

# Acrobat

Acrobat won the \$500,000 RL Inglis Nursery, setting a new Royal Randwick track record over 1000 metres (56 seconds). He is a son of Fastnet Rock, whose impressive progeny record is a great starting point in determining the best crosses for Acrobat.

Fastnet Rock has shown an affinity for the GOODY TWO SHOES family, having produced 13 Group 1 winners to-date out of mares from this line. Acrobat's dam is a granddaughter of family member Nureyev, a three-quarter brother to **SADLER'S WELLS** and **FAIRY KING**. This is additional reason for mares descending from these two individuals to go to Acrobat. Fastnet Rock has nine Group 1 winners by Sadler's Wells' son **GALILEO** (sire of **ADELAIDE, FRANKEL, NEW APPROACH, TEOFILO, RIP VAN WINKLE** etc) and another by his son, **SCENIC**.

GOODY TWO SHOES family member Fairy King is the grandsire of the dam of Fastnet Rock's Group 1 winner, Dreamforce, via **SHINKO KING**. Fairy King can also be sourced via **ENCOSTA DE LAGO** (sire of **NORTHERN METEOR** etc), **FALBRAV** and **HELISSIO**. Acrobat's dam Hips Don't Lie's SP half-brother Azevedo is by Helissio, adding further weight to this damsire for Acrobat. Another family member, **PERUGINO**, is the maternal grandsire of Group 1 winner, Prince Fawaz, via **TESTA ROSSA**. Additional family members to seek in mares are **GEIGER COUNTER, YEATS, INFLATE, VAL DE LOIR, RIDAN, THATCH** and his son **THATCHING, LORENZACCIO, TOPSIDER, FESTIVAL HALL, FOX MYTH, LT. STEVENS, REFORM** and **OPEN DAY**.

**ZABEEL** is another broodmare sire to have produced multiple Group 1 winners by Fastnet Rock, namely Atlantic Jewel, Avantage and Planet Rock. Zabeel contributes a **daughter of NUREYEV** from the GOODY TWO SHOES family. This is additionally attractive for Acrobat, as his grandsire Stravinsky is a *son* of Nureyev, thereby creating a sex balanced duplication. Zabeel's sire **SIR TRISTRAM** is the damsire of Fastnet Rock's Group 1 winner, Rock 'n' Pop.

Danehill and Northern Dancer (three lines) are ALMAHMOUD family members. This line can be further reinforced by influences including **MACHIAVELLIAN** (sire of **STREET CRY, VETTORI** etc), **EL MOXIE, EXIT TO NOWHERE, ORPEN** and **HALO**. Halo can be sourced via damsires such as **SEBRING, DON'T SAY HALO, FUJI KISEKI, MORE THAN READY, SOUTHERN IMAGE, IRGUN** and **SUNDAY SILENCE**. To-date, Fastnet Rock has produced Group 1 winners Atlante (More Than Ready) and Your Song (Fuji Kiseki) from Halo line mares.

Fastnet Rock is out of a Royal Academy mare. He is a close relation to **STORM CAT**, who has worked very well with Royal Academy in matings. Group 1 winner Foxwedge is an example. Damsires carrying Storm Cat include **BLACK MINNALOUSHE, HENNESSY, GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, TALE OF THE CAT, SHAMARDAL** and **VAN NISTELROOY**.

Royal Academy is by Nijinsky II, a TORPENHOW family member. Others to seek in mares' pedigrees include **ALABAMA EXPRESS, DOMESDAY, NIAGARA, AJAYA, MANHATTAN RAIN, RUBICK, HURRICANE SKY, XAAR, FAR NORTH, NEW REGENT, FREE AMERICA, FRIENDLY RELATION, RULER, MASTERCLASS, EL GRAN SENOR** and **TRY MY BEST**. The latter Try My Best is the sire of **LAST TYCOON**, in turn sire of **O'REILLY**. Hips Don't Lie's SP half-sisters Procurement and Acquired are out of O'Reilly mares. Last Tycoon is also the ancestor of damsires **WRITTEN TYCOON, BIGSTONE, IGLESIA, MARJU, ALAMOSA** and **SACRED FALLS**.

Fastnet Rock's Group 1 winners Merchant Navy and Wanted are out of mares by **SNIPPETS**, while Sea Siren is out of a **SUCCESS EXPRESS** mare.

Unsurprisingly for a Danehill stallion, Fastnet Rock has worked very well with **MR PROSPECTOR**. Group 1 winners Catchy, Rocket Spade and Albany Reunion are out of **FUSAICHI PEGASUS** mares. Other Mr Prospector line damsires to produce Group 1 winners with Fastnet Rock are Supercool's damsire **KINGMAMBO** (sire of **KING'S BEST, DUBAI DESTINATION, HENRYTHENAVIGATOR, KING CUGAT**, etc), **LION CAVERN** (Lone Rock) and **HUSSONET** (Shoals).

Hips Don't Lie's sire Stravinsky is out of a mare by Blushing Groom. A sex balanced duplication can be achieved with mares carrying **sons of BLUSHING GROOM**. They include **FANTASTIC LIGHT, NASSIPOUR, NOVERRE** and **RAINBOW QUEST** (and sons **SPECTRUM, BIN AJWAAD** and **QUEST FOR FAME**, sire of **VISCOUNT**).