

# MODERNIST

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## RACE AND (BLACK TYPE) RECORD

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earned
2	2	0	0	1	\$11,400
3	5	2(1)	0	1(1)	\$406,400
4	4	1(1)	2(2)	0	\$158,500
Totals	11	3(2)	2(2)	2(1)	\$576,300

**Won** At 3

**Risen Star S** presented by Lamarque Ford (G2, \$400,000, 9f in 1:51.28, dftg. Major Fed, Ny Traffic, Mailman Money, Mr. Big News, Lynn's Map, Finnick the Fierce, Excession, Anneau d'Or, Liam's Lucky Charm, Fame to Famous).

A maiden special weight race at Aqu (\$68,000, 9f in 1:54.24, by 4, dftg. Cowtown, Distorted Sky, Zuzudini, Uncle Ned, Commissioner Dave).

**3rd Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby** (G2, 9.5f, to Wells Bayou, Ny Traffic, dftg. Major Fed, Enforceable, Shake Some Action, Silver State, Chestertown, Royal Act, Social Afleet, Mailman Money, Sharecropper, Lynn's Map, Portos).

**Won** At 4

**Excelsior S** (G3, \$150,000, 9f in 1:54.38, by 2½, dftg. Haikal, Limonite, Backsideofthemoon, Grumps Little Tots, Tintoretto).

**2nd Pimlico Special Match Series S** (G3, 9.5f, to Last Judgment, dftg. Fearless, Cordmaker, Prioritize, Max Player, Treasure Trove, Forewarned, Enforceable, Harpers First Ride).

**\$100,000 Michelob Ultra Challenger S** (G3, 8.5f, to Last Judgment, dftg. War Stopper, Letmeno, Jungle Fighter).

## SIRE LINE

**MODERNIST** is by **UNCLE MO**, black-type stakes winner of 5 races, \$1,606,000, champion 2yo colt, Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1), Champagne S (G1), Kelso H (G2), Timely Writer S, 2nd Foxwoods King's Bishop S (G1), 3rd Resorts World New York Casino Wood Memorial S (G1).

To November 2, 2025: Sired 11 crops, 1,853 foals, 1,406 mrs (76%), 941 wnr (51%), 189 2yo wnr (10%), 115 BTW (6%), 1.54 AEI, 1.84 Cl, 1,077 sale yrds, avg \$225,557, 4.32 TNA.

In 2025: 97 2yos, 26 2yo rnrs, 4 2yo wnr, 9 BTW, 95 sale yrds, avg \$287,326.

**UNCLE MO** has sired **NYQUIST** (champion 2yo colt, Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands, G1, Xpressbet.com Florida Derby, G1, etc.), **MO DONEGAL** (Belmont S Presented by NYRA Bets, G1, Wood Memorial S Presented by Resorts World Casino, G2, Remsen S, G2, 3rd Holy Bull S, G3), **ADARE MANOR** (Apple Blossom H, G1, Clement L. Hirsch S, G1, Clement L. Hirsch S Presented by Oak Tree Racing Association, G1, Santa Margarita S, G2 twice, Santa Maria S, G2, etc.), **GOLDEN PAL** (Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, G1, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint, G2T, Woodford S, G2T twice, Shakertown S, G2T, etc.), **ARABIAN KNIGHT** (FanDuel Racing Pacific Classic S, G1, Southwest S, G3, 3rd TVG.com Haskell S, G1), **KINGSBARN** (Stephen Foster S, G1, Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby, G2, Ben Ali S, G3, 2nd Pimlico Special S, G3, Pegasus S), **UNBRIDLED MO** (Apple Blossom H, G1, Houston Ladies Classic S, G3, Hilliard Lyons Doubledogdare S, G3, Monmouth Oaks, G3, Remington Park Oaks, 3rd Ogden Phipps S, G1), **MO FORZA** (Hollywood Derby, G1T, Del Mar Mile S, G2T, City of Hope Mile S, G2T twice, Mathis Brothers Mile S,

Indian Charlie, 1995 5s, BTW, \$616,120 952 f, 83 BTW, 1.82 AEI 7.42 AWD	In Excess, 1987 25s, BTW, \$1,740,861 1,003 f, 57 BTW, 1.50 AEI	Siberian Express, by Caro
	Soviet Sojourn, 1989 10s, BTW, \$270,110 11 f, 9 r, 4 w, 1 BTW	Kantado, by Saulingo
	Political Parfait, by Diplomat Way	Leo Castelli, by Sovereign Dancer
Playa Maya, 2000 6s, wnr, \$81,921 8 f, 8 r, 8 w, 1 BTW	Arch, 1995 7s, BTW, \$480,969 1,083 f, 70 BTW, 1.65 AEI	Kris S., by Roberto
	Dixie Slippers, 1995 9s, wnr, \$41,620 1 f, 1 r, 1 w	Aurora, by Danzig
	Cyane's Slippers, by Cyane	Dixieland Band, by Northern Dancer
Symbolic Gesture, dkb/br, 2013 Unraced 1 f, 1 r, 1 w, 1 BTW 9.00 AWD	A.P. Indy, 1989 11s, BTW, \$2,979,815 1,184 f, 156 BTW, 2.87 AEI	Seattle Slew, by Bold Reasoning
	Cara Rafaela, 1993 24s, BTW, \$884,452 14 f, 11 r, 7 w, 1 BTW	Weekend Surprise, by Secretariat
	Kris S., 1977 5s, BTW, \$53,350 839 f, 88 BTW, 2.48 AEI	Quiet American, by Fappiano
Sweet Life, 1996 13s, BTW, \$223,486 11 f, 5 r, 5 w, 3 BTW	Oil Fable, by Spectacular Bid	Oil Fable, by Spectacular Bid
	Symbolically, 1983 36s, wnr, \$163,300 10 f, 7 r, 6 w, 4 BTW	Sharp Queen, by Princequillo
	Flying Paster, by Gummo	Flying Paster, by Gummo
	Hail to the Queen, by Native Royalty	Hail to the Queen, by Native Royalty

Inbreeding: 4SX3d Kris S.

G2T, Qatar Twilight Derby, G2T, etc.), **A MO REAY** (Beholder Mile S, G1, Bayakoa S, G3, Pago Hop S, 2nd Fleur de Lis S, G2, Beldame S, G2, 3rd Frizette S, G1, etc.), **BAST** (Chandelier S, G1, Del Mar Debutante S, G1, Starlet S, G1, Santa Ynez S, G2, 3rd Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, G1), **YAUPON** (Forego S, G1, Amsterdam S, G2, etc.), **OUTWORK** (Wood Memorial S, G1, 2nd Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby, G2), **DREAM TREE** (Starlet S, G1, Prioresse S, G2, Las Virgenes S, G2, etc.), **MO TOWN** (Hollywood Derby, G1T, Remsen S, G2, etc.), **SEISMIC BEAUTY** (Clement L. Hirsch S Presented by Oak Tree Racing Association, G1, Santa Margarita S, G2, to 4, 2025), **GOMO** (Darley Alcibiades S, G1, etc.), **ENVOUTANTE** (Falls City S, G2 twice, Remington Park Oaks, G3, Shawnee S, 2nd La Troienne S presented by Twinspires.com, G1, etc.), **ROSALBA MARIA** (champion 3yo filly in Ven), Kalina (champion 2yo filly in Mex), etc.

**UNCLE MO'S** 2025 black-type stakes winners are **SEISMIC BEAUTY** (G1), **BISHOPS BAY** (G3), **DONEGAL MOMENTUM** (G3T), **ITALIAN SOIREE** (G3T), **TOUPIE** (G3T), **SIMCOE** (G3A), **TITO MO CEN** (in Fr), **COOKE CREEK**, **CRYSTAL QUEST**.

**UNCLE MO'S** other sons as stallions include **NYQUIST** (660 foals, 33 BTW, 1.55 AEI), **LAOBAN** (291 foals, 19 BTW, 1.32 AEI), **YAUPON** (142 foals, 7 BTW, 1.21 AEI), etc.

## MODERNIST Has Sired:

From his first crop of racing age, 2-year-olds of 2025, Modernist has sired the winners Trendsetter, **Grazie**, Tall Cool One, Stretch, Freaky Neeks, Cuzin Roscoe, Valnie, Laman Sapsan (in RUS), and black-type stakes placed **Last Candy** (3rd Pat Whitworth Illinois Debutante S, at 2, 2025).

## Sales Analysis\*

	Wearlings	Yearlings	Cover Sire
# sold	Avg	# sold	Avg
2025	—	14—\$9,750	3—\$6,000
2024	5—\$4,040	50—\$16,263	9—\$2,078
Lifetime	19—\$13,616	64—\$14,838	32—\$5,848

\*to November 2, 2025

## FAMILY

### 1st dam

**SYMBOLIC GESTURE**. Unraced. Dam of 1 foal—**MODERNIST** (Subject stallion).

### 2nd dam

**SWEET LIFE**. 4 wins, 2 to 4, \$223,486, Providencia S, 2nd Beverly Hills H (G1T), 3rd San Clemente H (G2T). Broodmare of the Year, 2009. Dam of 11 foals, including—

**SWEET CATOMINE**. 5 wins at 2 and 3, \$1,059,600, champion 2yo filly, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1), Santa Anita Oaks (G1), Del Mar Debutante S (G1), Oak Leaf S (G2), Santa Ysabel S (G3). Producer.

Granddam of **NAUGHTY THOUGHTS** (\$214,997, Wide Country S, 2nd Beyond The Wire S, 3rd Gin Talking S, Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S, etc.), **INTHEWINNERSIRCLE** (\$141,425, Cellars Shiraz S, Juvenile Fillies Turf S).

**LIFE IS SWEET**. 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$1,820,810, Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic (G1A), Santa Margarita Invitational H (G1A), La Canada S (G2A), El Encino S (G2A), 2nd Santa Maria H (G2A), Milady H (G2A), Sands Point S (G2T), Calder Oaks, 3rd TVG/Betfair Hollywood Gold Cup H (G1A). Producer. Granddam of **BATUCADA** (\$263,753, Powder Break S, 2nd Beldame S, G2).

**CALIMON**. 5 wins, 3 to 6, \$391,486, Sidd Finch S, Wickerr S, 2nd Wickerr S, 3rd Citation H (G2T), Del Mar Mile H (G2T). Sire.

**SWEET WAY**. Winner at 3, \$42,795. Producer. Dam of **Saint Vigore** (\$203,890, 2nd Dwyer S, G2, Peter Pan S, G2, 3rd Coastal S, sire), **Victory Way** (\$194,584, 3rd Bay Shore S, G3, to 5, 2025), **Sweet Bliss** (\$81,930, 2nd Honeymoon S, G2T). Granddam of **COMMITTEE OF ONE** (\$338,276, Indian Summer S Presented by Keeneland Select, 3rd Dade Park Dash S, Bob Bork Texas Turf Mile S, to 4, 2025).

**AIN'T SHE SWEET**. Unraced. Producer. Granddam of **WAVES OF MISCHIEF** (\$644,130, Pucker Up S, G3T, 2nd Pepsi Dueling Grounds Oaks Invitational S, 3rd Hilltop S, to 4, 2025).

### 3rd dam

**Symbolically**. 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$163,300, 2nd Amanda S Stakes, C.T.B.A. Marian S, 3rd Fleet Treat S. Dam of 10 foals, including—

**PIRATE'S REVENGE**. 9 wins at 3 and 4, \$521,025, Milady H (G1), Bayakoa H (G2), Miss Hollywood Park S, Winter Solstice S, Shywing H, Boo La Boo S, Twilight Ridge S, 2nd Hawthorne H (G2), Railbird S (G2), etc. Producer. Granddam of **TIDAL POOL** (\$394,820, Red Bud S, 2nd Fantasy S, G2, 3rd Kentucky Oaks, G1, Black-Eyed Susan S, G2, Vagrancy H, G2, Chicago H, G3A, etc.).

**ECHO OF YESTERDAY**. 13 wins, 3 to 7, \$437,750, On Trust H twice, Double Discount S, Crystal Water H.

**CARIBBEAN PIRATE**. 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$171,450, Oceanside S, 3rd La Jolla H (G3T).

**Strive**. 4 wins, 3 to 6, \$287,910, 3rd New Orleans H (G2). Sire.

**SYMBOLIC**. Unraced. Producer. Granddam of **FAHAN MURA** (\$783,566, Robert J. Frankel S, G3T, Osunitas S, Swingtime S, 2nd Goldikova S, G2T, 3rd John C. Mabee S, G2T).

### 4th dam

**HAIL TO THE QUEEN**. 6 wins at 3, \$104,775, Manta H. Dam of 10 foals, including—

**RADIANTLY**. 3 wins at 3, \$28,370. Dam of **MR. VIC** (\$121,942, San Juan County Commissioner's H).

## STUD ANALYSIS

### Northern Hemisphere

#### First Crop

Year	Named Foals	Runners	Winners	2yo Wnrs
*2023	73	32 (44%)	8 (11%)	8
<b>By Racing Year</b>				
Year	Wins	BTW	Wins	Earned
*2025	10	0	0	\$490,873

0.64 AEI; 0.96 CI; 5.61 AWD  
In 2025: 32 rnrs, 8 wnr  
Avg Earnings Per Starter: \$15,340  
\*to November 2, 2025



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Uncle Mo – Symbolic Gesture, by Bernardini

## PRECOCIOUS BLOODLINES, CLASSIC TALENT

- First crop of racing age included **Grazie**, 3rd-place finisher of the Seeking the Ante S.; **Last Candy**, 3rd-place finisher of the Pat Whitworth Illinois Debutante S.; **Trendsetter**, winner of the Hickory Tree S.; **Tall Cool One**, winner of the CTBA Laddie S.; MdSpWt winners **Talk To Me Jimmy**, **Stretch**, **Cuzin Roscoe**, etc.
- First 2YO's sold for **\$310,000**, **\$300,000**, **\$210,000**, **\$130,000** x2, **\$110,000**, etc.
- Multiple Graded stakes winner at 3 & 4 and earner of \$576,300.
- Strong 2 1/2-length winner of the **G3 Excelsior S.** as a 4-year-old over GSW Haikal and BTW Backsideofthemoon.
- Front-running winner of the **G2 Risen Star S.** as a 3-year-old over a full field.
- Runner-up in both the **G3 Challenger S.** and the **G3 Pimlico Special S.**, outfinishing 6 BTWs, including G1 winner Max Player and GSWS Harpers First Ride, Fearless, Enforceable, etc.
- Earned himself a spot on *TDN's* "Derby Top 12" after placing in the **G2 Louisiana Derby** after giving up significant real estate with wide trips on both turns.
- By Champion 2YO colt, leading sire, and emerging sire of sires **UNCLE MO**—the sire of multiple G1-producer and G1 Kentucky Derby winner **NYQUIST**, Leading 2025 First-Crop Sire **YAUPON**, and G1-winners **GOLDEN PAL** and **KINGSBARN**.

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