

Cy Don's Cynthia

Legacy Mares

An Endowment of Daughters

Cy Don's Cynthia's unparalleled contributions to the Morgan breed are her daughters: Pompp And Pazazz, Slip Into Silk, Rush To Judgement, Prelude To Passion, Minion Baby Doll, and Essex Primetime.

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In turn, her daughters' contributions have been the production of some of the best performance horses in the recent history of the breed. Of the countless champions carrying her blood there are more than 20 Grand National and world champions, holding more than 60 Grand National and world championships between them.

The story of this great mare began with Cy Bostic's acquisition of the superbly talented park stallion, Dee-Cee Mr Trophy, in the fall of 1975. The two then dazzled audiences

showing together briefly in the park saddle division. Cy's particular affinity for Trophy and strong-trotting horses with substance and stamina made Dee-Cee Mr Trophy the perfect choice around which he would build his breeding program. Cy spent

the next ten years amassing one of the nicest broodmare bands of the time to breed to his new stallion. He managed to acquire some of the best mares money could buy, drawing heavily on the blood of the old greats such as OCR, Senator Graham, Fleetwing, Tas-Tee's Firefly, Waseeka' Nocturne, and Mansfield, as well as Devan bloodlines. Many wonderful and influential horses were born on his Ohio and West Virginia farms. None have been so ultimately influential as Cy Don's Cynthia.

Above: *Cy Don's Cynthia* (far right). Insets: *Cynthia's daughters Prelude To Passion, Pompp And Pazazz, Essex Primetime, and Slip Into Silk.* (Top left photos © Howard Schatzberg)

This living legend's life began in the summer of 1983, as one of three foals born on the farm that year. Her dam, HLM Temptress, is sired by Tas-Tee's Firefly by O C R. Her second dam, Starlite Frolic, is pure Devan breeding on both sides of the pedigree.

This chestnut filly must have been a showstopper even then with her size, motion, and splashes of white. Her breeding potential was recognized early on by Mike Super, who astutely purchased her at just two years of age. Mike bred her the very next year to Serenity Masterpiece, a golden cross he would repeat three more times. The following summer, Cynthia foaled an exotic chestnut filly, who he named Pompp And Pazazz. This filly would prove to be worth her weight in gold in the breeding shed and would establish the line's status as priceless producers. As can be seen in one of the few existing pictures of her, Pompp And Pazazz was an extreme mare with size, quality, upright neck, and loads of trot.

Deserving of an article all her own, Pompp And Pazazz is Cynthia's most prolific daughter (to date). She has produced some of the nicest stallions in the breed today: Continental Vision, Minion Millennium, Graycliff Tony, and the up-and-coming SPR Pompeii.

Her first son, Continental Vision (by War And Peace), needs no introduction. His illustrious career began at age three, when he stole our hearts and the World Champion Stallion title. He is the holder of seven Grand National and world championship titles, including the World Champion Stallion and World Champion Park Saddle titles. This phenomenal individual has since retired to the breeding shed and is now siring champions, including Baccarat's Visionary, Angel Eyes, and AWS Icon.

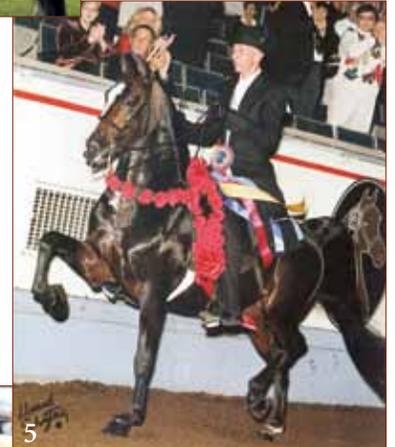
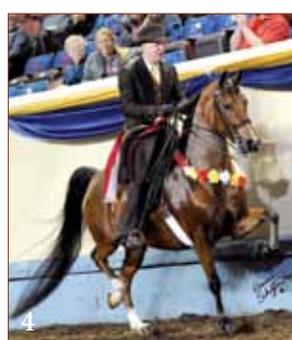
Minion Millennium (by Minion Valentino) has been a brilliant performer and showman. He lit up the ring with his presence, garnering many accolades, including a Grand National championship in the park harness division. He is one of the most popular sires today because of his ability to pass on his size, quality, and athleticism. He has more than 100 progeny on the ground, including many Grand National and world champions such as Cherrydale Casseopia, MSV Genuine Risk, Cherrydale Melania, RCV Patent Pending, and numerous others. His get have been particularly successful in the Morgan Breeder Sweepstakes and, more recently, the Morgan Weanling Gala.

From the ranks of English pleasure legends, Graycliff Tony (by Mizrahi) has already garnered three world championships, including the English Pleasure Three-Year-Old and Four-Year-Old World Championships. He is the epitome of Morgan performance horse, coupled with loads of talent and a winning attitude.

Although the sons of Pompp And Pazazz immediately come to mind, her daughters have been tremendously successful as well, particularly Relentless and Dutch-Mor's Joy. Relentless (by War And Peace, making her a full sister to Continental Vision) has produced champions in her image. These offspring, CBMF Restless, Judgement Day, and Treble's Pomp And Byzazz, have all earned their victory passes in Oklahoma City. At only five years old, Dutch-Mor's Joy (by Astronomicallee) is the reigning Reserve Word Champion English Pleasure Four-Year-Old and Grand National English Pleasure Four-Year-Old Mare Champion. She will undoubtedly distinguish herself in the breeding shed once her illustrious show career concludes.

GrandGet of Cy don's Cynthia

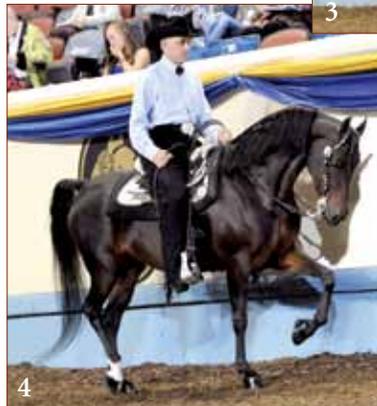
1. Minion Millennium. 2. Graycliff Tony. 3. SPR Pompeii. 4. Dutch-Mor's Joy. 5. Continental Vision. 6. CBMF Restless.



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1. CBMF Double Down. 2. Bada Bing. 3. ECP Scandalous.
4. Fire Run Natalia. 5. Locutus. 6. Essex Playtime.



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Cynthia's second daughter (also by Serenity Masterpiece), Slip Into Silk, produced the stellar multi-titled English pleasure world champion, Minion Mademoiselle. And her third daughter of the same cross, Prelude To Passion, produced CBMF Double Down, CBMF Cease Fire, and Trade Secrets. Proving the power of the genes, Trade Secret passed these powerful genetics on to her offspring (Cynthia's great-grand-get), Grand National Champion Fancy Schmancy and Bada Bing, the latter being the winningest English Pleasure World Champion of all time.

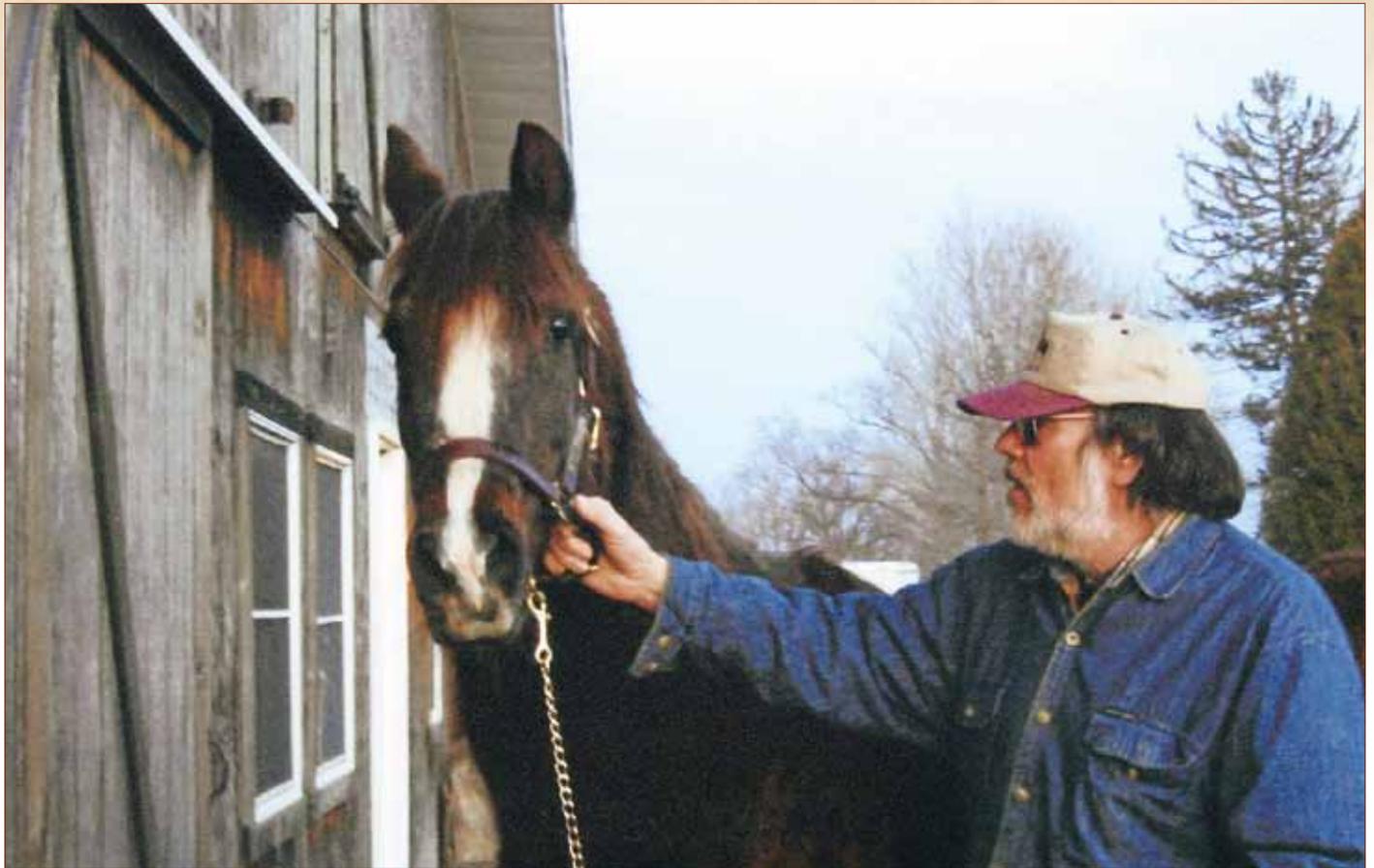
After her first three daughters, it was very apparent that Cynthia was destined to go down in history as one of the breed's top broodmares. However, her breeding career was just beginning. When bred to Timelok, she produced Rush To Judgement, dam of Grand National and world champions, FRF Backtalk, Fire Run Natalia, and Fire Run High Noon. When bred to Black River Leo, Cynthia produced Essex Primetime, dam of Locutus and Essex Playtime. Minion Baby Doll (by Serenity Grandmaster), also went on to prove herself in the breeding shed, producing the dam of ECP Scandalous and ECP Anchor Man, Minion Marquise (by Mainframe).

Although she was owned by Mike Super for the majority of her life, she was leased by Minion Morgans and, to their delight, produced Minion Baby Doll. Mike and Patti Postiglione of Essex Morgans also leased Cynthia, giving them two Black River Leo daughters, Essex Primetime and Essex Primestar. "Cynthia was easy to live with, an easy breeder, and an excellent mother," Mike asserts.

Close inspection of her pedigree reveals that her bloodlines are known for having work ethic, athleticism, trot, attitude, and soundness. All of the old legendary producers can be found in her papers: Trophy, Flyhawk, Orland Leader, Mansfield, Senator Graham, OCR, Deerfield Challenger, and Tas-Tee's Firefly. Perhaps more important in making her the dam of a lifetime is the presence of the old-time great broodmares: Artemesia (dam of Mansfield, Canfield, and Ulysses), Norma (dam of Trophy, UVM Flash, UVM Gates, and Fleetfield) and Gorgeous (dam of Fleetwing and Silverhawk). With such a pedigree behind her, Cynthia's productivity was predictable.

These phenomenal traits bestowed on her by her ancestors make her an outstanding individual, and her ability to pass them on to her descendants makes her priceless. The people fortunate enough to have known Cy Don's Cynthia have had their lives touched by a once-in-a-lifetime mare. The rest of us, who know her only through pictures and stories, are still graced with her presence every time we watch an unbelievable performance from Graycliff Tony, or a Minion Millennium daughter, or any of the numerous champions that carry her royal blood. Over the years, her get and grand-get have touched the lives of so many trainers, exhibitors and spectators.

Brian Hadley is one such trainer who has had the pleasure of working many of Cynthia's descendants, including Reserve World Champion Locutus, affectionately called "Luke." "Luke is on all the time. He is very gentle in the stall, but once you put leather on him, you can see him winding up, and he would absolutely do anything for his trainer," Brian proclaims. From all of his experience with Cynthia's progeny and their get, his opinion



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is, "When you look at their quality, the common denominator is Cynthia. All have

her spunk, size, talent, and work ethic." Today, Cynthia is enjoying her well-

deserved retirement on the picturesque acres of Essex Morgan Farm in Grove City, PA. She is cared for by Mike and Patti Postiglione, who were overjoyed at the opportunity to have her return to their farm. She now spends her days grazing in the pastures, frolicking with her daughter Essex Primetime when the mood takes her, and keeping a watchful eye on the foals romping in the fields. "She has taken on the role of the granny horse on our farm," Patti explains.

She spends her nights in a warm box stall and, "looks forward to going out each day, and we are grateful for this time we have left with her," Mike adds. This peaceful Eden is where yesterday's great broodmares, Serenity Mar Kaye and Black River Circe, also enjoyed their last days.

Cy Don's Cynthia can enjoy her retirement, confident that her legacy lives on through her remarkable progeny, grandchildren and great grandchildren. ■



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