

# Cape Welcomes New Stallion

Innovative million rand bonus

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An exciting well bred equine athlete is set to join the illustrious ranks of high quality stallions in the Western Cape. Oratorio's good-looking son Fencing Master (GB) arrived with some imported foals at Hemel 'n Aarde in Hermanus early in May and had seasoned stallion master David Hepburn-Brown waxing lyrical.



Fencing Master (nearside) contests the Gr1 Dewhurst Stakes for 2yos at Newmarket



Saying that he was more than pleased with his new sire's conformation, substance and bone, Hepburn-Brown added: "He certainly looks a Grade 1 specimen and is a real pleasure to handle".

The Gr1 Dewhurst Stakes often determines the European Champion 2 Year Old colt and it was in this race that the powerful Aidan O'Brien-trained bright bay Fencing Master lined up in the purple Coolmore partnership colours,

O'Brien knew that he had improved "a ton" from his debut maiden win and outpaced early on, Fencing Master had to move to the middle of the track to get a clear run. He then picked

up impressively, finish a neck second in a three-way finish – the high quality winning 2 year old was thus a fraction off one of the most prestigious 2 year old wins in global racing!

He is by Avontuur stallion Oratorio, a Gr1 winner, and is out of the Gr1 winning Moonlight Dance (Alysheba) – who in turn is out of a Gr1 winner.



**David Hepburn-Brown**

There are no less than 42 Stakes winners in Fencing Master's first 3 dams including 8 Gr1 winners.

Under the management of Allan Bloodlines, Fencing Master is the property of Mr Colin Bird who is a strong supporter of South African racing, training principally with Glen Kotzen and Robbie Sage.



**David Allan**

And in an innovative show of support for the stallion and his breeding and racing patrons, a R1 million bonus awaits supporters.

In the proportion 50/25/25%, the owner, trainer and breeder of the best three black type Fencing Master 2 year olds conceived in 2016 will receive a bonus of R 500 000, R300 000, R200 000 respectively.

"This big bonus is excellent support for the breeding industry in South Africa at this time, attached as it is to a very exciting but not expensive horse," said David Allan. "With breeders sharing in the spoils, they too may share in special bonuses".

Fencing Master will stand for a fee of R 10,000 + VAT Live Foal and will benefit from the AllanStallions Scale of Fees devised for cautious times. Fixed discounted costs for multiple bookings

are published in advance.

In a unique offering in what Allan calls "testing times for breeders", these discounts can be spread across the five AllanStallions that stand for the same fee.

David Hepburn-Brown added in closing that he would be very keen to show the foals and welcomed visitors to his beautiful farm.

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