We are pleased to announce the twelfth annual Legends Premier Stallion Auction, benefiting the Stallion Reproductive Studies program at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. For more than a decade, Texas A&M—a world leader in stallion reproductive research and clinical studies—has joined with leading breeders and owners to offer the opportunity to bid on breedings from elite sires in the Barrel Racing Horse, Show Horse, Racing Quarter Horse, and Western Performance Horse industries. All proceeds from the auction directly support the advancement of research relating to stallion reproduction.

Make plans for your breeding season now and help support continuing research and clinical studies dedicated to enhancements in horse breeding at Texas A&M University.

Visit legends.tamu.edu for more information.

Bidding will begin at 80 percent of the listed 2020 breeding fee in Session One, unless otherwise specified. Interested bidders must register to bid online prior to the start of the auction and agree to the auction’s terms and conditions.

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Auction Specifics

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The breedings offered will be auctioned online at: legends.tamu.edu

Stallion seasons that have a bid in any given session will be sold during that same session. Stallion seasons receiving no bids during a given session will be automatically transferred to the subsequent session, unless otherwise specified.

All interested bidders must register on the auction site prior to bidding. Pre-registration will open beginning 30 days prior to the start of the first auction session. Bidders have the ability to have their bid remain anonymous if they so choose.

Bidders must also indicate by selecting the appropriate box that they have read and understood the terms and conditions of the auction before they will be admitted to the bidding arena of the web site.

The winning bidder of each breeding secures the privilege to breed to a given stallion. Winning bidders are responsible for any additional fees as outlined in an individual stallion’s 2020 breeding contract and agree to abide by all terms of the stallion owner/agent breeding contract.

The stallion owner/agent will be notified at the close of each bidding session regarding the winning bidder and his/her contact information.

If a significant portion of the breedings are not sold during the specified auction time frame, bidding on the unsold auction listings may be extended.

*(Please consult your tax attorney and/or accountant for any potential tax benefit from participation in this auction.)*

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1. All bids are final. Bidders are strongly advised to obtain a copy of the appropriate stallion owner/agent breeding contract prior to bidding. Neither Texas A&M University, the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, nor the Stallion Reproductive Studies program is responsible for contracts, websites, or pertinent information regarding stallion seasons (breedings) offered on the auction website.

2. Agreement to Abide by Breeding Contracts. By placing a bid, the bidder agrees to abide by the terms of the stallion owner/agent breeding contract, and to pay for any fees or charges beyond the breeding fee, including but not limited to booking fees, per day mare care, veterinary expenses, costs associated with frozen or chilled semen shipment, foal registration fees, re-breeding fees, or fees associated with Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI). Registration of a foal resulting from this breeding is subject to all the established rules and regulations of the stallion’s breed registry. The bidder understands that it is his/her responsibility to obtain and thoroughly read the stallion owner/agent breeding contract prior to placing a bid.

3. Timetable. Session One bidding opens at noon (CST) on December 5, 2019, and ends at noon (CST) on December 19, 2019. Session Two bidding opens at noon (CST) on January 2, 2020, and ends at noon (CST) on January 16, 2020. Session Three bidding opens at noon (CST) on January 23, 2020, and ends at noon (CST) on February 6, 2020. Winners will be notified within 24 hours of the close of bidding. Bids may not be withdrawn or decreased once placed; therefore, when bidding closes, the highest bidder is responsible for timely payment. Payment in full by an approved method (check or money order made payable to Texas A&M University or by a major credit card via the auction website) is required to be postmarked within 10 days following the close of the session involving the successful bid. Failure to submit payment within this time frame will result in the bid being voided and transferred to next highest bidder. If no bids were submitted during a given session, the season will be returned to the auction during the next session. The stallion seasons (breedings) being offered are for the 2020 breeding season.

4. Certain states, by state law, may assess a sales tax that will be added to the sales price for horses standing in said states.

5. Refunds. The bidder understands that if he/she should place a winning bid and the stallion should die, be gelded, be determined unfit for breeding, or be sold prior to breeding the mare, only money paid to Texas A&M University for the auctioned stallion service will be refunded and shall constitute payment in full for any damage that may be incurred by the bidder and/or his/her agent. All seasons are offered on a NO GUARANTEE non-refundable basis except those marked LFG, which are sold LIVE FOAL GUARANTEE, according to the terms of an individual stallion owner/agent breeding contract.

6. Release from liability. The bidder agrees and acknowledges that he/she fully realizes and accepts that there is a possible danger of accident, injury, sickness, or death involved in the breeding of horses and the attendant care of the mare and foal. The bidder voluntarily assumes all risks of accident, injury, sickness or death to said mare and/or foal and specifically waives any and all claims resulting from such accident, injury, sickness, or death.

7. Release from warranty. The bidder specifically acknowledges and understands that the involved organizations make no warranties either expressed, implied or by any other means of interpretation in connection with this agreement. It is expressly understood that the Stallion Reproductive Studies program is acting only as a clearinghouse in providing the Legends Premier Stallion Auction to breeders and that the stallion owner/agent in turn has agreed to contribute the purchase price of the stallion season fee to benefit the activities of the Stallion Reproductive Studies program. The organizations assume no liability for disputes that may arise between the bidders and the stallion owners/agents. The organizations affiliated with this auction make no guarantees of conception or delivery of a live foal. Live foal guarantees are subject to the stallion owner/agent breeding contract. Stallion owners/agents are responsible for all content provided on the auction web site.

8. Enforcement of Breeding Contract. In the event of a contract dispute over the enforcement of the breeding contract, the burden and expense of litigation will be borne by the mare owner.

9. Mailing Address for Payment. A check or money order made payable to Texas A&M University should be mailed to the following address: Legends Premier Stallion Auction, 4475 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-4475. Please indicate “Equine Reproductive Studies Fund” on the memo line of the check. (Payment by a major credit card via the auction website is also acceptable.)

10. Governance. The terms and conditions of this auction are governed by the laws of the state of Texas.
Equine Reproductive Studies
Program Accomplishments

Stallion Reproductive Studies — Industry Leaders
Our advancements in the discipline of stallion reproduction have had a significant impact on the equine breeding industry for decades, and our team is considered a preeminent authority in this area. We conduct research on breeding stallions and offer expert clinical consultations with stallion owners worldwide. Our team makes frequent visits to premier equine breeding operations across the Americas, as well as in Europe and Australia. We have amassed a battery of tests to critically evaluate sperm and testicular function and have developed methods for critically assessing stallion reproductive function in the clinical setting. We have defined new approaches for the preservation of both cooled and frozen semen, and devised methods for improving the reproductive performance of breeding stallions. As an example of our continued contributions to discovery, Faculty members at Texas A&M University authored/co-authored 18 research papers presented at the 12th International Symposium on Equine Reproduction at the University of Cambridge in 2018, more than any other institution worldwide. A member of our team was inducted into the University of Kentucky Research Hall of fame in 2018 for lifelong dedication and productivity in the equine research arena.

Mare Reproductive Studies — Setting the Bar
The Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM) has been on the cutting edge, leading the study of mare reproduction and the development and refinement of technologies that improve the reproductive potential of the industry’s most important performance horses. Advances in many of the reproductive technologies used in commercial programs across the country—including techniques for embryo transfer, oocyte transfer, ICSI, and nuclear transfer—were pioneered by our faculty. Veterinarians and research scientists at the CVM are currently working on new methods for collecting, maturing, fertilizing, and storing mare oocytes (eggs), for improving success rates with both ICSI and embryo culture, and for diagnosing genetic abnormalities of embryos prior to their transfer to recipient mares.

Equine Reproductive Studies + Legends Premier Stallion Auction — The Future
The scientific advancements in equine reproduction originating from research conducted at Texas A&M University have been remarkable, leading to vast improvements in the reproductive abilities of mares and stallions under the pressures of today’s expanded production expectations. Our unrelenting dedication to the development of innovative methods for preservation of gametes (both sperm and oocytes) and embryos has resulted in alternative means for maximizing the reproductive potential of valuable stallions and mares and has expanded the worldwide distribution of valuable genetics.

Perhaps our biggest legacy, is providing exceptional academic and clinical foundations for students, veterinarians, and invited scholars, so that they will make a significant impact on the horse industry of tomorrow. Our future success is dependent upon, and made possible through, the generosity of donors and buyers participating in our annual Legends Premier Stallion Auction, and gifts to the Texas A&M Foundation specifically directed to Equine Reproductive Studies.