

RACE RECORD

\$230,000 yearling at Keeneland.
In Ireland, unbeaten at 2, won 3 races, 1400m.
Second favourite for Gr1 2000 Guineas (behind Frankel), unplaced.

Champion Irish 2yo and Highest Rated 2yo in Ireland 2010.
Rated Timeform 119+ at 2.

At 2 **WON Gr1 National S.** (1400m)
WON Gr2 Futurity S. (1400m)

SIRE LINE

DISTORTED HUMOR – multiple G2 & G3 winner in USA, G1 placed, to 1800m (rated 117); sire of G1 winners of both sexes; Champion Freshman Sire USA; Champion Sire USA (twice); sire-of-sires.

Notable progeny incl **Funny Cide** (02c – Slewacide, Little Current); **Drosselmeyer** (07c – Moscow Ballet, Slew O'Gold); **Flower Alley** (02c – Lycius, Sadler's Wells; *sire*); **Hystericalady** (03f – Northair, El Oriental); **Commentator** (01c – Storm Bird, Woodman); **Any Given Saturday** (04c – A.P. Indy, Spectacular Bid; *sire*); **Awesome Humor** (00f – Pass The Tab, Cox's Ridge); **Pathfork** (08c – Sadler's Wells, Riverman; *sire*); **Aesop Fables** (09c – Sadler's Wells, Blushing Groom); **Jimmy Creed** (09c – Citidancer, Allen's Prospect); **Fourty Niners Son** (01c – Alleged, Conquistador Cielo); **Bit Of Whimsy** (04f – El Prado, Pia Star); Regal Ransom (06c – Red Ransom, Deputy Minister); **Sharp Humor** (03c – Hansel, Believe It; *sire*); **Alternation** (08c – Seattle Slew, Green Dancer); **Boisterous** (07c – Cox's Ridge, Majestic Light); **Distorted Legacy** (07f – Private Account, Hoist The Flag); **Shumoos** (09f – Storm Cat, Cryptoclearance); **Hello Pretty** (01c – Blazing Sword, Raami); **Justenuffhumor** (05c – Broad Brush, Lear Fan); **Slow Pace** (08c – Seattle Slew, El Gran Senor); **Do It All** (07c – Dynaformer, Caerleon); etc.

Distorted Humor is kinbred 4x4 Courtesy x Gay Rig.

Forty Niner lines sires in South Africa:

Pathfork (**Distorted Humor** by Forty Niner), Trippi (**End Sweep** by Forty Niner), Kildonan, Thomas Crown (**Rich Man's Gold** by Forty Niner)

STUD ANALYSIS

First season at stud in 2012

PEDIGREE

This is a major sire-producing female line, originating with Pathfork's fifth dam Best In Show. Her daughter Sex Appeal is dam of El Gran Senor, Try My Best, Northern Guest (all by Northern Dancer). Another daughter Show Lady is 3rd dam of Redoute's Choice (Daneshill). Another daughter Monroe got Xaar and Modus Vivendi (both Zafonic). Then there's Blush With Pride, grandam of US Classic winners Jazil (Seeking The Gold) and Rags To Riches (A.P. Indy). And then Pathfork's dam, who is 3-part sister to Gr1 producing sire Spinning World (by Nureyev).

Pathfork's dam Visions Of Clarity is inbred 3x3 to half brothers Bold Reason and Never Bend (together in Sadler's Wells successful cross with Mill Reef/Shirley Heights).

The grandam of Pathfork's sire Distorted Humor, Sweetest Chant, is very close kin to Bold Reason and Never Bend. A large proportion of Distorted Humor's G1 winners have Sadler's Wells (as sire of dam, grandam, or damsire). Sadler's Wells' line of Bold Reason appears significant in his best offspring. Lalun, the dam of Bold Reason and Never Bend, is a noted La Troienne carrier. La Troienne is invariably present in multiples in Distorted Humor's best offspring.

SUITABLE LINES for Pathfork should include those from his own female line, pointing in the South African context especially at champion broodmare sire Northern Guest, and by extension female lines which have produced big winners by Northern Guest.

The La Troienne angle should remain of interest, notably through Buckpasser, who is well represented in the SA mare population – notably through Al Mufti & sons, Northern Guest, National Assembly, etc. Background elements of Bull Lea

Distorted Humor (USA) 1993	Forty Niner 1985	Mr Prospector	Raise A Native - NATIVE DANCER
		File	Gold Digger - Nashua
	Danzig 1987	Danzig	Tom Rolfe - Ribot
Visions Of Clarity (IRE) 2000	Sadler's Wells 1981	Sweetest Chant	Continue - Double Jay
		NORTHERN DANCER	NORTHERN DANCER - Nearctic
	Fairy Bridge	Pas De Nom - Admiral's Voyage	
	Imperfect Circle 1988	Riverman	Mr Leader - HAIL TO REASON
		Aviance	Gay Sonnet - Sailor
			Nearctic - Nearco
		Bold Reason - HAIL TO REASON	Special - Forli
		Never Bend - Nasrullah	River Lady - Prince John
		Northfields - NORTHERN DANCER	Minnie Hauk - Sir Ivor

should further enhance this mix.

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The close resemblance of performance at stud of Distorted Humor and Trippi makes the latter's daughters interesting options for Pathfork.

SALES ANALYSIS

BORN	colt	avg	sold	SI	filly	avg	sold	SI
'13	240,000	9	0.69		204,643	14	1.15	

FEMALE LINE

1st dam

Visions Of Clarity (00f, Sadler's Wells): 2 wins, 1600m, in France, Prix de Bagatelle (L); dam of **PATHFORK** (08c, Distorted Humor): **Champion 2yo colt**; subject stallion
Lotus Sutra (07f, Kingmambo): dam of **NUSIFERA** (12c, More Than Ready): 3 wins, Prix Francois Boutin (L); 2nd Gr3 Prix la Rochette (TFR 107)
Psi (05c, Hernando): won, 2400m, in France

2nd dam

IMPERFECT CIRCLE (88f, Riverman): 2 wins, 1200-1400m, Firth Of Clyde S.; 2nd Gr1 Cheveley Park S. (TFR 111); dam of **SPINNING WORLD** (93c, Nureyev): **Top rated 3yo Champion Mile**; 8 wins, 1600-1800m, G1 Breeder's Cup Mile, Gr1 Prix Jacques le Marois (2x), Gr1 Irish 2000 Guineas, Gr1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, Gr2 Prix du Muguet, Gr3 Prix Saint Roman; 2nd Gr1 Breeder's Cup Mile, Gr1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, Gr1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp (TFR 130); sire of Gr1 winners in UK & Australasia; sire of sire Thorn Park, **leading sire**
RANGOON RUBY (96f, Kingmambo): won in France, Gr3 Prix de Ris-Orangis; 3rd Prix Impudence (L) (TFR 105); dam of **SAGARA** (04c, Sadler's Wells): **Champion 3yo Champion miler**; won in France, 2100m; 2nd Gr2 Prix Greffulhe, Gr2 Prix Niel, Gr3 Jockey Club Cup; 3rd Gr1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Gr1 GP de Paris (TFR 124)
Ring Of Fire (95f, Nureyev): unraced; dam of Javana (00f, Sandpit): unraced; dam of **Bet On The Blue** (07f, E Dubai): 3 wins in US; 2nd Pebbles S. (L); 3rd Gr3 Beaugay S., Twin Light S. (L)
Happybirthdaybaby (10f, Success Appeal): won; 2nd Camilla Urso S.
Balance of Nature (04f, Storm Cat): placed; dam of **GLOBAL BALANCE** (09f, Redoute's Choice): 3 wins, Gr3 Schweppes Vescence S., Tasmanian Oaks (L)
Towards (06f Fusiachi Pegasus): dam of **One Chance** (11f Invincible Spirit): won; 3rd Gr2 Queen Mary S. (TFR 95)

3rd dam

AVIANCE (82f, Northfields): 2 wins at 2, Gr1 Phoenix S. (TFR 111); dam of **IMPERFECT CIRCLE** (88f, Riverman): see above

CHIMES OF FREEDOM (87f, Private Account): **Top rated 3yo**; 6 wins, Gr1 Coronation S., Gr1 Moyglare Stud S., Gr2 Child S.; 3rd Gr1 Cheveley Park S.; dam of

ALDEBARAN (98c, Mr Prospector): **Champion sprinter**; 8 wins, G1 Metropolitan Hcp, G2 Churchill Downs Hcp, G2 Tom Fool Hcp., Nassau Hcp (L); 2nd G1 Metropolitan Hcp, G1 Cigar Mile, G1 Forego Hcp, G1 Carter Hcp; 3rd G1 Hollywood Derby, G1 Stephen Foster Hcp; **sire**

GOOD JOURNEY (96c, Nureyev): 7 wins, G1 Atto Mile, G2 Citation Hcp (2x), G2 Firecracker BC Hcp; 2nd G2 Frank Kilroe Hcp, G3 R Carey Mem. Hcp.; **sire**
TOMISUE'S INDY (94f, A.P. Indy): 6 wins, Quick Reward S. (L)

SEA OF SHOWERS (99f, Seattle Slew): 4 wins, G3 Jenny Wiley S.; 3rd Gr3 Prix de Sandringham; dam of Atso (05c, Kingmambo); unraced; **sire** in SAf

DENON (98c, Private Account): 6 wins, G1 Hollywood Derby, G1 Turf Classic, G1 Charles Whittingham Hcp., G1 Manhattan Hcp., Gr3 Prix de Fontainebleu; 2nd G1 Sword Dancer Hcp., G1 United Nations Hcp., Gr3 Prix Thomas Byron; 3rd Gr1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, Gr1 Prix Jean Prat, G1 Man O'War S.

Piquetrol (92f, Private Account): won; 2nd Gr1 Prix Marcel Boussac; 3rd Gr2 Prix de Cabourg; dam of

MAMBO LIGHT (06f, Kingmambo): 3 wins, Grosser Fahrhof Preis (L); 2nd Gr3 Maurice laCroix Trophy; 3rd Gr3 Preis der Spielbank Hamburg

DIETRICH (98f, Storm Cat): 3 wins, Gr3 Ballyogan S., Gr3 King George S.; dam of **Marquesa** (06f, Kingmambo): won; 2nd Gr3 Swordlestown Stud Sprint

Aloft (12c, Galileo): won; 2nd Gr1 Racing Post Trophy

BEAUTY BRIGHT (03f, Danehill): **Top rated filly in Ire**; 2 wins, Gr3 Renaissance S.; 2nd Gr3 1000 Guineas Trial; 3rd Gr2 Lowther S.

Remote Romance (97f, Irish River): 2 wins; dam of

SADDEX (03c, Sadler's Wells): **Hwt Older horse**; 7 wins, Gr1 Pr Presidente della Repubblica, Gr1 Rheinland Pokal, Gr2 GP de Chantilly, Gr2 Gerling Preis, Derby Trial (L), GP Dortmund (L); 2nd Gr1 Prix Ganay; 3rd GP von Baden-Baden

Privately Held (94c, Private Account): 8 wins, 2nd Meadowlands S.

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Distorted Humor – Visions Of Clarity by Sadler's Wells

When a successful sire gets sons to stand at stud, there's always the question of whether they'll be able to carry on the male-line torch. No longer any worries in this respect for American champion sire Distorted Humor. In the spring of 2012 his son Flower Alley made headlines as sire of I'll Have Another, winner of the first two legs of the US Triple Crown, the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes.

Distorted Humor, who is sire of more than one hundred stakes winners, has yet to have one in that category whose dam does carry one or more lines of La Troienne. When Distorted Humor first went to stud, concerted efforts were made to give him mares with La Troienne, as expectations were that this would suit him. The early efforts paid off in a big way, and the trend continued. The connection with La Troienne (which Distorted Humor does not have himself) is bottom female-line ancestor Nectarine (a full sister to Bull Lea), who is kin to La Troienne.

In modern pedigrees, La Troienne is widespread and not difficult to find in multiples. One noted influence is La Troienne's son Bimelech, through his daughter Lalun, who is dam of sires Never Bend and Bold Reason. The two sires are the driving force behind the affinity cross of Sadler's Wells (dam by Bold Reason) with Never Bend stallions Mill Reef (& sons Shirley Heights and Doyoun) and Riverman.

To date, Distorted Humor has sires ten individual Gr1 winners. Included are Flower Alley (grandam by Sadler's Wells), Hystericalady (damsire Northair has Bold Reason), Any Given Saturday (4th dam is kin to Lalun), Bit of Whimsy (dam by Sadler's Wells' son El Prado), and Pathfork (dam by Sadler's Wells out of a mare by Riverman). Added to this, Flower Alley's Derby winning son I'll Have Another is out of a mare inbred to Never Bend.

The linking factor from Distorted Humor is his grandam Sweetest Chant (by Mr Leader), who is close kin to Bold Reason and Never Bend.

On to the bottom half of Pathfork's pedigree, his dam Visions Of Clarity. She's a daughter of Sadler's Wells, and has a 3x3 double of Bold Reason x Never Bend. Visions Of Clarity is bottom-line kinbred through Sadler's Wells significant female line ancestor Dalmaly going to Papola, the significant ancestor in the bottom female-line of Pathfork.

This is a major sire-producing female line, which hit the big time with Best In Show, the fifth dam of Pathfork.

Best In Show's daughter Sex Appeal (by La Troienne-line sire Buckpasser) is dam of sires El Gran Senor, Try My Best, Northern Guest (all by Northern Dancer). Another daughter Show Lady is 3rd dam of Redoute's Choice (Danahill), whose champion daughter Miss Finland has a dam with Sadler's Wells and Mill Reef.



US Champion Sire with his first crop to race and US Champion Sire of 2011, **Distorted Humor** continues to bolster his reputation as a sire of sires. His son Flower Alley sired the 2012 GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness Stakes winner I'll Have Another.

Another daughter Monroe got sires Xaar and Modus Vivendi (both by Zafonic). Then there's daughter Blush With Pride, grandam of US Classic winners Jazil (Seeking The Gold) and Rags To Riches (A.P. Indy). And Minnie Hauk, the third dam of Pathfork's dam who is 3-part sister to Gr1 producing sire Spinning World (by Nureyev). Spinning World sired Gr1 winners in two hemispheres, his best English winner the filly Spinning Queen, kinbred 4x4 bottom-lines through Minnie Hauk x Cap And Gown (for reference, the latter is also grandam of SA sire Labeeb).

Where From Here

Suitable lines for Pathfork should include those from his own potent female line, pointing in the South African context especially at champion broodmare sire Northern Guest, and by extension female lines which have produced big winners by Northern Guest. Northern Guest's dam is by Buckpasser, a traditional source of La Troienne, of such value in the context of Distorted Humor.

The La Troienne angle must remain of interest, most likely through Buckpasser who is so well represented in the South African mare population – notably through Al Mufti & sons, Northern Guest, National Assembly, etc. Background elements of Bull Lea and his full sister Nectarine should further enhance this mix.

Inbreeding to Sadler's Wells must be an option, as is adding members of the same female line (descending from Dalmaly), notably Nureyev and Golden Thatch. Sadler's Wells' damsire Bold Reason leads to Mill Reef, Shirley Heights, Riverman. Sir Ivor belongs in the same camp.

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PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable lines for Pathfork could include

1. Best In Show female line descendants, notably Northern Guest, Try My Best (Last Tycoon, Bel Byou), El Gran Senor, Modus Vivendi, Atso; Labeeb (kin-linked to this female line)
2. La Troienne female line descendants, notably Buckpasser (Northern Guest, Al Mufti, National Assembly, etc – widespread)
3. Dalmaly female line descendants, incl Sadler's Wells, Nureyev, Fairy King, Golden Thatch, etc
4. Lalun female line descendants Bold Reason and Never Bend (Mill Reef, Shirley Heights; Riverman, Irish River; etc), and Lalun's kin-linked Mr Leader
5. Trippi, notably in combination with any of the above
6. Rose Leaves (full sister to Bull Lea) female line descendants (Native Chapeau, Diorissimo, Scented Royal; Sleek Gold; Noble Ambition), notably in combination with any of the above

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