



Completing the top-three ranking of Irish event breeders in 2020 is Swiss-born [Andrea Etter](#) (13th overall). The family's Belmont House Stud is centrally-located in Co Offaly and a number of stallions stand there, including [Livello](#), Cameron Hanley's great partner on Irish teams.

As an added bonus, Andrea's best eventing performer [Fernhill By Night](#) (Radolin x Argentinus), the winner of the CCI4\*-S class at Aiken with Liz Halliday-Sharp (USA), is also by one of their stallions.

"I was delighted to see Belmont House Stud in third place in the Hippomundo eventing ranking. Even more that it wasn't just the homebred horse Fernhill By Night that got us there but he is also the progeny of our own stallion Radolin, that was a resident here at the farm for many years.

"Radolin proved to be a good choice for breeders as a sire of eventers, jumpers and American hunters."

"Fernhill by Night was born here in 2003 and is out of Argentina, by Argentinus out of a Foxtrott mare. Argentina jumped successfully at 1.40m level in Switzerland and came from our home yard Etter Sportpferde AG when she finished competing to spend the later part of her life as a broodmare," said Andrea, whose brother Daniel competed at the 2010 FEI Alltech World Equestrian Games and in two World Cup finals with [Peu A Peu](#) (2009, 2010).

"Fernhill by Night was a very attractive foal with great movement and presence. He was sold as a youngster and was produced as an eventer here in Ireland before heading across the water to Liz Halliday-Sharp."

For Andrea, the horse's success is an example of their breeding policy. "I guess Fernhill By Night is an example of what we believe in here at Belmont House Stud; the crossing of mares successful in sport, (or their daughters) with stallions that we stand here at stud."

"Contrary to many other stallion owners, we don't just sell stud fees, we stand stallions at stud that we use on our own mares too. We're very lucky to have an exciting selection of stallions again this year with the proven oldies Stetter and Livello but also the homebred stallions [Mr Quincy B](#) (Aganix du Seigneur x O-Pi-loth x Wandango), a grandson of 1.60m jumper Wandonga and [Celtic Hero B Z](#)."

Available by frozen semen, the exciting prospect, Celtic Hero B Z (Calikot Hero x Caretano Z), is currently competing successfully in Florida with Heather Caristo Williams.

And there's a new arrival. "We're excited to announce that Heather's World Cup and Nations Cup stallion [Qui Vive des Songes Z](#) (Quaprice du Bois Margot x Lagos) will join us here at Belmont House Stud for the 2021 breeding season!" Andrea added about their latest acquisition.