His Highness the Aga Khan on his filly, Zarkava

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"I would like to thank Cartier for the prize that has been given to Zarkava and just share with you what she means to me.

"When my father was killed, there was a filly in training called Petite Etoile. She was my first Classic contact with racing. She was trained here in England by Noel Murless and ridden by Lester Piggott. She only had one daughter at stud, by Habitat, and I love my daughter so I called that filly by the name of my daughter, Zahra, and this family has continued to produce exceptional fillies through to this day.

"So Zarkava goes back to my grandfather's time, to my father's time and the family carries the name of my daughter and so she is very special and I think very exceptional. Sometimes we are associated with fast ladies and this is a case when I am very happy to be associated with a fast lady!"

His Highness the Aga Khan's 2008 Acceptance Address - Cartier Racing Awards' Horse of the Year (London, United Kingdom)

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