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“IT’S GOT STYLE, IT’S GOT FLAIR – IT’S A GRAND AFFAIR”

“It’s Got Style, it’s Got Flair – It’s a Grand Affair” is surely the best way to describe an event that cannot be missed.

The countdown is on to the New South Wales Racing Industry’s Night of Nights and the flagship event of the NSW Racehorse Owners Association (NSWROA), Racing’s Night of Champions which is to be staged at The Grand Pavilion at Rosehill Gardens on Thursday, 13th August 2009.

This prestigious event not only pays homage to the best NSW Racing has to offer in recognising achievements for both horses and their humans, but also supports Redkite, one of Australia’s leading cancer support charities.

When it comes to racing awards nights, they don’t come any bigger than the NSW Racehorse Owners Association’s Racing’s Night of Champions and this has been further evidenced by the flood of support

NSWROA has received for the event to date.

Readers may be aware that the success of the Racing’s Night of Champions awards dinner relies predominantly on sponsorship monies, the monster auction and the silent auction. The importance of our wonderful sponsors for the event cannot go without special mention.

As is always the case when a ‘helping hand’ is required, the racing industry is the first to gather momentum by joining together and supporting the cause.

Such has been the case with this year’s event and on behalf of Redkite; I would like to thank all those who have supported the 2009 Racing’s Night of Champions.

In particular, NSWROA is very pleased to welcome back as sponsors from last year’s event:-

- Ambassador Travel

- Carrazzo Consulting
- Count Charitable
- New Zealand Bloodstock
- New Zealand Thoroughbred Marketing
- Racing NSW, and
- Sydney Turf Club

NSWROA is delighted to welcome aboard to this year’s event:-

- Gow Gates Insurance Brokers, and
- Thoroughbred Breeders NSW, both first time sponsorship participants and to also welcome back former sponsor, the Australian Jockey Club.

Luxbet.com has also come aboard as the new major sponsor of the NSW Champion Horse of the Year award; the feature award of the night.

Speaking of awards, others to be presented on the night are:-

- NSW Two-Year-Old of the Year
- NSW Three-Year-Old of the Year



The Grand Pavilion at Rosehill Gardens—a tremendous night venue

The very talented Tim Freedman is feature artist on the nightvenue



NSWROA's 'Racing's Night of Champions' always proves a fabulous night out

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- NSW Sprinter/Miler of the Year
- NSW Middle Distance Horse of the Year
- NSW Stayer of the Year
- NSW Country Champion Horse of the Year
- NSW Provincial Champion Horse of the Year
- Queen of the Autumn Award
- T J Smith Award
- George Moore Award
- Theo Green Award; and
- the inaugural presentation of the Bart Cummings Medal.

At the time of writing, there are very limited sponsorship opportunities available for the 2009 Racing's Night of Champions – so why not align your brand to a demographic that fits with high fashion, the finer things in life and, of course, racing at the highest level!

I would also like to thank those who have supported the event by providing prizes for both the Monster Auction and the Silent Auction.

Without giving too much away for the night, I can tell you that the Monster Auction will feature a wonderful trip to Dubai for the opening of the Meydan Racecourse, the world's largest

racecourse, for the 2010 Dubai World Cup – a definite once in a lifetime experience.

For a sneak peak at this incredible prize, visit the Ambassador Travel website - www.ambassadortravel.com.au - and click onto the Dubai World Cup icon; you will be truly amazed.

The Silent Auction will also feature some wonderful prizes in the following categories – Accommodation, Art, Electronics, Horse Products, Jewellery, Memorabilia, Millinery and Technology, to name but a few.

There will also be a raffle with exceptional prizes conducted on the night and a 'lucky door prize' will also be awarded.

Sounds too good to resist – doesn't it! But wait, there is more!!

It has also been the practice of NSWROA to feature wonderful Australian talent at the Racing's Night of Champions and this year's event will be no exception.

I am very pleased to announce that our feature entertainment on the evening will be provided by the Tim Freedman Trio, featuring Aria Award-winning singer/songwriter Tim Freedman.

Tim is the front man & pianist for the contemporary rock group The Whitlams

and has had a string of hits including 'No Aphrodisiac' and 'Blow up the Pokies'.

The event will also feature the Gotham City Horns as our after party band.

The Gotham City Horns are a big, bold, brassy nine-piece band with a line up that features a funky four piece rhythm section of drums, bass, guitar and keyboards backing a dynamic combination of male and female lead vocalists complemented by a blistering three-piece horn section. If they can't get you dancing – no-one will.

And to top it all off you will dine like royalty on a sumptuous three-course meal and savour fine wines and beverages.

Surely you are convinced by now that the 2009 Racing's Night of Champions is truly an event not to be missed so take a tip and reserve your place early to avoid disappointment!

Reminding you that last year's event was sold out many weeks prior to the function – so "get in early" and reserve your tickets.

For more information regarding the 2009 Racing's Night of Champions, contact the NSWROA office by telephone **(02) 9299-4299**, by email nswroa1@ozemail.com.au or visit the NSWROA website www.nswroa.com.au



A trip to Dubai for the opening of the world's largest racetrack – Meydan Racecourse (an artist's impression is shown) – will be part of the Monster Auction