

MASTER CROSS

Sadler's Wells + Nureyev

One of the most important and potent crosses in any thoroughbred bloodline is the appearance of both **Sadler's Wells** and **Nureyev** in the same pedigree.

When these two individuals are present in the same pedigree, it creates a gender-balanced inbreeding to the outstanding and influential broodmare **Special**.

This specific cross of Sadler's Wells and Nureyev appears in so many racehorses of superior quality, that it must be considered the best Master Cross for which a foal can be bred.

Some Group 1 winning racehorses that carry this Master Cross include Camelot, El Condor Pasa, Henrythenavigator, Ruler of the World, Divine Proportions, Best Solution, Thunder Snow, Thewayyouare, Kew Gardens, Rip Van Winkle, Virginia Waters, Love, St Mark's Basilica, *and the list goes on.*

EXAMPLE:

HENRYTHENAVIGATOR (USA) dkb/br. H, 2005 {9-b} DP = 13-3-26-12-0 (54) DI = 1.16 CD = 0.31 - GSV = 72.23 - 11 Starts, 6 Wins, 3 Places, 1 Shows Career Earnings: \$2,766,763									
KINGMAMBO (USA) (1) (2) (3) b. 1990 [CS] (56.38) 13-5-4-2 €642,303 780 f, 609 r, 365 w, 76 SW AEI 2.50, CI 3.01	MR. PROSPECTOR (USA) (1) (2) (3) b. 1970 [BC] (78.54) 14-7-4-2 \$112,171 1195 f, 986 r, 755 w, 182 SW AEI 3.92	RAISE A NATIVE (USA) (1) (2) (3) ch. 1961 [B] (66.19) 4-4-0-0 \$45,955 863 f, 585 r, 434 w, 77 SW AEI 2.35	NATIVE DANCER (USA) (1) (2) (3) gr. 1950 [IC] (86.61) RAISE YOU (USA) (1) (2) (3) * ch. 1946	POLYNESIAN (USA) br. 1942 [I] (1) (2) (3) 14-a D GEISHA (USA) gr. 1943 (1) (2) (3) 5-f D	CASE ACE (USA) b. 1934 (1) (2) (3) 1-k D LADY GLORY (USA) br. 1934 8-f D	NASRULLAH (GB) b. 1940 [B] (1) (2) (3) 9-c D SEGULA (USA) b. 1942 (1) (2) (3) 3-m D	COUNT FLEET (USA) br. 1940 [C] (1) (2) (3) 6-a D MISS DOGWOOD (USA) b. 1939 (1) (2) (3) 13-c D	NEARCTIC (CAN) br. 1954 (1) (2) (3) 14-c D NATALMA (USA) b. 1957 (1) (2) (3) 2-d D	FORLI (ARG) ch. 1963 [C] (1) (2) (3) 3-b D THONG (USA) b. 1964 (1) (2) (3) 5-h D
SEQUOYAH (IRE) (1) b. 1998 9-2-1-1 \$150,825	MIESQUE (USA) (1) (2) (3) * b. 1984 16-12-3-1 \$2,070,163 14 f, 10 r, 6 w, 5 SW	NUREYEV (USA) (1) (2) (3) b. 1977 [C] (85.89) 3-2-0-0 \$42,522 784 f, 633 r, 471 w, 137 SW AEI 3.69, AWD 8.0	NORTH DANCER (CAN) (1) (2) (3) b. 1961 [BC] (89.58) SPECIAL (USA) (1) (2) (3) * b. 1969	PROVE OUT (USA) (1) (2) (3) ch. 1969 (42.36) SANTA QUILLA (FR) (1) dkb/br. 1970	GRAUSTARK (USA) ch. 1963 [CS] (1) (2) (3) 4-d D EQUAL VENTURE (USA) ch. 1953 (1) (2) (3) 4-c D	SANCTUS (FR) b. 1960 (1) (2) (3) 16-a D NERIAD (USA) ch. 1964 (1) (2) (3) 20 D	NEARCO (ITY) br. 1935 [BC] (1) (2) (3) 4-r D LADY ANGELA (GB) ch. 1944 (1) (2) (3) 14-c D	NATIVE DANCER (USA) gr. 1950 [IC] (1) (2) (3) 5-f D ALMAHMOUD (USA) ch. 1947 (1) (2) (3) 2-d D	HAIL TO REASON (USA) br. 1958 [C] (1) (2) (3) 4-n D LALUN (USA) b. 1952 (1) (2) (3) 19-b D
SADLERS WELLS (USA) (1) (2) (3) b. 1981 [CS] (77.56) 11-6-4-0 \$663,423 2259 f, 1780 r, 1225 w, 294 SW AEI 2.97	PASADOBLE (USA) (1) (2) (3) * b. 1979 10-4-0-1 €49,422 10 f, 7 r, 5 w, 2 SW	NORTHERN DANCER (CAN) (1) (2) (3) b. 1961 [BC] (89.58) 18-14-2-2 \$580,647 646 f, 511 r, 411 w, 147 SW AEI 4.11	NEARCTIC (CAN) (1) (2) (3) br. 1954 (81.1) NATALMA (USA) (1) (2) (3) * b. 1957	BOLD REASON (USA) (1) (2) (3) b. 1968 (49.21) SPECIAL (USA) (1) (2) (3) * b. 1969	RIVERMAN (USA) (1) (2) (3) dkb/br. 1969 [IC] (78.98) IRISH STAR (FR) (1) b. 1960	NEVER BEND (USA) dkb/br. 1960 [BI] (1) (2) (3) 19-b D RIVER LADY (USA) b. 1963 (1) (2) (3) 10-a D	KLAIRON (FR) b. 1952 (1) (2) (3) 1-w D BOTANY BAY (FR) b. 1954 (1) (2) (3) 1-w D	NATIVE DANCER (USA) gr. 1950 [IC] (1) (2) (3) 5-f D RAISE YOU (USA) ch. 1946 (1) (2) (3) 8-f D	BOLD LAD (USA) ch. 1962 (1) (2) (3) 5-f D PRAYER BELL (USA) b. 1954 (1) (2) (3) 9-b D
BRIGID (USA) (1) ch. 1991 5-1-1-0 €15,093 14 f, 8 r, 5 w, 3 SW	IRISH RIVER (FR) (1) (2) (3) ch. 1976 (67.78) 12-10-0-1 €533,572 963 f, 775 r, 548 w, 82 SW	FAIRY BRIDGE (USA) (1) (2) (3) * b. 1975 2-2-0-0 \$4,781 10 f, 8 r, 7 w, 4 SW	RAISE A NATIVE (USA) (1) (2) (3) ch. 1961 [B] (66.19) RINGING BELLS (USA) (1) b. 1971						

One can see that Special is the dam of Nureyev, and the granddam of Sadler's Wells. So in one instance she is the dam of a son, and in the other instance she is the dam of a daughter. This is called gender-balanced inbreeding.

As a side note - this pedigree of Henrythenavigator also highlights an example of "line-breeding" as one can see that his sire line goes straight up to a son of Raise a Native, while his distaff line goes straight down to a daughter of Raise a Native. This is a specialized type of gender-balanced inbreeding as it occurs on the main sire line and distaff line.