



2016 CANADIAN BREEDER OF THE YEAR – PRESENTED BY JOHN DEERE MARVIN KATZ & AL LIBFELD



The Canadian Breeder of the Year Award was created to recognize Canadian breeders who have displayed incredible dedication to the Canadian equestrian industry through efforts to improve the quality and enhance the reputation of Canadian bred horses.

This year's recipients, Marvin Katz of Toronto, ON and Al Libfeld of Pickering, ON, are renowned for developing one of the most respected and successful breeding enterprises in the harness racing industry.

Katz and Libfeld entered into their breeding partnership with the goal and plan of becoming market breeders of trotters to fill the void in the North American market. Thanks to their many years of experience, along with careful selection of individuals and bloodlines, Katz and Libfeld soon began producing champions for their yearling buyers.

In 2016 alone, horses produced by the Libfeld/Katz Breeding Partnership won 29 races and earned purses in excess of \$1.3 million. Their top horses were Ariana G, who won more than \$804,000, and All The Time,



the winner of the Hambletonian Oaks, who racked up nearly \$450,000. Katz and Libfeld also saw success in 2016 with Princess Aurora, a two-year-old trotting filly who won over \$300,000, and O Narutac Perfetto, who brought in \$100,000.

In light of their incredible success, Katz and Libfeld were named the 2015 and 2016 O'Brien Award recipients for Armstrong Breeders of the Year, which is the highest honour awarded to Standardbred breeders in Canada. They also received a Dan Patch Award for top North American breeder in 2016. EC is pleased to add the 2016 Canadian Breeder of the Year Award to their list of accolades.

