



## Affinity for turf obvious in pedigree of Modesty winner Chic Dancer

by Rommy Favershaw

Taking on graded stakes competition for the first time, Chic Dancer, a five-year-old Joyeux Danseur mare, captured the \$150,000 Modesty Handicap (G3) on July 22 at Arlington Park.



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It was Chic Dancer's eighth victory from 18 lifetime starts with earnings of \$255,031. It also was her fifth consecutive win on the Arlington turf course. The 1 3/16-mile Modesty serves as the primary local prep for the Beverly D. Stakes (G1)—run at the same distance over the Arlington turf.

Bred in Kentucky by S. D. Brilie L.P., Chic Dancer is one of seven winners and

### CHIC DANCER

the first stakes winner produced by the placed Beau's Eagle mare Stylish Accent.

Chic Dancer's granddam, Ubetshedid is best remembered as the dam of multiple Grade 1 winner and Kentucky Derby (G1) runner-up, Best Pal, who collected \$5,668,245 in earnings—an all-time record for a California-bred gelding.

Ubetshedid also was a half sister to the dam of excellent Grade 1-winning sprinter Richter Scale. The close relatives Best Pal and Richter Scale both were sired by popular California stallion \*Habitory.

Chic Dancer hails from the second crop of Joyeux Danseur, a late-maturing son of Nureyev who was as his best at age five, when he captured the Early Times Turf Classic Stakes (G1).

Joyeux Danseur spent the first three years of his stud career at Three Chimneys Farm in Midway, Kentucky. After single seasons in California and Arkansas, he was exported to Queensland, Australia, where he subsequently died last November due to complications resulting from a ruptured cecum.

Earlier this year, Siren Lure became Joyeux Danseur's first Grade 1 winner, capturing the Triple Bend Invitational Handicap at Hollywood Park.

The most prominent inbreeding pattern in Chic Dancer's pedigree is the 4X4 duplication of the influential Thong, one of several illustrious branches from the Foundation Mare Rough Shod II.

Inbreeding to Thong has been observed in a remarkable number of superior individuals and has been particularly evident on the turf.

### Chic Dancer, b. m., 2001

Joyeux Danseur 93 139 fis, 4 SWs SI 1.03 DI=1.00	Nureyev 77 2 wins, \$42,522 Champion 785 fis, 137 SWs SI 4.74 DI=2.83	Northern Dancer 61 635 fis, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54	=Nearco (Ity) 35 *Lady Angela 44
	Fabuleux Jane 74 4 wins, \$145,655, SW 14 fis, 3 SWs DI=0.60	*Le Fabuleux 61 446 fis, 41 SWs SI 2.21 DI=0.11	Natalma 57	Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47
Stylish Accent 90 9 fis, 1 SW DI=0.22	Beau's Eagle 76 9 wins, \$513,500, SW 438 fis, 14 SWs SI 1.11 DI=0.41	*Golden Eagle II 65 461 fis, 15 SWs SI 1.05 DI=0.46	*Forli 63	=Aristophanes (GB) 48 =Trevisa (Arg) 51
	Ubetshedid 80 Unplaced 11 fis, 1 SW DI=0.64	King Pellinore 72 327 fis, 9 SWs SI 0.90 DI=0.70	<b>Thong 64</b>	Nantallah 53 *Rough Shod II 44
		Beaufield 70 7 fis, 1 SW DI=0.73	=Wild Risk (Fr) 40 =Anguar (Fr) 50	=Rialto (Fr) 23 =Wild Violet (Fr) 35
		King Pellinore 72 327 fis, 9 SWs SI 0.90 DI=0.70	Raise a Native 61	=Verso II (Fr) 40 La Rochelle 45
		Ubetido 75 8 fis, 2 SWs DI=2.20	Dinner Partner 59	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
			Tom Fool 49 Bluehaze 45	Tom Fool 49 Bluehaze 45
			=Right Royal (Fr) 58	=Owen Tudor (GB) 38 =Bastia (Fr) 51
			Aquilla II 60	*Princequillo 40 Nance's Ace 41
			Maribeau 62	*Ribot 52 Cosmah 53
			Bushfield 61	Jet Pilot 44 Miss Busher 49
			Round Table 54	*Princequillo 40 *Knight's Daughter 41
			<b>Thong 64</b>	Nantallah 53 *Rough Shod II 44
			Sir Wiggle 67	Sadair 62 *Wiggle II 55
			Udontmeanit 65	Gray Phantom 53 Lady Bourbon 47

Just what you might expect, or at least hope for, when closely inbreeding to the family of Nureyev.

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