

# Choice Play

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Choice Play Foaled in Kentucky	Vindication, 00 dk b/	Seattle Slew, 74 dk b/	Bold Reasoning, 68 dk b/ My Charmer, 69 b Strawberry Road (AUS), 79 b
		Strawberry Reason, 92 dk b/	Pretty Reason, 71 dk b/ Storm Bird, 78 b
	Sharp Eyes, 95 ch	Storm Cat, 83 dk b/	Terlingua, 76 ch Gay Mecene, 75 dk b/ Orange Bird, 70 ch
		Gaelic Bird (FR), 87 b	

**By VINDICATION** (2000). Champion 2-year-old colt in U.S., Stakes winner of \$680,950, Breeders' Cup Juvenile **[G1]** (AP, \$556,400), etc. Sire of 5 crops of racing age, 487 foals, 388 starters, 20 stakes winners, 1 champion, 303 winners of 979 races and earning \$24,916,015 USA, including Bow Beaver (Champion twice in Saudi Arabia, \$204,011 USA), Free Judgement (\$975,775 USA, JRA Killavullan S. **[G3]**, etc.), Broadway's Alibi (\$521,500, Forward Gal S. **[G2]** (GP, \$120,000), etc.). Sire of dams of 35 stakes winners, including champions Wonder Gadot, Karmi, and of Diva de l'Atlas, Exaggerator, Do Deuce, Far Right, Yaupon, Shakin It Up, Hard Not to Love, Dazzling Gem, Hello Don Julio, Laughingsaintssong, Bourbon Resolution, Flexibility, Midnight Pleasure.

## 1st dam

Sharp Eyes, by Storm Cat. Winner at 3 and 4, \$125,561. Dam of 9 foals, 9 to race, 7 winners--

**Choice Play** (f. by Vindication). Black type placed winner, see below.

**Miss Luann** (f. by Unbridled's Song). 3 wins, 3 to 5, \$63,493, 2nd Fairway Fun S. (TP, \$10,000).  
Dam of--

**NOMORERICHBLONDES** (f. by Hard Spun). Winner at 2 and 3 in UAE, \$237,388 (USA), Al Naboodah Ashok Leyland UAE Oaks **[G3]**, 2nd Al Tayer Motors UAE 1000 Guineas [L].

**SHARP KITTY** (f. by Kitten's Joy). 2 wins at 3, \$73,220, Christmas Past S. (GP, \$43,710).  
Producer.

Catch My Eye (f. by Unbridled's Song). 2 wins at 3, \$24,050. Dam of--

**MAXIM RATE** (f. by Exchange Rate). 6 wins, 3 to 5, 2021, \$625,185, Gamely S. **[G1]** (SA, \$180,000), Goldikova S. **[G2]** (SA, \$120,000), Senorita S. **[G3]** (SA, \$60,000), CTT and TOC S. (DMR, \$48,000), 2nd Rodeo Drive S. **[G1]** (SA, \$60,000), etc.

Cavu (g. by Zensational). 3 wins, 2 to 5, \$104,407.

First Salute (f. by Midshipman). 2 wins at 3, \$33,430. Producer.

Eyesalrite (g. by Anees). Winner at 5, \$18,340.

Sweetnsharppatti (f. by More Than Ready). Winner at 3, \$6,954. Producer.

## 2nd dam

**GAELIC BIRD (FR)**, by Gay Mecene. 5 wins, 2 to 4 in FR and NA, \$232,038 (USA), Prix Chloe **[G3]**, Prix de Sandringham **[G3]**, Brown Bess Breeders' Cup H. (BM, \$32,258), 3rd Dahlia H. **[G2]**, Black Helen H. [L] (HIA, \$16,500), Prix Finlande [L]. Half-sister to **GOLD BIRD (FR)** (\$50,887 (USA), Prix des Belles Filles, etc.). Dam of 4 winners--

=**CELTIC CELEB (IRE)** (g. by Peintre Celebre). 4 wins, 2 to 6 in FR, \$357,543 (USA), Hwt. at 3 on French Free Hand., 14 fur. & up, Qatar Prix Chaudenay **[G2]**, Prix Maurice Caillault [L], 2nd Prix Royal-Oak-French St. Leger **[G1]**, Prix Hocquart **[G2]**, Prix Yves Lalleman-Grand Prix de Clairefontaine [L], Prix du Grand Camp [L].

=**GAELIC QUEEN (IRE)** (f. by Fairy King). 2 wins at 3 in IRE, \$60,289 (USA), Ali Retza & Mamadi Soudavar Garnet S. [L], 3rd Coolmore Stud Home of Champions Concorde S. **[G3]**, Glencairn S. [L]. Producer.

Sharp Eyes (f. by Storm Cat). See above.

Falconer (IRE) (g. by Alzao). 4 wins at 5 and 6 in NA, placed at 4 in UAE, \$174,826 (USA).

=Guillaume d'Orange (IRE) (c. by \$Barathea (IRE)). Placed at 2 and 3 in IRE, \$6,153 (USA).

Gaelic Cat (f. by Storm Cat). Placed at 3 in FR. Producer.

## 3rd dam

Orange Bird, by \*Sea-Bird. Winner at 3 in FR, \$10,510 (USA). Half-sister to **DUKE OF MARMALADE** (\$196,423 (USA), Premio Roma-**G1**, etc., sire), **ORANTE** (\$53,942 (USA), Prix de Guiche-**G3**, etc., sire), **ALADANCER** (\$191,135, Firenze H., etc.). Dam of 3 winners--

**GAELIC BIRD (FR)** (f. by Gay Mecene). Black type winner, see above.

**GOLD BIRD (FR)** (f. by =Rheingold (GB)). Winner at 3 in FR, \$50,887 (USA), Prix des Belles Filles, 2nd Prix de Royallieu-**G3**, Prix de la Porte de Passy. Dam of--

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**GABINA** (f. by Caro (IRE)). 6 wins, 2 to 4 in FR , \$389,601 (USA), Prix de la Foret **[G1]**, Prix d'Astarte **[G2]**, Prix du Muguet **[G3]**, Prix de la Porte Maillot **[G3]**, Prix de la Seine [L], etc. Dam of--

**GARZA (GB)** (f. by =Kris (GB)). Winner at 2 and 3 in FR , \$51,857 (USA), Prix de la Cochere [L], 3rd Prix Montenica [L], Prix Petite Etoile [L]. Producer.

**=GALETTO (FR)** (c. by Caro (IRE)). 3 wins at 3 in FR , \$211,185 (USA), Prix Lupin **[G1]**, Prix de Suresnes [LR], 2nd Prix Isonomy [L], 3rd Prix du Jockey Club Lancia-French Derby **[G1]**. Sire.

**Gold Rose (FR)** (f. by =Noblequest (FR)). Winner at 3 in FR , \$25,700 (USA), 2nd Prix de Thiberville [L]. Dam of--

**GOLDMARK** (c. by Lyphard). 2 wins in 4 starts at 2 in FR , \$222,621 (USA), Grand Criterium **[G1]**, 2nd Prix La Rochette **[G3]**. Sire.

Gilded Leaf (f. by Lyphard). 2 wins at 2 in FR , \$20,703 (USA). Dam of--

**Garda** (c. by Lemon Drop Kid). Winner at 3 in FR , \$67,440 (USA), 3rd Prix du Lys **[G3]**.

Gold Tear (f. by Tejano). 2 wins at 3 in FR , \$17,566 (USA). Dam of--

**=Matikaneharesugata (IRE)** (c. by Caerleon). 5 wins, 3 to 5 in JPN, \$1,009,059 (USA), 3rd Fukushima Kinen [LR].

=Steel Bird (c. by Niniski). 4 wins at 3 and 4 in FR , \$23,236 (USA).

=Galactic Bird (IRE) (c. by =Astronef (IRE)). Placed at 3 in FR , \$6,687 (USA).

Nutria (FR) (f. by Nonoalco). Placed at 2. Producer.

=No Range (f. by =Sheshoon (GB)). Placed at 3 in FR . Producer.

Ormindia (FR) (f. by Bellypha (IRE)). Unplaced in FR . Dam of--

Ovada (f. by Sewickley). 2 wins at 3 in FR , \$64,711 (USA). Dam of--

**=Over Looked (TUR)** (f. by Unaccounted For). Winner at 2 in TUR, 2nd Siay Ve Sah Der [L]. Producer.

Ossana (f. by Tejano). 3 wins, 2 to 4 in GER and FR , \$34,438 (USA). Dam of--

**Ocean Sound (IRE)** (c. by Mujadil). Winner at 2 and 3 in ENG and NA , \$163,654 (USA), 2nd Rebel S. **[G3]** (OP, \$20,000), 3rd Toyota Blue Grass S. **[G1]** (KEE, \$75,000). Sire.

## 4th dam

Mock Orange, by Dedicate. Unraced. Half-sister to **ALANESIAN** (\$136,997, Astarita S., etc.), **MIDDLE BROTHER** (\$119,544, Bernard Baruch S., etc., sire). Dam of 8 winners, including--

**DUKE OF MARMALADE** (c. by \*Vaguely Noble). 8 wins, 3 to 5 in ENG and ITY, placed at 4 and 5 in FR , \$196,423 (USA), Premio Roma-**G1**, Premio Roma-**G2**, Premio Ellington twice, 2nd Gran Premio di Milano-**G1**, Prix Foy-**G3**, Coppa d'Oro di Milano-**G3**, 3rd Gran Premio del Jockey Club Italiano e Coppa d'Oro-**G1**, Gran Premio di Milano-**G1**, etc. Sire.

**ALADANCER** (f. by Northern Dancer). 9 wins, 2 to 4, \$191,135, Firenze H., Linda Vista H., California Oaks, 2nd Milette H., Orchid H., Senorita S., Bed o' Roses H., Santa Ysabel S., etc.

**VISCOSITY** (f. by Sir Ivor). 3 wins, 3 to 6, \$89,799, Superdome H., 2nd Cornucopia S., Old South S.

**VIGLIOTTO** (c. by Blushing Groom (FR)). 7 wins, 3 to 6 in ENG and SAF, OK Gold Bowl **[G1]**, Lonsdale H. [L], OK Trail [L]. Sire.

**Secala** (f. by Secretariat). 2 wins at 3, \$20,700, 2nd San Clemente S.

**River Lullaby** (f. by Riverman). Winner at 2 in IRE, 3rd Ballylinch & Norelands Studs S. [L].

**ORANTE** (c. by Bold Bidder). 2 wins at 3 in FR , \$53,942 (USA), Prix de Guiche-**G3**, Prix La Force-**G3**, 3rd Prix Daphnis-**G3**, Prix Juigne. Sire.

Jungle Beat (f. by Native Dancer). 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$21,287.

**GEORGE NAVONOD** (c. by Bold Tactics). 7 wins at 2 and 4, \$350,820, Charles H. Strub S.-**G1**, Norfolk S.-**G2**, Sunny Slope S.-**G3**, El Monte H., Cabrillo S., etc. Sire.

**FRAN'S DANCER** (c. by \*Pieces of Eight II). 10 wins, 2 to 8, \$80,447, Governor's H.

Orange Bird (f. by \*Sea-Bird). See above.

Naval Orange (f. by Hoist the Flag). Winner at 3, \$9,300.

**CRYPTOCLEARANCE** (c. by Fappiano). 12 wins, 2 to 5, \$3,376,327, Florida Derby **[G1]**, Pegasus H. **[G1]**, Donn H. **[G1]**, Widener H. **[G1]**, Budweiser-Hawthorne Gold Cup H. **[G2]** twice, etc. Sire.

Frozen Orange (f. by Olden Times). Unplaced.

**SONKISSER** (c. by Drone). 6 wins at 3, \$109,032, Withers S.-**G2**, Fountain of Youth S.-**G3**, Hutcheson S., 3rd Wood Memorial S.-**G1**.

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RACE RECORD for Choice Play: At 2, unraced; at 3, three times 2nd; at 4, two wins, 3 times 2nd, 3 times 3rd; at 5, once 2nd (Red Carpet S. [L] (PEN, \$15,000)), twice 3rd; at 6, one win, twice 2nd. Totals: 3 wins, 9 times 2nd, 5 times 3rd. Earned \$193,204.

PRODUCE RECORD for Choice Play:

- 2013 Playful Dude, c. by Drosselmeyer. 9 wins, 4 to 7, placed at 8, 2021 in ENG and ITY, \$117,897 (USA).
- 2014 Mattie Ross, f. by Unbridled's Song. Winner at 3, \$23,737.
- 2015 Frobisher Bay, g. by Drosselmeyer. 6 wins, 3 to 6, 2021, \$83,567(USA).
- 2016 Geoscience, g. by Gemologist. Winner at 5, 2021, \$32,110.
- 2017 Bred to Tapizar.
- 2018 Hay Sport, g. by Gemologist. Unplaced.
- 2019 Our Choice, f. by Liam's Map. Winner at 2, 2021, \$8,468.
- 2020 Unnamed, f. by Munnings.
- 2021 Unnamed, f. by Vino Rosso.
- 2022 Bred to Mitole.