

## **PEDIGREE NOTES FOR NATHANIEL**

Any self-respecting stallion master will extol the virtues of his new stallion's pedigree, but in Nathaniel's case, it's no exaggeration to assert he is by the best sire on the planet out of the world's best broodmare, MAGNIFICENT STYLE. She is the dam of no fewer than eight black-type winners, including Nathaniel's full sister, GREAT HEAVENS, winner of this year's G1 Irish Oaks, and his three-quarter sister by SADLER'S WELLS, PLAYFUL ACT, the world's most expensive broodmare at \$10.5-million, and already the dam of Newsells' Grade II-winning daughter, GIANT'S PLAY (by Giant's Causeway). Magnificent Style's other Group/Graded winners include ECHOES OF ETERNITY, PERCUSSIONIST, and CHANGING SKIES who sold for \$4.2m in November 2012. Interestingly, Magnificent Style is herself a half-sister to G1 winner and successful sire, SIBERIAN SUMMER, sire of IN EXCESS, and goes back to the great American family founded by BOURTAI (1942), dam of BANTA, DELTA, NALEE, and BAYOU, and ancestress of countless Group/Grade I winners. It is no exaggeration to say that, in pedigree terms, Nathaniel is an 11 out of 10.

Moreover, Nathaniel's retirement to Newsells Park, one of Europe's leading commercial nurseries, could not be more timely. GALILEO is off to a great start as a sire of sires, with 2012 leading European Freshman Sire, NEW APPROACH, as well as second-crop sire TEOFILO, and another 2012 leading freshman sire, SIXTIES ICON. Nathaniel's retirement to a leading English stud provides breeders with a great opportunity to breed to an absolutely top-class son of Galileo, with a top-class pedigree, for a reasonable fee. As my colleague Gary Hadden details herein, he will suit a broad range of mares – especially as he's not out of a Danehill mare himself!

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## **POTENTIAL CROSSES WITH NATHANIEL**

2012 will go down in the history books as the year Galileo's record as a stallion went supersonic. This year Galileo sired 20 individual Northern Hemisphere Group/Graded Stakes winners including seven G1 winners. Frankel retired unbeaten and is now as iconic to our sport as a 'Phelps' or a 'Bolt' are to others. In the sale's ring Galileo was responsible for seven of the top eight lots sold at public auction in Europe. His legacy as a sire of sires has begun with his stallion sons Teofilo and New Approach both already siring G1 winners.

As Galileo is indisputably the world's number one sire, and Nathaniel is a top-class 10-12 furlong Group 1 winner by Galileo (but not out of a Danehill mare), it makes sense to plan matings to Nathaniel at least

somewhat along the same lines as his sire. If we look at the 26 mares which have produced Northern Hemisphere G1 winners by Galileo (Magnificent Style has produced two, Nathaniel and his full sister, Great Heavens), we find that 24 of the 26 were winners; 17 of those (over 65%) were winners at a mile or less, and 13 of the 26 – exactly 50% - earned black type themselves at a mile or less. This trait has produced the likes of Frankel, New Approach, Rip Van Winkle, Teofilo, Golden Lilac, etc. The emphasis for Nathaniel should be on classically bred mares that have performed at a mile or less.

The most obvious place to start for potential crosses with Nathaniel is with the Danzig-line. Galileo has now sired 15 stakes winners (six G1 winners) from mares by DANEHILL including the likes of G1W Frankel, G1W Teofilo and G1W Golden Lilac, etc. Galileo has also sired Group/Graded Stakes winners (GSW) from mares that are by sons of Danehill e.g. DANEHILL DANCER and DESERT KING. Galileo sired G1W Lush Lashes from a mare by ANABAA. Galileo's son Teofilo also sired a stakes winner from a mare by Anabaa as well as a stakes winner from a mare by SINNDAR. Galileo has sired three GSW from mares by GREEN DESERT including G1W Was and promising two-year-old G2W Battle of Marengo. New Approach has also sired a stakes winner from a mare by that stallion. Teofilo sired G3W Havana Gold from a mare by a son of Green Desert (DESERT STYLE). Other Green Desert line stallions to consider include CAPE CROSS, OASIS DREAM and INVINCIBLE SPIRIT.

The Nureyev branch looks one of the most obvious branches to try with Nathaniel. It allows inbreeding to the famed mare SPECIAL through three part brothers Sadler's Wells and Nureyev. Galileo has sired two GSW from mares by NUREYEV (including G2W Incanto Dream) and he also features as the 2<sup>nd</sup> dam-sire of New Approach's smart filly G3W Newfangled. Galileo has sired two stakes winners from mares by STRAVINSKY including G1W Rip Van Winkle. Galileo's son Sixties Icon has sired G3W Chilworth Icon whose second dam is by PEINTRE CELEBRE. Mares by PIVOTAL, THEATRICAL or SPINNING WORLD could be other options.

Galileo has sired G1W Allegretto from a mare by CAERLEON and it is interesting to note that Nathaniel's broodmare sire Silver Hawk has sired three G1 winners from mares by that stallion also. Mares by GREEN TUNE could also be worth trying.

The Storm Cat branch has been showing some potential. Galileo has sired two stakes winners from mares by STORM CAT including G1W Misty For Me and G3W Galatee from a mare by a son of Storm Cat (MOUNTAIN CAT). Galileo's son Teofilo has sired G1W Loch Garman from a mare by GIANT'S CAUSEWAY.

Nathaniel's sire Galileo has sired five stakes winners (four GSW) from Ahonoora line mares including G1W New Approach. Four of these stakes winners have come from mares by INDIAN RIDGE including

G1W Nighttime. The second dams of G1W Maybe (INDIAN RIDGE) and G1W Rip Van Winkle (DON'T FORGET ME) were also by Ahonoora line stallions.

Galileo sired G1W Red Rocks from a mare by MACHIAVELLIAN and Galileo's son New Approach sired G3W Newfangled from a mare also by that stallion. Machiavellian's son MEDICEAN is a worthy consideration. Even though Galileo is out of a mare by MISWAKI, it may be worth finding mares for Nathaniel that carry additional strains of this stallion as Galileo has sired two GSW which contain inbreeding to Miswaki or possibly WOODMAN who is bred on the same Mr. Prospector/Buckpasser cross. Other Mr. Prospector line stallions that may have potential include GONE WEST and ZAFONIC.

The most obvious stallions to utilise from the Sharpen Up line are the full brothers DIESIS and KRIS. Galileo has sired G1W Sixties Icon from a mare by Diesis and Teofilo has sired two stakes including G3W Remember Alexander from mares by Diesis. Kris appears as the dam-sire in one of the first three generations of eight stakes winners by Galileo including G1 Lush Lashes and G1W Roderic O'Connor.

BERING and his son PENNEKAMP represent another branch of the Native Dancer sire-line. Galileo has sired G1W Together and G1W Lily of the Valley from mares by Pennekamp.

The stamina rich Mill Reef line has been a classic combination for Sadler's Wells line stallions. Galileo has sired three GSW from mares by MARK OF ESTEEM including G1W Treasure Beach and Galileo has sired 12 stakes winners from mares by DARSHAAN including G1W Alandi.

Nathaniel may be able to improve on Galileo's record with Blushing Groom line mares. His dam-sire Silver Hawk hails from the Roberto line which has been excellent in combination with the Blushing Groom line. Teofilo has sired G2W Light Heavy from a mare by QUEST OF FAME. Other possibilities include RAINBOW QUEST, RAHY, ARAZI, etc.

Nathaniel contains the Ribot line stallion Tom Rolfe as his third dam-sire. Stallions that carry such Ribot line stallions close up in their pedigrees (e.g. Street Cry and Distorted Humor) have shown to appreciate further additional strains of Ribot. Names to look out for further back in pedigrees include ALLEGED, HOIST THE FLAG, HIS MAJESTY, GRAUSTARK, etc.

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