show. Ranking the sires for the thirty-third time, points are given to all ribbon winners at the World's Championship Horse Show, with the world's grand champion and world's champion of champions classes being weighted higher than the qualifying classes.

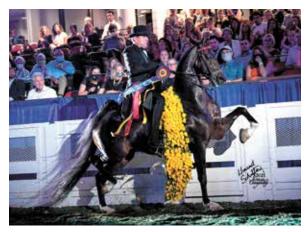
The Woodleigh Farm LLC-owned Undulata's Nutcracker achieved a remarkable feat this season, claiming the number one ranking on the annual World's Champion Sire Rating for the 12th consecutive year. He is the senior sire under the direction of Joan Lurie at Willowbank.

Anyone present at any given horse show or familiar with the equine world will note that any competitor with a "nut" show name is linked to the famed stallion, who continues to assert his dominance over the industry. The son of CH Caramac and Christmas In New York ran away with the number one ranking spot, accumulating a monstrous 652 points. Not only was this Woodleigh Farm LLC owned stallion at the top of the overall list, but he also led the way in the individual rankings, topping the five-gaited, threegaited/three-gaited park, fine harness, and pleasure divisions. Many of the stallion's stellar world's champion offspring helped propel him to great success as a breeding sire in 2021. Nutcracker was again the sire of a host of world's champions, including the top two finishers in both the Three-Gaited World's Grand Championship as well as the Fine Harness World's Grand Championship. The Crowd Went Nuts was crowned the Three-Gaited World's Grand Champion, followed by HS Brilliant Heiress, while HS Daydream's Heads Up claimed the roses as the Fine Harness World's Grand Champion, with Nutcracker's Nirvana in reserve. Those sired by Undulata's Nutcracker that also earned world's champion of champions titles in 2021 were CH Lady Mandolin, Undulata's Simbara, Sedgefield's Best Story Ever, CH Nuttin' But Style, Sylvanhall Highly Classified, Moon Trac, I'm In Heaven, CH Katharine The Great and CH Undulata's Satchmo, among others.

Tango's Parting Kiss moved up a few notches to score the reserve spot on the World's Champion Sire Rating. The son of Arborlane Tango's Wee Pee (SA) and Broodmare Hall Of Fame matron One Parting Kiss closed out the 2021 world's championships with a total of 98 points. Tango's Parting Kiss represented breeder Susan Vestal and owner Matt Shiflet by claiming the bulk of his points as the reserve sire in the three-gaited/three-gaited park rankings. Standing at Shiflet Stables, Asheboro, North Carolina, his list of 2021 world's champions included Ladies Amateur Three-Gaited World's Champion of Champions

Hi-Fling as well as Dheir To Tango, the Junior Fine Harness Reserve World's Champion of Champions. Also earning world's titles on behalf of Tango's Parting Kiss were Tango's Token Kiss, Dreamacres Chapel Of Love, Carolina Tango, King Of Swing, and Uptown Funk.

World's champion Sir William Robert made the largest leap from the 14th spot on last year's chart to the third place position this year. C. Thomas Galbreath's homebred stallion has been a longtime resident of the Top 5 and he accumulated a total of 87 points to land him in the third place spot. A resident of Willowbank Farm, the son of Santana's Charm and Rebel Empress was also well represented in the divisional standings, finishing in the reserve spot in the pleasure rankings and in the top five of the three-gaited/three-gaited park ranks. Sir William Robert was represented by Lady Slippers, the Junior Exhibitor Show Pleasure Driving World's Champion of Champions as well as MBA's Sir William Blue, the Country Western Pleasure Reserve World's Champion



Sired by the #1 ranked Undulata's Nutcracker, The Crowd Went Nuts was the World's Grand Champion Three-Gaited entry of trainer Neil Visser and owner Diane Sembler Kamins.

of Champions. His additional 2021 world's titled offspring included CH Copper And Kings, Happy Chandler, Lady Macaroon, and Sir Robert Royse.

Yet another stallion moved up in the rankings this year, as world's champion Desert's Supreme Memories claimed the fourth spot. Roberta Rassieur is the proud owner of this son of Desert's Supreme Admiral and Desert's Precious Memories, who accrued 76 points from the World's Championship Horse Show. Standing under the direction of his long-time trainer Virgil Helm, "Arizona" achieved prominence in the second place spot in the five-gaited ranks as well as the third place position on the pleasure leaderboard. CH Memories Of Cabo represented his sire as the Amateur Five-Gaited World's Champion of Champions this year, while gaited full siblings Man On The Move and Lady On The Move both

made victory passes in Freedom Hall. The Desert's Supreme Memories sired Arizona Poppy also added to the success of his sire with two world's titles in the junior exhibitor country pleasure ranks this season.

Rounding out the top five on the World Champion Sire Rating was world's champion Designed with a total of 74 accumulated points. This was the second son of CH Caramac to land a spot on the leaderboard, with Designed being out of Broodmare Hall of Fame producer Sultan's Dianna. Redwing Saddlebred Farm LLC is the owner of this Judy and Roy Werner bred stallion. Designed's versatile get earned him a spot on multiple individual rankings this year, including the five-gaited, three-gaited/three-gaited park, and pleasure divisions.

The noted bay stallion passed away this fall but was represented by a host of stars, including Kalarama's Double Di, the Amateur Three-Gaited Park World's Champion of Champions as well as By Designed, the Junior Five-Gaited Reserve World's Champion of Champions. Say Yes To Success added to the success of Designed with her reserve tricolor in Louisville's Three-Gaited Pony Championship, while CH Balenciaga, CH Ultimate Spitfire, and I Rock Tom Ford represented Designed with their 2021 world's titles.

The sixth place spot on the World Champion Sire Rating was filled by Samur. Waterford Farms LLC's son of Roseridge Heir and Worthy Moment garnered 62 points. The stallion bred by Randy Tabor rose to the second place position on the in-hand rankings and also scored a Top 10 spot on both the five-gaited and pleasure leaderboards. The popular Stonecroft Curate represented Samur as the Junior Five-Gaited World's Champion of Champions. Wingswept Blown Away, CH Miner's Blessing, Samuri Lady, CH Samurai, CH Fox Grape's Forget-Me-Not and Walterway's Here's Sam Me also secured points for their sire on the breed's biggest stage.

Marc Of Charm followed closely behind Samur, taking the seventh place spot with 59 points. The Marc Gibson bred stallion is sired by world's champion of champions Santana's Charm and out of Pretty Ribbons and is proudly owned by Riverdreams LLC. He resides at Monnington Farm with his longtime trainer Lionel Ferreira.

The former Five-Gaited World's Grand Champion produced offspring that primarily excelled in the gaited ranks this year while also having stars in the fine harness and three-gaited/three-gaited park divisions. Both High Remarcs and My Irresistible Charm represented Marc Of Charm with reserve world's titles this year. Other notables sired by Marc Of Charm that succeeded in 2021 were Riverdreams' Spitfire, Beauty Marc, The Huntsman, and Monnington Veiled Mistress.

TOP 10 LIVING SIRES DIVISIONAL CHARTS

FIVE-GAITED		PARK/SHOW/	
1. Undulata's Nutcracker	81	COUNTRY PLEASURE	
2. Desert's Supreme Memories	34	1. Undulata's Nutcracker	161
3. I'm A Lucky Charm	26	2. Sir William Robert	48
4. Callaway's Northern Kiss	24	3. Desert's Supreme Memories	42
5. Top Of The Mark	22	4. A Rare Temper	41
6. Heir Emerald	20	5. Undulata's Heir Apparent	33
7. Samur	19	6T. Designed	23
8. Designed	18	6T. Tango's Parting Kiss	23
9. Marc Of Charm	17	7. Thundergun	22
10. I'm First	16	8. The Mystery Writer	20
THREE-GAITED/		9. Nutcracker's Nirvana 10T. Bobese	18 15
THREE-GAITED PARK		10T. Samur	15
1. Undulata's Nutcracker	297	101. 3411101	13
2. Tango's Parting Kiss	52	IN HAND	
3. Designed	33	1. Arrowhead's Bateleur	15
4. Mountainview's Heir To Fortune	31	2. Samur	10
5. Sir William Robert	28	3. Arrowhead's Unlike Any Other	7
6. VHF The Licorice Drop Kid	22	4T. Ah! What A Memory	6
7. Deep Blue	21	4T. Jozie Stonewall	6
8. Marc Of Charm	19	4T. Rose Arbor Destiny	6
9. Nutcracker's Nirvana	17	TOP 5 DECEASED SIRES	3
10T. Callaway's Northern Kiss	16	1. Callaway's Blue Norther	52
10T. Madeira's Rubicon	16	2. I'm Lookin'For You	44
FINE HARNESS		3. Callaway's Cranston	36
1. Undulata's Nutcracker	112	4. Leatherwood's Starlight	35
2. Mountainview's Heir To Fortune	22	5. Master Class	28
3. Tango's Parting Kiss	19		
4T. Bob Bobaloo	16		
4T. Carl Lynn	16		
5. Nutcracker's Nirvana	15		
6T. Marc Of Charm	14		
6T. Northern Vegas	14		
7. Arrowhead's Unlike Any Other	13		
8T. Arrowhead's Moet 8T. Joe Fabulous	10 10		
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Fox Grapes Farm had reason to be proud of A Rare Temper, who was a new name on this year's sire rating, sliding into the eighth position-a mere one point behind Marc Of Charm. The son of SA Dorian's Wild Temper and Garland's Second Edition garnered 58 total points and he too stands at Willowbank. One Rare Moment garnered points for her sire as the Adult Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Reserve World's Champion of Champions, while the A Rare Temper sired CH So Co was the Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited Show Pleasure World's Champion of Champions. Melrose Madeline was crowned the ASHBA National Futurity Three-Year-Old Park Pleasure World's Champion this year, with Fox Grape's Encore and Roadside

Romance also racking up points on behalf of A Rare Temper.

The ninth spot on the sire rating saw the Sarver Equine LLC owned Mountainview's Heir To Fortune with a total of 55 points. Leatherwood Farm bred the stallion sired by Supreme Heir and out of Kitchiku's Konstellation by CH Starlike Sultan. He stands at Sarver's Cornerstone Farm. Mountainview's Heir To Fortune's offspring shined in the fine harness division, with 22 of his 55 points coming from that division for a second place finish. He also claimed the fourth place position in the three-gaited/three-gaited park standings. Smart Fortune represented his sire as the Ladies Amateur Three-Gaited Reserve World's Champion of Champions, while Fizzy Heir claimed the reserve world's title in the Amateur Ladies Fine Harness Section Two offering, in addition to winning the Kentucky County Fair Fine Harness Grand Championship..

The popular Nutcracker's Nirvana followed in one point behind Mountainview's Heir To Fortune to round out the Top 10 on the World's Champion Siring Rating. The son of the number one sire Undulata's Nutcracker and Kingwood's Harlem Harlem was not only a successful sire this year, but also a sensational performance competitor, being crowned the Fine Harness Reserve World's Grand Champion for the second consecutive year. Nutcracker's Nirvana's 54 total points were derived primarily from the fine harness, three-gaited/threegaited park, and pleasure divisions where he earned spots on those individual leaderboards. Shawn Stachowski's stallion celebrated the successful performances in Louisville of Snowpine's Pola Vortex, Accalia, Holy Smokes and Ciao Bella's Tesorino.

Callaway's Northern Kiss has long been a top finisher in this sire rating. The Callaway Hills bred son of Callaway's Blue Norther and Callaway's Carmel Kiss finished in the 11th spot with a total of 53 points this year. The stallion, owned by and standing at Burk and Miriam Honaker's Northern Kiss Farm LLC, landed within the Top 10 in both the five-gaited and three-gaited/three-gaited park rankings. One of Northern Kiss' most memorable feats as a sire came in the Five-Gaited Stallion Stake in Louisville where he sired the top three entries, Epoque Kiss NKF, Honorable Kiss NKF, and Noble Braveheart. Johnny Boy, Northern Asset, and Kissing On The Beach were additional Northern Kiss sired world's titlists this year.

There was a tie for the 12th spot this year with both Top Of The Mark and Undulata's Heir Apparent claiming 45 points. Mary Gaylord McClean's homebred Top Of The Mark passed down the talents that earned him the former title of the Five-Gaited World's Grand Champion to his offspring, resulting in a top five finish in the five-gaited divisional rankings. The son of world's champion of champions CH Top Spool and Broodmare Hall of Fame matron Carol Lynn's year was highlighted by Top Asset, the Adult Three-Gaited Show Pleasure World's Champion of Champions and Only On Top, the Ladies Five-Gaited Reserve World's Champion of Champions. Other world's titled performers sired by Top Of The Mark this season included Ryman, Natalie Jane, KW She's Hell On Heels, and On The Horizon.

The Ever Glades Farm Inc. bred and owned Undulata's Heir Apparent also secured a total of 45 points and the 12th spot. The stallion is yet another sire by Undulata's Nutcracker, his dam being world's grand champion CH An Heir About Her. Heir Apparent found his way to the 12th place spot with the success of his offspring. The Heir Apparent-sired My Christmas Prince was crowned the 2021 Junior Exhibitor Show Pleasure Driving Reserve World's Champion of Champions, while Seven Oaks Heir Show left Louisville as the Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited 13 and Under Reserve World's Champion of Champions. Sedgefield's Belladonna also represented Undulata's Heir Apparent with a reserve world's title in the junior exhibitor three-gaited show pleasure 13 and under ranks.

Yet another tie occurred for the 13th position on the sire rating between Carl Lynn and Northern Vegas - each with 41 points. Just like the Mary Gaylord McClean-bred Top Of The Mark, her second homebred on the charts, Carl Lynn is also out of Carol Lynn. The Undulata's Nutcracker-sired stallion is proudly owned by Gene and Annalize van der Walt and amassed the majority of his points in the fine harness ranks. The 2021 fine harness world's champion offspring of Carl Lynn included Festival Calypso LR, the Junior Fine Harness Mares World's Champion, HS Neon Leon, the Two-Year-Old Fine Harness Stallion/Gelding World's Champion, and SH Gone In Sixty Seconds, the Three-Year-Old Fine Harness Section Two Reserve World's Champion. Carl Lynn was also represented by youngsters, HS Technical Knockout, the Three-Year-Old Three-Gaited Reserve World's Champion and SH Lynn's Prize, the Two-Year-Old Five-Gaited World's Champion.

Yet another homebred of Mary Gaylord McClean, Northern Vegas, tied with Carl Lynn for the 13th spot on the World's Champion Sire Rating. Northern Vegas is the second stallion sired by Callaway's Blue Norther to land a spot on the leaderboard, with his entry being out of Lass Vegas with his second dam the great CH Santana Lass. Much like Carl Lynn, Northern Vegas found himself on the fine harness individual rating, accumulating 14 of his 41 overall points in this category. Best Show In Vegas continued his reign in the show ring, much to the delight of his sire, with the roses for the third consecutive year as the Amateur Fine Harness World's Champion of Champions. Nashvegas was crowned the Ladies Three-Gaited 15.2 and Under Reserve World's Champion, while The Vegas Edition claimed the third place prize in Louisville's competitive Junior Five-Gaited Championship to represent their sire.

Much like the 13th position, the 14th spot on the sire rating also resulted in a tie. Both I'm A Lucky Charm and I'm First finished the season with a total of 38 points. The Bridget Parker bred I'm A Lucky Charm landed in the third place spot on the individual five-gaited rankings with 26 points, much to the delight of owner Middendorf Farms. The son of Santana's Charm and SA Studcor Her Royal Highness celebrated the sweep of the Five-Gaited Pony Championship in Freedom Hall with his offspring claiming the top two spots. Macho Camacho led the way as the world's champion of champions, followed by Nothin' But Charm. Other notable Louisville performances from I'm A Lucky Charm sired get included Kickstart My Heart and My Gifted Lady.

World's champion I'm First was the second stallion sent into the 14th spot. The Stonecroft Farm owned and bred stallion, by CF First Night Out and out of That Special Face by Uncle Jimmy McDonald garnered his 38 points primarily in the five-gaited division, earning a Top 10 finish in the five-gaited individual leaderboard. I'm First garnered points through his son Dream First, the Kentucky County Fair Five-Gaited Grand Champion. Regal's Berry Blue represented his sire as the Junior Park Pleasure Section One World's Champion, while First Flight Out and Walterway's Meant To Be also garnered top ribbons in Louisville on behalf of their sire.

A grand total of 36 points landed Arrowhead's Unlike Any Other in the 15th position on this year's sire rating. EAC Equine LLC owns the stallion sired by Wine Women And Song and out of Miss Moriarty by For What It's Worth. Arrowhead's Unlike Any Other was well represented in a variety of divisions this season, including finishing the year on both the in-hand and fine harness leaderboards. Lady Elegance carried off the reserve world's champion of champions title in the Junior Three-Gaited Championship on behalf of her sire, Arrowhead's Unlike Any Other, while SH Grisha was the ASHBA Futurity Of Kentucky Weanlings Reserve World's Champion.

For the second year in a row, VHF The Licorice Drop Kid, claimed the 16th spot on the sire rating, this year earning 34 points. Tom Lee's homebred is sired by It's Hammertime and out of Desert's Radiant Sunshine and was featured predominantly in the

three-gaited/three-gaited park divisions, earning a Top 10 position on that individual leaderboard. This stallion has risen to the forefront through his son CH It's Aerosmith, who was named the Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited Park World's Champion of Champions for the third consecutive year.

Wrapping up the Top 20 Overall Living Sires on this year's rating, the 17th spot featured a three-way tie with three stallions all accruing 32 points. The first of these sires, Bob Bobaloo represented owner and breeder A.E. Nelson on this year's chart. The son of Belle Reve's Renaissance Man and Lady Of The Realm finished with a spot on the fine harness rankings, thanks in part to his multi-world's titled daughter Lovely. The blonde mare left Freedom Hall this year as the Ladies Fine Harness World's Champion of Champions. Other top performers this season sired by Bob Bobaloo included I'm Glad, Say Amen, and Dazzlelight.

Fox Grapes Farm celebrated yet another one of their stallions to claim a coveted position on the World's Champion Sire Rating. This time it was Deep Blue tied for 17th with 32 points. The stallion, sired by Callaway's Blue Norther and out of the Broodmare Hall Of Famer Yorkshire Pudding, scored the seventh spot on the three-gaited/three-gaited park leader-board. The entries sired by Deep Blue enjoyed the impressive tricolor sweep in Louisville's Kentucky County Fair Three-Gaited Championship with Bombay Blue earning the tricolor, followed by Just Surprize Me.

Rose Arbor Destiny closed out the overall sire list as yet another stallion in the 17th spot with 32 points. Joellen Blount bred this stallion, who is yet another entry on the leaderboard sired by Undulata's Nutcracker. Gene and Annalize van der Walt's stallion, out of CH She's My Desire BH, landed himself a top five spot on the in-hand individual leaderboard. Rose Arbor Destiny's list of 2021 world's champions featured Arrowhead's Dark And Stormy, the ASHBA National Futurity Three-Year-Old Three-Gaited World's Champion; Arrowhead's Phenomenal, the ASHBA National Futurity Three-Year-Old Five-Gaited Reserve World's Champion' and SH Fate's Moonlight, the Two-Year-Old Three-Gaited Section One Reserve World's Champion.

Congratulations to all of the connections of these noted sires!

FORMER #1 WORLD'S CHAMPION SIRES

2020 - 2010 UNDULATA'S NUTCRACKER

2009 - 2005 CF FIRST NIGHT OUT

2004

CALLAWAY'S BLUE NORTHER

2003 - 2000 SUPREME HEIR

1999

CH CARAMAC

1998

SUPREME HEIR

1997

HARLEM GLOBETROTTER

1996

SULTAN'S GREAT DAY

1995

HARLEM GLOBETROTTER

1994

SULTAN'S GREAT DAY

1993 - 1989 SULTAN'S SANTANA



The Nutcracker-sired HS Daydream's Heads up was crowned the 2021 Fine Harness World's Grand Champion after wearing the roses in the three-gaited division last year.