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(54) **PHALAEOPSIS ORCHID PLANT NAMED**  
**‘JOYRIDE’**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct *Phalaenopsis* plant named ‘Joyride’ particularly characterized by flowers which are purple/violet with thin white edges and a purple labellum; plants which may be propagated economically and uniformly using tissue culture; plants which produce more than one inflorescence; long and sturdy inflorescences; and relatively short, dark-green foliage.

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Latin name of the genus and species of the plant claimed:  
*Phalaenopsis hybrida*.  
Variety denomination: ‘Joyride’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of *Phalaenopsis* plant, botanically known as *Phalaenopsis* of the Orchidaceae family, and hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name ‘Joyride’.

*Phalaenopsis* comprises a genus of about 55 species of herbaceous perennials many of which, or the hybrids thereof, are suitable for cultivation in the home or greenhouse. *Phalaenopsis* is predominantly epiphytic or rock-dwelling, and is native to tropical Asia, the Malay Archipelago, and Oceania. The species typically has 2-ranked, fleshy, oblong or elliptic leaves affixed to a short central stem (monopodial growth), which vary in size from 5 to 8 inches to over 2 feet. The leaves may be entirely green or mottled with silver grey.

*Phalaenopsis* orchids, often referred to as ‘Moth Orchids’ in the horticultural trade, are frequently used to furnish cut flowers for the florist trade or sold as flowering potted-plants for home or interiorscape.

*Phalaenopsis* produces upright or pendent lateral racemes, often with many showy flowers which open in succession beginning with the lowermost. The flowers possess three sepals and three petals; the lateral ones being alike. The lowermost petal, called the labellum, is three-lobed and is often more brightly-colored than the other flower segments. Flower colors include various shades of pink, white, yellow and red-brown.

*Phalaenopsis* orchids are typically propagated from seeds. Asexual propagation of *Phalaenopsis* is often done

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from off-shoots which frequently arise from the lower bracts of the inflorescence. The resulting plants are detached from the mother plant and may be planted in a suitable substrate.

The new *Phalaenopsis* ‘Joyride’ is a product of a controlled breeding program conducted by the inventor, René Schoone, in Strengweg, Heemskerk, The Netherlands. The objective of the breeding program was to develop a new *Phalaenopsis* cultivar particularly characterized by its attractive and unique colored flowers, economical propagation via tissue culture, rapid growth, and a plant dimension suitable for packaging and shipping to the market.

The new *Phalaenopsis* ‘Joyride’ originated from a cross made by the inventor in 2002 in Strengweg, Heemskerk, The Netherlands. The female or seed parent is the *Phalaenopsis* cultivar designated ‘Yu Pin Lover’, unpatented. The male or pollen parent is the *Phalaenopsis* cultivar designated ‘Ruey Lih Beauty’, unpatented. The new *Phalaenopsis* ‘Joyride’ was discovered and selected by the inventor as a single flowering plant within the progeny of the stated cross in a controlled environment in 2010 in Strengweg, Heemskerk, The Netherlands.

Asexual reproduction of the new *Phalaenopsis* cultivar by tissue culture (mericlone) was first performed in November, 2010 in Cieweg 13, Heemskerk, The Netherlands, and has demonstrated that the combination of characteristics as herein disclosed for the new cultivar are firmly fixed and retained through successive generations of asexual reproduction. The new cultivar asexually reproduces true-to-type.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be unique characteristics of ‘Joyride’, which in combination distinguish this *Phalaenopsis* as a new and distinct cultivar:

1. flowers which are purple/violet with thin white edges and a purple labellum;
2. plant produces more than one inflorescence;
3. plants may be propagated economically and uniformly using tissue culture;
4. inflorescences are long and sturdy; and
5. relatively short, dark-green foliage.

In comparison with the parental cultivars of 'Joyride', the flowers of the female parent 'Yu Pin Lover' are purple/violet with white edges, the flowers of the male parent 'Ruey Lih Beauty' purple/violet with white marks/drawings, whereas the flowers of 'Joyride' are purple/violet and have thin white edges.

Presently, the commercial cultivar to which 'Joyride' can be meaningfully compared is 'Freeride' (U.S. application Ser. No. 15/731,134). 'Joyride' is a little darker in color and has less white at the edges. Also differs the shape of the flower.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying photographs illustrate the overall appearance of the new *Phalaenopsis* 'Joyride' showing the colors as true as is reasonably possible with colored reproductions of this type. Colors in the photographs may differ slightly from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description, which accurately describe the color of 'Joyride'.

FIG. 1 shows a side view perspective of a typical flowering plant of 'Joyride' in a 12 cm pot, at 16 months of age.

FIG. 2 shows a close-up view of the typical flower of 'Joyride'.

FIG. 3 shows a close-up view of the typical leaves of 'Joyride'.

#### DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The new *Phalaenopsis* cultivar 'Joyride' has not been observed under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype of the new cultivar may vary with variations in environment such as temperature, light intensity, and day length without any change in the genotype of the plant.

The aforementioned photographs, together with the following observations, measurements and values describe plants of 'Joyride' as grown in a greenhouse in Strengweg, Heemskerk, The Netherlands, under conditions which closely approximate those generally used in commercial practice. Initially, the ideal temperature to grow plants of 'Joyride' is 27° C. during the day and at night. Then, during the flowering phase of 'Joyride', the ideal growing temperature is 20-22° C. during the day and 18° C. at night. Light levels for growing 'Joyride' are a minimum of 5,000 lux and a maximum of 10,000 lux. A balanced fertilizer with level of 200 ppm N, 87 ppm P, 168 ppm K is applied. Duration of growth of 'Joyride' from potting size is between 10 and 14 months.

Color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart (R.H.S.), 2007 edition, except where general colors of ordinary significance are used. Color values were taken under daylight conditions at approximately noon in Zaandammerweg, Assendelft, The Netherlands. The age of the 'Joyride' plants described is 12 months after potting.

#### Classification:

*Botanical.*—*Phalaenopsis hybrida*.

#### Parentage:

*Female or seed parent.*—*Phalaenopsis* cultivar designated 'Yu Pin Lover', unpatented.

*Male or pollen parent.*—*Phalaenopsis* cultivar designated 'Ruey Lih Beauty', unpatented.

#### Propagation:

*Type.*—Tissue culture.

*Rooting habit and description.*—Fleshy; approximately 2 mm-6 mm wide and greyed/green in color (RHS 190B); freely branching. It takes 12 weeks for plants growing in tissue culture to initiate roots.

#### Plant:

*Size at maturity.*—Height (from bottom of pot to highest flower): about 60 cm. Spread: about 40 to 70 cm.

*Growth habit.*—Standard; green leaves (RHS 137A and RHS 137B) and a relatively normal raceme.

*Vigor.*—Moderate.

*Crop time.*—Following asexual propagation, at about 26 weeks 2 leaves appear; at about 30 weeks 3-4 leaves appear; after a cold treatment of about 4-8 weeks at a temperature of about 19° C. about 1-2 racemes with flowers appear.

#### Foliage:

*Quantity per plant.*—About 6-8 leaves are produced before flowering.

*Arrangement and attachment.*—Half up/horizontal and on two sides.

*Overall shape of leaf.*—Oval; the tip is blunt and asymmetric.

*Texture (upper & underside).*—Smooth and leathery.

*Pubescence.*—None.

*Mature leaf length.*—About 18 cm.

*Mature leaf width.*—About 9 cm.

*Mature leaf thickness.*—About 2 mm.

*Mature leaf color.*—Upper side: green (RHS 137A and RHS 137B). Under side: yellow/green (RHS 146B) with a purple haze (RHS N79A) with purple on the midvein and on the edges (RHS N79A).

*Leaf base.*—Acute.

*Margin.*—Entire.

*Venation.*—Pattern: parallel. Color of midvein: upper side: green (RHS 137A). Under side: purple (RHS N79A).

#### Inflorescence description:

*Appearance.*—Upright to slightly pendant, racemose inflorescence with bilaterally symmetrical flowers that open in succession beginning with the lowermost flower.

#### Raceme:

*Quantity per plant.*—About 1 to 3.

*Number of flowers per raceme.*—About 8-16.

*Length.*—About 20 cm.

*Diameter.*—About 4 mm.

#### Peduncle:

*Length.*—About 40 cm.

*Diameter.*—About 6 mm.

*Strength.*—Strong.

*Aspect.*—Upright.

*Texture.*—Glabrous and smooth.

*Color.*—Brown (RHS N200C) with yellow/green spots (RHS 137A).

## Buds:

*Height (from base to tip).*—About 20 mm.

*Diameter (at midpoint).*—About 17 mm.

*Shape.*—Oval with a bump.

*Color.*—Purple (RHS N81A).

*Orientation.*—Same as flowers (forward facing).

*Flowering time.*—For an untreated plant (flowering plant that has not undergone cold-treatment where the plant grows at a temperature of 18° C. to 19° C. for about 4 to 8 weeks after a period of about 30 weeks at a temperature of 25° C.), 1-3 racemes appear with flower buds and flowers. First flowers can be expected approximately 4 to 6 months after planting a plant with a leaf diameter of 3 to 5 cm. Flowers persistent.

*Flowering longevity.*—On the plant: about 4 to 6 months; lastingness of cut flowers: has not been observed.

*Fragrance.*—No fragrance.

*Flower.*—Rate of opening: Flowers fully opened about 2 to 3 days after petal and sepal separation. Orientation at opening: slanted upward and outward. Shape: Typical shape of *Phalaenopsis*; see FIG. 2. Size (of single bloom).—Height: about 80 mm. Width: about 100 mm. Quantity and arrangement: three petals and three sepals that are trimerous, overlapping and arranged in 2 whorls. Petals are more pronounced than sepals.

*Petals.*—Arrangement: Inner whorl comprises 3 petals: 2 lateral petals and a labellum. 2 lateral petals: Overall shape: broadly ovate and weakly cupped. Apex: oval. Margin: entire and weakly undulate. Base: broadly ovate. Length: about 63 mm. Width: about 45 mm. Texture: Upper surface: smooth and satiny. Under surface: smooth and satiny. Color (when fully opened): upper side: main color is purple/violet (N80A) with thin white edges (NN155C). Under side: purple/violet (N80B). Label- lum: Overall shape: 3-lobed with 2 prominent callosities at central junction of the lateral lobes and base of the midlobe. Lateral lobes of labellum fold upward about the column; the midlobe extends forward and is terminated by 2 filiform appendages at the apex. Lateral lobes of the labellum are ovate in shape while the midlobe is triangular with a bump and a rib on it. Margin: entire and weakly undulate. Apex of the midlobe and lateral lobes: oval. Length midlobe: about 20 mm. Width midlobe (not flattened): about 20 mm. Length lateral lobe: about 18 mm. Width lateral lobe (not flattened): about 14 mm. Depth of tube created by lateral lobes of labellum: about 16 mm. Texture: Upper & under surface: smooth and satiny. Color (when fully opened): Mid lobe, upper side: main color is purple/violet (RSH N81A) with purple (RHS N79B and RHS N79C).

Under side: purple/violet (RHS N81A). Lateral lobes, upper side: at the base some white (RHS NN155C) with runs into purple/violet (RHS N81A) and then into (RHS N81B). At the base also some red/purple stripes (RHS 59A). Under side: At the side some white (RHS 155C, which runs into purple/violet (RH N81A) and then purple (RHS 77A). Cirrhi: about 15 mm. Color: purple (RHS N79B) whit a white tip (RHS NN155C). Pestle (Callosities): Length: about 4 mm. Width (not flattened): about 6 mm. Color: main color is yellow (RHS 10C) with purple/violet on the sides (RHS N81A) and with red/purple spots and stripes (RHS N79B).

*Sepals.*—Arrangement: Outer whorl comprises 3 sepals, one dorsal and two lateral sepals. Overall shape: elliptical and weakly cupped. Margin: entire and weakly undulate. Length: about 40 mm. Width: about 30 mm. Apex: oval; dorsal has a little notch and lateral is a little pointy. Texture: Upper and under surface: smooth and satiny. Color (when fully opened): Upper side, dorsal: purple/violet (RHS N81A) with at the base some very small purple spots (RHS N78C). Lateral: main color is purple/violet (RHS N81A). At the base some yellow/green (RHS 145C) and some red/purple spots (RHS 59A). Under side, dorsal: purple/violet (RHS N81A) Lateral: purple/violet (RHS N81A) with a yellow/green haze (RHS 153C).

*Pedical.*—Length: about 40 mm. Diameter: about 3 mm. Texture: glabrous and smooth. Color: starting at the flower red/purple (RHS 72B) with some white (RHS NN155C) which runs into yellow/green (RHS 145C) with purple (RHS N79B).

## Reproductive organs:

*Arrangement.*—The stamens, style and stigmas are fused into a single, short structure called the column, possessing one terminal anther with pollen grains united into a pollinia, which are covered by an anther cap. The stigma is located under the column behind the pollinia. The ovary is inferior with three carpels present. The plant has not produced seed to date.

*Column.*—Length: about 15 mm. Diameter: about 6 mm. Color: purple/violet (RHS N81A).

*Pollinia.*—Quantity: two. Diameter: about 4 mm. Color: yellow/orange (RHS 23A).

*Ovary.*—Length: about 3 mm. Diameter: about 2 mm. Color: white (RHS NN155D).

Disease/pest resistance/susceptibility: No specific resistance or susceptibility observed.

Temperature tolerance: Tolerant to a low temperature of about 15° C. and to a high temperature about 30° C.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct *Phalaenopsis* plant named 'Joyride', as illustrated and described herein.

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FIG. 1



FIG. 2



FIG. 3

