## Fourth daughter of Dynaformer charges to victory in Queen Elizabeth II

## by Rommy Faversham

The smooth and ample stride of three-year-old turf specialist Harmonious was on full display on October 16 at Keeneland Race Course as she drew clear through the stretch to score a dazzling 4½-length victory in the \$400,000 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Stakes (G1).



**HARMONIOUS** 

The lightly raced filly was entered in the 1½-mile race off a solid runner-up effort in the Del Mar Oaks (G1). One race prior, she captured the American Oaks Stakes (G1) at Hollywood Park by 1½ lengths.

A winner of four of six starts, she boosted her career earnings to \$502,420 with the victory

Bred in Kentucky by owners Pam and Marty Wygod, Har-

monious is the first starter out of the unraced Storm Cat mare Jade Tree, a three-quarter sister to multiple Grade 1-placed Jade Queen, by Giant's Causeway, and a half sister to stakes-winning Megantic, by Theatrical (Ire).

Our subject's second dam, 1994 Rare Perfume Handicap (G2) winner Jade Flush, is a three-quarter sister to the French stakes winner Tenga who, in turn, produced 2001 Secretariat Stakes (G1) winner

## Winners of the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup sired by Roberto and his sons

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Year	Winner	Sire						
2010	Harmonious	Dynaformer (by Roberto)						
2006	Vacare	Lear Fan (by Roberto)						
2003	Film Maker	Dynaformer (by Roberto)						
2002	Riskaverse	Dynaformer (by Roberto)						
2000	Collect the Cash	Dynaformer (by Roberto)						
1999	Perfect Sting	Red Ransom (by Roberto)						
1997	Ryafan	Lear Fan (by Roberto)						
1996	Memories of Silver	Silver Hawk (by Roberto)						
1990	Plenty of Grace	Roberto						
1987	Graceful Darby	Darby Creek Road (by Roberto						

Startac, who also is by Theatrical.

Harmonious' unraced third dam, Royal Strait Flush, is a full sister to illfated champion two-year old filly Landaluce.

This American family traces back to the mid-1960s importation of Harmonious' fifth dam \*Pange. She is the matriarch of no less than ten

	Harmonious,	dk. b. or br.	f., 2007	
	Roberto 69 7 wins, \$332,272 Champion 500 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	Hail to Reason 58 308 fls, 43 SWs SI 4.40 DI=3.18	*Turn-to 51	*Royal Charger 42 *Source Sucree 40
			Nothirdchance 48	Blue Swords 40 Galla Colors 43
		Bramalea 59 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.92	Nashua 52	*Nasrullah 40 Segula 42
Dynaformer 85 1127 fls, 119 SWs			Rarelea 49	Bull Lea 35 Bleebok 41
SI 2.43 DI=1.64	Andover Way 78 9 wins, \$372,471, SW 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.82	His Majesty 68 640 fls, 59 SWs SI 2.33 DI=0.77	*Ribot 52	=Tenerani (Ity) 44 =Romanella (Ity) 43
			Flower Bowl 52	*Alibhai 38 Flower Bed 46
		On the Trail 64 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=5.86	Olympia 46	*Heliopolis 36 Miss Dolphin 34
			Golden Trail 58	Hasty Road 51 Sunny Vale 46
	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1404 fls, 178 SWs SI 3.90 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 681 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			South Ocean 67	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62
		Terlingua 76 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.63	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
Jade Tree 01 3 fls. 1 SW			Crimson Saint 69	Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58
DI=3.89	Jade Flush 91 8 wins, \$481,518, SW 9 fls, 1 SW DI=3.57	Jade Hunter 84 939 fls, 48 SWs SI 1.47 DI=3.00	Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
			Jadana (Ire) 79	=Pharly (Fr) 74 =Janina (Ire) 65
		Royal Strait Flush 81 13 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.22	Seattle Slew 74	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69
			Strip Poker 67	Bold Bidder 62 *Pange 55

Grade 1 or Group 1 winners, including the aforementioned champion turf male and influential sire Theatrical.

Harmonious hails from the 17th crop of Three Chimneys Farm's flagship stallion Dynaformer and represents her sire's fourth Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup winner.

From a total of 35 foals of racing age, there have been four graded or group stakes winners sired by Dynaformer out of a Storm Cat broodmare. The list includes recent Grade 3 winner It's Tea Time and multiple Grade 2 winner Baptize.

It is interesting to note that paternal granddaughters of Roberto have been winning the Queen Elizabeth at an exceptional clip. During the past 15 years, there have been a total of 15 starters descending from the Roberto sire line—an average of one per race. As detailed in the accompanying chart, nine of these have been victorious.

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