

Potala Palace

bay, 2008 • height 16hh

RACE RECORD

R3.6 million yearling.
In South Africa, 4 wins 1400-1600m, at 2 to 5.

Rated MR 108

at 2 **WON Gr1** Premier's Champion S. (1600m)
at 3 **4th Gr1** Cape Derby (2000m)
at 5 **WON Gr3** Spring Challenge (1450m)

SIRE LINE

SINGSPIEL – 9 wins and £3.6m (US\$6m) incl 5 Gr1 races, 1996 **Champion Turf Horse** and **Champion Older Male, Timeform 133**; at 3 won O & K Troy S., 2nd Gr1 Coral Eclipse S., Gr2 Great Voltigeur S., Gr1 GP De Paris, Gr3 Classic Trial; at 4 won Gr1 Japan Cup, Gr1 Canadian International S., Gr3 Gordon Richards S., Gr3 Select S., 2nd 2nd G1 Breeders' Cup Turf, Gr1 Coronation Cup, Gr2 Princess Of Wales's S.; at 5 won Gr1 Dubai World Cup, Gr1 Coronation Cup, Gr1 Juddmonte International S.; Sire of Champions. Sire of sires. Broodmare Sire of Champions, a world leading sire.

Notable progeny incl **Dar Re Mi** (05f – Top Ville, Abdos); **Solow** (10c – Highest Honor, Fabulous Dancer) Gr1 winner Dubai turf; **Eastern Anthem** (04c – Zinaad, Lagunas); **Papineau** (00c – Grey Dawn, Tom Rolfe); **In Time's Eye** (99c – Alleged, Grenfall); **Asakusa Denen** (99c – Machiavellian, Bustino); **Moon Ballad** (99c – Shaadi, Relkino); **Lateral** (03c – Aragon, Surumu); **Hibaayeb** (07f – Lion Cavern, Zonda); **Andean** (01c – Mill Reef, Prince Ippi); **Mulaqat** (03c – Lahib, Shareef Dancer); **Silkwood** (04f – Woodman, Nureyev); **Gower Song** (03f – Kalaglow, Mill Reef); **Dark Islander** (03c – Woodman, Nureyev); **Folk Opera** (04f – Halling, The Minstrel); **Balladeuse** (05f – Rainbow Quest, Lyphard); **Tastahil** (04c – Shaadi, High Line); **Areyoutalkintome** (03c – Last Tycoon, Dancer's Image); **Wild Savannah** (02c – Arazi, Dancing Brave); **Lahudood** (03f – Arazi, Mr Prospector); **Yaddree** (05c – Nashwan, Nureyev); **Sopranist** (06c – Kris, High Top); **Covert Ambition** (05c – Lahib, Magical Wonder); **Confidential Lady** (03f – Dayjur, Banner Sport); **Glorious Sight** (08f – Warning, Caerleon); **Abjer** (08c – Lando, Red Steps); **Andina** (07f – Rahy, Vice Regent); **Dordogne** (08c – Efsio, Norwick); **Live Concert** (04c – Kingmambo, Mt Livermore); **Princess Taylor** (04f – Mille Babes, Fabulous Dancer); **Candy Singer** (05f – Candy Stripes, Farnesio); **Miss Singhsix** (05f – Miswaki, What A Pleasure)

KIN-BREEDING: Singspiel is a half brother to Rahy (Blushing Groom) and Rakeen (Northern Dancer); Singspiel is kinbred 4x2x3 Bold Reason x Halo x Miss Swapsco. His dam Glorious Song is kinbred 2x2 Cosmah x Miss Swapsco.

Sadler's Wells line sires in South Africa: Dynasty, Elusive Fort, Whitechapel (**Fort Wood**); Jackson, Irish Flame (**Dynasty**); The Assayer (**Galileo**); Golden Sword (**High Chaparral**); Lateral, Potala Palace (**Singpiel**), King's Chapel (**King Of Kings**), Stagelight (**Montjeu**)

STUD ANALYSIS

First season at stud in 2014

PEDIGREE

The female line of Potala Palace traces to the mare Simon's Shoes, dam of half sisters Dalmay and Carpet Slipper. Dalmay's female line leads among others to Sadler's Wells. The build-up of Potala Palace' female line (through Carpet Slipper) consists of a sequence of closely kinbred ancestors who in turn give kin-links with the sires of the best performers in the family.

SUITABLE LINES for Potala Palace could include lines which have been successful with his female line, including Spectrum and his sire Rainbow Quest (Saumarez, Baroon), Sadler's Wells (widespread, but notably Fort Wood & sons (Dynasty, Horse Chestnut) and others from Fort Wood's female line (Kabool, Hobb Alwahtan, Hinton Wells, Martinelli, Medaaly, etc), Braashee, Casey Tibbs); Carpet Slipper female line descendants, including Reform and full sister Knighton House (Tara's Halls, Antonius Pius, Tamburlaine); Dalmay female line descendants, including Sadler's Wells (widespread), Fairy King

Singspiel (IRE) 1992	In The Wings 1986	Sadler's Wells	NORTHERN DANCER - Nearctic Fairy Bridge - Bold Reason
	Glorious Song 1976	High Hawk	SHIRLEY HEIGHTS - Mill Reef Sunbittern - Sea Hawk
		Halo	Hail To Reason - Turn To Cosmah - Cosmic Bomb
Alignment (IRE) 1995	Alzao 1980	Ballade	Herbager - Vandale Miss Swapsco - Cohoes
		Lyphard	NORTHERN DANCER - Nearctic Goofed - Court Martial Sir Ivor - Sir Gaylord Pocohontas - Roman
	Scots Lass 1982	SHIRLEY HEIGHTS	Mill Reef - Never Bend Hardiemma - Hardicanute
		Edinburgh	Charlottown - Charlottesville Queen's Castle - Sovereign Path

(Tara's Halls, Almushtarak), Nureyev (widespread), Thatch (Golden Thatch, Thatching (Restructure, Badger's Drift, the latter's dam by Thatching out of 3-part sister to Blushing Groom)); Singspiel's female line descendants, including Rakeen (Jet Master), Rahy (Giant's Causeway), Parade Leader; Mill Reef and son Shirley Heights (including Casey Tibbs, Antonius Pius, Almushtarak); etc.

FEMALE LINE

1st dam

Alignment (95f, Alzao): 3 places (at 2) in 4 starts in UK; 2nd Gr3 Prestige S., 4th Gr3 Musidora S. (TFR 98); dam of

POTALA PALACE (08c, Singspiel): subject stallion
Allegoria (05f, Spectrum): 2 wins in Italy, 2nd Gr3 Pr. Verziere, Pr. G Valiani (L), Pr. P Mezzanotte (L), Pr. Andre (L) (TFR 104)

Right And Ready (07f, Whipper): 3 wins, 1800-2000m in SA (MR 81)

Front Rank (00c, Sadler's Wells): 7 wins in UK (flat & hurdles)

Line Ahead (02f Sadler's Wells): ran once in UK; dam of

EXCELLENT RESULT (10c, Shamardal): 4 wins, 2000-2600m in UK & Dubai, Gr2 Dubai City Of Gold (TFR 112)

Goldenvil (08f, Ifraaj): won, 1450m at 2 in UK
Regal Lyric (06c, Royal Applause): won, 1400m at 2 in UK

Straighten Up (01f, Nashwan): ran once; dam of one foal

Princess Forse (07f, Viscount): won, 1600m in Australia

2nd dam

Scots Lass (82f, Shirley Heights): won, 2600m in UK (TFR 79); dam of

BONNY SCOT (89c, Commanche Run): 4 wins in UK, Gr2 Great Voltigeur S., Gr2 Gordon S.; 3rd Gr1 St Leger (TFR 119); **sire**

Border Mate (88f, Be My Guest): 4 wins in UK & USA; 2nd Gr3 Hillsborough Hcp (TFR 90)

Highland Gift (93f, Generous): won, 2000m in UK (TFR 95); dam of

GOLAN (98c, Spectrum): 4 wins, Gr1 2000 Guineas, Gr1 King George and Queen Elizabeth S., Gr2 Prix Neil; 2nd Gr1 Epsom Derby, Gr1 Juddmonte Int., 3rd Gr1 Irish Derby (TFR 129); **sire**

TARTAN BEARER (05c, Spectrum): 3 wins, 2000-2450m, Gr2 Dante S., Gr3 Gordon Richards S.; 2nd Gr1 Epsom Derby, Gr1 King George and Queen Elizabeth S., Gr1 Prince Of Wales S., 3rd Gr1 Irish Derby (TFR 127); **sire**

Gift Range (02f, Spectrum): won, 1600m in IRE; 2nd Trigo S. (L), Prix Petite Etoile (L), 3rd Gr3 Blue Wind S. (TFR 106)

Leocorno (06f, Pivotal): 2 wins, 1600-1800m in UK; 2nd Galtres S. (L) (TFR 108)

Auld Alliance (10f, Montjeu): 2 wins, 3rd Flaming Page S. (TFR 91); sold 550k gns at 3)

Alignment (95f, Alzao) – see above

3rd dam

EDINBURGH (74f, Charlottown): 2 wins at 2 in France, Gr3 Prix des Reservoirs; 2nd Gr3 Prix de la Nonette, Gr3 Prix Vanteaux (TFR 117); dam of

SOUGHT OUT (88f, Rainbow Quest): 5 wins to 4000m, Gr1 Prix du Cadran, Gr2 Prix Kelgorlay, Gr3 Prix de Lutece, Gr3 Oleander Rennen; 2nd Gr1 Prix du Cadran, Gr2 Prix de Pomone, Gr2 Prix Vicomtesse Vigier, Gr3 Prix de Barberville; 3rd Gr1 Prix Royal Oak, Gr2 Ribblesdale S., Gr3 Prix Gladiateur (TFR 119); dam of

NORTH LIGHT (01c, Danehill): 3 wins, Gr1 Epsom Derby, Gr2 Dante S.; 2nd Gr1 Irish Derby, Gr3 Brigadier Gerard S. (TFR 126); **sire**

RESEARCHED (99c, Danehill): 3 wins, Glorious H. (L); 2nd Gr3 Arc Trial (TFR 116)

COVER UP (97c, Machiavellian): 7 wins, Gr3 Sagaro S., Gr3 Jockey Club Cup (TFR 109)

GREEKTOWN (85f, Ela-mana-mou): 2 wins, Prix des Tourelles (L); 2nd Prix M. Houyvet (L); dam of

GAMUT (99c, Spectrum): 6 wins, Gr1 GP de Saint-Cloud, Gr2 Jockey Club S., Gr2 Princess of Wales S.; 2nd Gr1 Irish St Leger, Gr2 Jockey Club S., Gr3 John Porter S.; 3rd Gr2 Princess of Wales S. (TFR 124); **sire**

MULTICOLORED (93c, Rainbow Quest): 2 wins, Gr2 Geoffrey Greer S.; 2nd Gr2 Prince Of Wales S., Gr3 Gordon Richards S., Jane Semour S. (L); 3rd Fred Archer S. (L) (TFR 116)

ATHENS BELLE (90f, Groom Dancer): 2 wins, Fillies Trial S. (L) (TFR 101)

Danse Greque (98f, Sadler's Wells): unraced; dam of

TANNERY (09f, Dylan Thomas): 6 wins, G1 EP Taylor S., G2 Sheepshead Bay S., Gr3 Kilboy Estate S.; 2nd G1 Flower Bowl S.; 3rd G1 Garden City S., G3 Red Smith Hcp (TFR 109)

Grecian Bride (94f, Groom Dancer): unraced; dam of

SADLER'S ROCK (08c, Sadler's Wells): 4 wins, Gr2 Doncaster Cup, Gr2 Goodwood Cup; 3rd Gr1 Gold Cup, Gr1 Irish St Leger (TFR 125)

ALLEXINA (02f, Baratheas): 4 wins, Silken Gilder S. (L), Salsabil S. (L); 2nd Gr3 Prix Minerve, Gr3 Blue Wind S.; 3rd Gr3 Noblesse S. (TFR 111)

Galileo Rock (10c, Galileo): won; 2nd Gr1 Irish Derby; 3rd Gr1 Epsom Derby, Gr1 St Leger, Gr3 Sandown Classic (TFR 118)

Athenian Way (04f, Baratheas): won; 2nd Gr3 Noblesse S., M. Moloney S. (L) (TFR 104)

TARFASHA (11f, Teofilo): 3 wins; Gr2 Blandford S., Gr3 Blue Wind S.; 2nd Gr1 Epsom Oaks, Gr3 Park S. (TFR 115)

QUEEN HELEN (83f, Troy): 2 wins, Hyperion S. (L); 3rd Gr3 St Simon S. (TFR 112)

Scots Lass (82f, Shirley Heights): won – see above

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Singspiel – Alignment by Alzao

Fish where the fish are.

The female family of Potala Palace brims with highly Timeform-rated black type performers.

An unusually large proportion of these were hooked by Rainbow Quest and his son Spectrum. It is essential to get to the bottom of this – is it mere coincidence, or could there be an explanation?

Let's take the bait.

Deep in the dark waters of the female line lurks the mare Simon's Shoes. Three-part sister to Epsom Derby third Charles O'Malley, but absolutely useless on the track, unable to even run a place. At stud it was different. She bred eight winners, among them two notable fillies, born when their dam was at the end of her stud career. Persistence pays! Those fillies were Carpet Slipper and Dalmary, who both established highly successful branches of the family.

Dalmary will be remembered foremost as the dam of Rough Shod, without whom the modern world would not be the same. Through her daughter Thong, Rough Shod is grandam of full siblings Thatch and Special, the latter dam of Nureyev and grandam of Sadler's Wells. Thong has three full siblings who all made their mark at stud (Lt Stevens, Ridan and Moccasin), together with their half sister Gambetta. Another daughter of Dalmary is Rough Shod's half sister Jennydang, female line ancestor of Thatching and Golden Thatch, both sired by Rough Shod's son Thatch (and thus inbred to the female line).

Carpet Slipper is the dam of Windsor Slipper (Irish Guineas, Derby & St Leger), Blaith na Greine (3rd dam of sires St Jovite, Salem Drive & Lac Ouimet), Her Slipper (grandam of 3-times French champion sire Val de Loir and 3rd dam of sires Volcanic, One Cool Cat and Aragorn), Silken Slipper (ancestress of sire Dutch Art), and Coventry Belle.

Coventry Belle is the 3rd dam of Reform (Champion European miler and sire) and his full sister Knighton House, and of modest winner Queen's Castle whose daughter Edinburgh is our lure.

Rated 117 by Timeform during her racing career in France, **Edinburgh** is dam of French Gr1 stayer Sought Out (119), dam in turn of Epsom Derby winner North Light (126). Sought Out is a daughter of Rainbow Quest.

Another daughter of Edinburgh, French stakes winner Greektown, is dam of French Gr1 winner and sire Gamut (124), and of English Gr2 winner Multicoloured (116). The latter is by Rainbow Quest, while Gamut is by that one's son Spectrum.

A third daughter of Edinburgh, Scots Lass is grandam of Gr1 winning Epsom Derby runner-up and sire Golan (126), of Epsom Derby runner-up Tartan Bearer (127), of French stakes placed Gift Range (106), and of Italian Gr3 placed Allegoria (104) – all sired by Spectrum.

Back to base.

Remember our definition of kin-breeding: it is inbreeding to female ancestors whose pedigrees make them close kin to each other.

The female line build-up of Potala Palace is remarkable in terms of close bottom female line kin-breeding. Taking it in sequence:

Simon's Shoes (by Simon Square) 2x2 Sweet Marjorie x Sandal

Carpet Slipper (Phalaris) 2x1 Bromus x Simon's Shoes

Coventry Belle (Hyperion) 2x1 Selene x Carpet Slipper

Miss Coventry (Mieuxce) 2x1 l'Olivete x Coventry Belle

Country House (Vieux Manoir) 3x3 Vieille Canaille x Carpet Slipper

Queen's Castle (Sovereign Path) 2x3 Mountain Path x Coventry Belle

Edinburgh (Charlottown) 2x4 Meld x Coventry Belle, 3x5 Daily Double x Carpet Slipper

Scot's Lass (Shirley Heights) 4x3x5 Blue Cross x Meld x Coventry Belle

The significant female line ancestor is Coventry Belle (together with her dam Carpet Slipper).

Let's see how this connects to Rainbow Quest and son Spectrum, both highly successful with this family. Here's the kin-breeding:

Rainbow Quest (Blushing Groom) 4x4 Emali x Duke's Delight

Spectrum (Rainbow Quest) 5x5x5 Emali x Duke's Delight x Sunny Gulf

Taking two of their highly rated sons from the Coventry Belle female line:

Gr1 Sought Out (Rainbow Quest) 5x5x5 Emali x Duke's Delight x Coventry Belle

Gr1 Golan (Spectrum) 4x3 Sunny Valley x Edinburgh, 6x6x6x6x7 Emali x Duke's Delight x Sunny Gulf x Blue Cross x Coventry Belle

The cross with Spectrum has added value, through the close 4x3 kin-link of Sunny Valley and Edinburgh, which can be explained:

Sunny Valley's sire Val de Loir is very close kin to Edinburgh's grandam Country House, both by Vieux Manoir and both with Carpet Slipper as their 3rd dam.

Sunny Valley's dam Sunland is very close kin to Edinburgh's sire Charlottown, as both are by Charlottesvillie out of mares who have full siblings close up.

Added to this can be Gr1 winner and Gr1 sire Dutch Art whose dam is Spectrum mare Halland Park Lass, kinbred 4x4 Sunny Valley x Silken Glider (the latter a daughter of Carpet Slipper).

The Spectrum connection adds more, noted in the kin-breeding of Golan (above).

Spectrum is a grandson of Blushing Groom, whose third dam Emali is full sister to Red Ray, the third dam of Mill Reef, who appears in the female line as sire of Shirley Heights.

Mill Reef (Never Bend) is kinbred 3x3 Be Faithful x Red Ray.

Shirley Heights (Mill Reef) is kinbred 4x3x3 Red Ray x Harvest Maid x Blue Cross.

Hence the interest in Golan's kin-breeding: 6x6x6x6x7 Emali x Duke's Delight x Sunny Gulf x Blue Cross x Coventry Belle.

Since Coventry Belle is much the same as her half sister Dalmary (female line ancestor of Sadler's Wells) and gives the same kin-links, this goes some way to explain the conventional wisdom which finds an affinity of Sadler's Wells with mares by Mill Reef/Shirley Heights.

RAINBOW QUEST – Gr1 winning sire and broodmare sire of Gr1 winners, by Blushing Groom. Together with his Gr1 winning son Spectrum, Rainbow Quest is responsible for seven Graded stakes winners from the immediate family of Potala Palace, including 3 Gr1 winners and 2 Epsom Derby runners-up.



BLUSHING GROOM - champion racehorse, champion sire & broodmare sire, in a picture taken in his later years at stud (he died at Gainesway when 18 years old).

Through sons and grandsons, Blushing Groom seems to have had extraordinary influence through the female line of Potala Palace.

Returning lines of Blushing Groom to Potala Palace could be an interesting road to travel.

It is noteworthy that Singspiel (sire of Potala Palace) is half brother to successful sire Rahy, a son of Blushing Groom.

Apart from Spectrum and his sire, the family has progeny by Sadler's Wells, notably Sadler's Rock (TFR 125) and the dams of US G1 winner Tannery and Gr2 winner Excellent Result. Sadler's Wells, explained earlier, is from the female line of Carpet Slipper's half sister Dalmary.

Sadler's Wells also appears in the male half of the pedigree of Potala Palace. His sire Singspiel is by In The Wings, who is by Sadler's Wells out of Shirley Heights mare High Hawk. Shirley Heights also is the sire of Potala Palace's grandam Scot's Lass, who turns out to be close kin to High Hawk.

The Sadler's Wells connection can be spun out in a variety of ways.

Fort Wood is by Sadler's Wells out of Fall Aspen, whose dam Change Water is by Swaps. Potala Palace's sire Singspiel has as his 3rd dam Miss Swapsco, whose dam Soaring is by Swaps. Change Water is close kin to both Miss Swapsco and Soaring. This brings Fort Wood firmly into the picture, together with close relatives (such as Kabool) and sons (such as Dynasty, Horse Chestnut).

Another interesting one is **Braashee, who is by Sadler's Wells**, and kinbred through his grandam, 3x2 Special x Fighting. That female line also links through Potala Palace's female line to Coventry Belle.

Singspiel is a half brother to sires Rahy (by Blushing Groom) and **Rakeen** (sire of Jet Master). This is also the female line of Parade Leader, whose grandam Far Beyond is close kin to Miss Swapsco. All of these could be of interest, especially if there are additional bottom female line kin-links.

Rahy is damsire of Giant's Causeway, for future reference noted as sire of Await The Dawn whose grandam Shirley Valentine is by Shirley Heights from the female line of Rainbow Quest. Also for future another son of Giant's Causeway, Eightfold Path, whose grandam Myth To Reality is by Sadler's Wells out of a full sister to Shirley Heights.

Giant's Causeway also leads to Excellent Result (TFR 112), whose dam Line Ahead is a half sister (by Sadler's Wells) to Potala Palace. The sire of Excellent Result is Shamardal (Giant's Causeway), whose bottom female line is also the one of Spectrum, tracing to Sunny Gulf.

Fish where the fish are, indeed.

Where from Here

Spectrum mares ought to have a bite at this cherry, as should those with Spectrum's sire Rainbow Quest, or other of the latter's sons, like Saumarez and Baroon.

The female line descendants of Carpet Slipper can be found in Reform, who is second damsire of Tara's Halls (by Sadler's Wells' full brother Fairy King). Then there's Antonius Pius, whose grandam Catawba is by Mill Reef out of Reform mare Catalpa. Reform's full sister Knighton House is grandam of Tamburlaine, and dam of Hauser.

Female line descendants of Carpet Slipper's half sister Dalmary come to light through Sadler's Wells, Fairy King, Nureyev, Golden Thatch (and others).

PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable mares for Potala Palace could include

- 1. Lines which have been successful with his female line**, including Spectrum and his sire Rainbow Quest (Saumarez, Baroon), Sadler's Wells (widespread, but notably Fort Wood & sons (Dynasty, Horse Chestnut) and others from Fort Wood's female line (Kabool, Hobb Alwahtan, Hinton Wells, Martinelli, Medaaly, etc), Braashee, Casey Tibbs);
- 2. Carpet Slipper female line descendants**, including Reform and full sister Knighton House (Tara's Halls, Antonius Pius, Tamburlaine);
- 3. Dalmary female line descendants**, including Sadler's Wells (widespread), Fairy King (Tara's Halls, Almushtarak), Nureyev (widespread), Thatch (Golden Thatch, Thatching (Restructure, Badger's Drift, the latter's dam by Thatching out of 3-part sister to Blushing Groom));
- 4. Singspiel's female line descendants**, including Rakeen (Jet Master), Rahy (Giant's Causeway), Parade Leader;
- 5. Mill Reef and son Shirley Heights** (including Casey Tibbs, Antonius Pius, Almushtarak); Etc.

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