

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Empire Maker's newest son to stud in 2013, back to Back Grade 2 Performer Baryshnikov retires to Oak Lodge USA.**

" The Tejano Stakes Winning, and Grade 2 placed Multiple Winner **Baryshnikov** by Sire of Champions **Empire Maker** has been retired to take up stallion duties in 2013 at Oak Lodge USA Paris, Kentucky. He will stand for a fee of \$5,000 Live Foal.

The impressive 7 time winner, owned and campaigned by Connie Apostelos, is a winner of over \$350,000 on the track from 6 to 9f. He is out of Grade 1 placed MGSW **Ski Dancer** (104 Beyer \$578,344), a \$1.8 million broodmare from the family of Champion **Sweet Kitten**.

Baryshnikov a Graded Stakes performer at Saratoga, Churchill, Pimlico and Monmouth defeated General Quarters (**G1**), Hymn Book (**G1**), Moryba (**G1**), Interaction (**G1**), Loup Breton (**G2**), Straight Story (**G2**), etc. Baryshnikov also ran a close 2<sup>nd</sup> to Wise Dan (Recent winner of the **GR1** Shadwell Turf Mile) in the **Gr2** Firecracker H.

Baryshnikov is by **Unbridled's** Classic winning Son, **Empire Maker**, already the sire of 33 black type winners (Incl. **Eight Grade 1s**) such as Champion **Royal Delta**, **Pioneer of The Nile** and **Bodemeister**.

Oak Lodge are no strangers to standing Stallions having stood numerous Leading Sires at their home base Oak Lodge Stud in Ireland, including one of the Leading Freshman sires in 2011 with **Heliostatic** sire of Group 3 Somerville Tattersalls Stakes Winner **Crius**, also 2nd in the Group 3 Craven Stakes this year. Oak Lodge also stood Breeders Cup Winner **Val Royal** in Ireland and were responsible for breeding dual Classic Winner **Cockney Rebel** by Val Royal.

Trainer Mike Maker commented "He defeated Deans Kitten and was competitive with the likes of Paddy o Prado, Wise Dan, Turallure and Get Stormy."

"We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead." said Alan Fitzsimons, owner and manager at Oak Lodge USA. "Baryshnikov competed at the highest level. He is exactly what commercial breeders are looking for, a good looking, great walking son of leading sire Empire Maker who ticks all the boxes".

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