

SUBJECTIVIST (GB)

2017 by Teofilo



Bay 2017, 16.1hh (1.64m) **TEOFILO- RECKONING (DANEHILL DANCER)**

SUBJECTIVIST requires no introduction, the winner of the Ascot Gold Cup in 2021, as well as the Dubai Gold Cup in 2021 and the Prix Royal Oak in 2020. He is an exceptional specimen, and a truly exciting addition to the roster.

Stud Director Grace Skelton said, 'The addition of SUBJECTIVIST to our Stallion Roster is a huge leap forward for Alne Park Stud. To stand a stallion of this calibre is an immense honour. He will stand at an introductory fee of £4000. We firmly believe that keeping this exceptional stallion in the UK is a real boost to British breeders and we hope that he will see plenty of support in his debut season.'

Mark Johnston said, 'I always say that, when placing horses, the opposition trumps all other factors. But, very rarely, you come across a horse where the opposition isn't a factor at all. Subjectivist was such a horse. In 2021, I truly believed that there wasn't a horse in the world that could beat him at two miles or more, in any ground. There is less and less need for British NH Breeders to travel to Ireland and, with the incentives on offer in the UK perhaps the Irish breeders will be thinking of coming over here!'

- NH Elite Mares' Scheme Eligible

STUD FEE: £4,000

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What a genuine gelding!

THE ULTRA-CONSISTENT all-weather campaign being waged by Artisan Dancer this winter continued apace in February.

The Mastercraftsman gelding ran twice in November, finishing runner-up each time. In three outings in December he was second twice and third. His three runs in January saw him finish first, second and third.

Turned out again at Lingfield on February 4, this time racing against a field of older horses over two miles, he was beaten by just half a length, finishing fourth of the nine runners.

Owned by The Makyowners, the gelding stepped back in trip to a mile and three-quarters five days later, running in a Wolverhampton contest which had a field of five runners. Jason Hart took the ride.

Slowly into stride, Artisan Dancer was

settled on the inside rail as Melakaz led at a steady pace. True Courage came to challenge the leader three furlongs out, as the pace picked up. Momentarily, it looked as though Artisan Dancer might be short of room on the rail, but turning for home a slight gap appeared.

Taking full advantage, Jason sent Artisan Dancer through the gap and into the lead, just as Melakaz hung right, causing the other runners to come wide into the straight. It was a decisive move, and Artisan Dancer went on to score by two lengths from Aqwaam, with Captain Kane four lengths back in third.

This was the gelding's

fifth win since August 2023, a period which has seen his handicap rating rise from 57 to 81. He was bought by Johnston Racing at the Arqana Deauville October Yearling Sale in 2021 for just €26,000.

On February 24 he turned out once again, running over a mile and a half in a Southwell handicap. Facing 11 other runners, Jason Hart settled him in midfield before asking him to make smooth headway two furlongs from home.

Racing wide in the straight, he was closing on Andaleep but lost out on the nod to go down by a head in a thrilling finish to the race. The epitome of consistency and versatility, Artisan Dancer deserves the utmost credit for another tremendous performance.

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