



PEDIGREE PROFILE

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French Guineas winner Golden Lilac another with Europe's hottest cross

Never shown the whip, Golden Lilac made it look easy when she drew off to a comfortable three-length victory in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (Fr-G1) (French One Thousand Guineas) on Sunday at Longchamp.

The favorite at 5-to-2 odds in the field of 16 three-year-old fillies, the Galileo (Ire) filly completed the 1,600 meters (7.95 furlongs) on turf rated as good in 1:39.31.

Golden Lilac was coming off a 1½-length score in Longchamp's Prix de la Grotte (Fr-G3), a 1,600-meter Guineas prep also captured by her dam, Grey Lilas, seven years earlier.

Unbeaten in four lifetime starts, the Gestut Ammerland homebred's next assignment figures to be the Prix de Diane-Longines (Fr-G1) (French Oaks) at Chantilly on June 12.

Golden Lilac is the second winner from as many starters out of the classy Danehill mare Grey Lilas, whose biggest victory came as a three-year-old against colts in the 2004 Netjets Prix du Moulin de Longchamp (Fr-G1). Earlier in her classic season, Grey Lilas finished second in the French One Thousand Guineas and third in the French Oaks.

In Europe currently, one cannot find a more prominent cross between sire and broodmare sire than that of Sadler's Wells' premier son, reigning champion sire Galileo, with the daughters of Danehill.

This season's ultra-impressive QIPCO Two Thousand Guineas (Eng-G1) winner Frankel (see chart) is a prime representative of this affinity.

Group 1 winners with the Galileo/Danehill cross

Horse	Group 1 victories
Golden Lilac	2011 French One Thousand Guineas
Frankel	2011 QIPCO Two Thousand Guineas (Eng), 2010 Dubai Dewhurst Stakes (Eng)
Roderic O'Connor	2010 Criterion International (Fr)
Cima de Triomphe	2008 Derby Italiano (Ity)
Teofilo	2006 Darley Dewhurst Stakes (Eng), Laing O'Rourke National Stakes (Ire)

Golden Lilac, b. f., 2008

Galileo (Ire) 98 1396 fls, 90 SWs SI 2.62 DI=1.11	Sadler's Wells 81 6 wins, \$713,690 Champion 2189 fls, 324 SWs SI 3.89 DI=2.82	Northern Dancer 61 636 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54	=Nearco (Ib) 35 *Lady Angela 44
	Urban Sea 89 8 wins, \$1,704,553 Champion 11 fls, 7 SWs DI=1.95	Fairy Bridge 75 9 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.29	Natalma 57	Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47
=Grey Lilas (Ire) 01 2 fls, 1 SW DI=1.44	Danehill 86 4 wins, \$321,064 Champion 2406 fls, 354 SWs SI 3.60 DI=1.89	Miswaki 78 1154 fls, 101 SWs SI 2.02 DI=2.75	Bold Reason 68	Hall to Reason 58 Lalun 52
	=Kenmist (GB) 94 2 wins, \$56,030, SW 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.33	Allegretta (GB) 78 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.60	Special 69	*Forli 63 Thong 64
	Danzig 77 1074 fls, 202 SWs SI 5.30 DI=4.71	Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62	Buckpasser 63 Rose Bower 58
	Razyana 81 14 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.17	Hopespringseternal 71	=Lombard (Ger) 67	=Agio (Ger) 55 =Promised Lady (GB) 61
	=Mistral's Collette (Ire) 87 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.69	=Anatevka (Ger) 69	=Anatevka (Ger) 69	*Espresso 58 =Almyra (Ger) 62
		Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54	Natalma 57
		Pas de Nom 68	Admiral's Voyage 59 *Petitioner 52	*Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52
		His Majesty 68	Spring Adieu 74	Buckpasser 63 Natalma 57
		=Kalamoun (GB) 70		=Zeddaan (GB) 65 =Khairunissa (GB) 60
		=Belle of Ireland (GB) 64		=Milesian (GB) 53 =Belle of the Ball (GB) 58
		=Simply Great (Fr) 79		Mill Reef 68 =Seneca (Fr) 73
		=Kitty's Sister (Ire) 80		=Bustino (GB) 71 =Sky Fever (GB) 69

Recently deceased breed-shaping sire Sadler's Wells and his former stud mate Danehill, the world's most successful shuttle stallion prior to his death in 2003, became principal figures in establishing a golden era for Coolmore Stud and Irish breeding.

Sadler's Wells and many of his sons have done particularly well with mares who carry complementary strains of the key families within his own pedigree. This includes his tail-female line (the *Rough Shod II tribe), and the clans of his broodmare sire, Bold Reason (out of Lalun), and sire Northern Dancer (via Natalma/Almahmoud).

In the case of Grey Lilas, her sire's grandam, Spring Adieu, is Northern Dancer's half sister. For good measure, Grey Lilas' second dam is by Simply Great, a Group 2-winning grandson of Bold Reason's half brother, Never Bend.

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