

# 'Reminiscing' at 2010 night of champions

NSW RACING'S 'NIGHT OF NIGHTS' WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH FEATURING A WORLD-CLASS ARTIST, FINE FOOD AND BEVERAGES, AND AN ARRAY OF RACING TALENT

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1: Connections of Theseo accept the award for NSW Champion Horse of the Year 2: The Grand Pavilion at Rosehill Gardens by night 3: The trophy for Theseo; 2009 NSW Champion Horse of the Year

**N**SW Racehorse Owners Association (NSWROA) is proud to announce that its flagship event, and the NSW Racing Industry's Night of Nights 'Racing's Night of Champions', will return to The Grand Pavilion at Rosehill Gardens on Thursday, 12 August 2010.

As readers would be aware, this prestigious event pays homage to the best NSW racing has to offer in recognising achievements for both horses and their humans as well as supporting Redkite – supporting children through cancer.

With the theme of "Celebrating 200 Years of Racing" guests will be treated to some fantastic moments in racing's long and proud history. Some of us will no doubt reminisce when we recall equine royalty from days past, as well as acknowledging our recent champions.

The question would then have to be asked how could we possibly complement our entertainment with this wonderful theme?

The Association is very pleased to advise that our feature artist for the evening will be none other than one of Australia's favourite cabaret and Broadway performers, David Campbell.

To quote the man himself "I am an entertainer" and David Campbell will definitely have all in attendance in the palm of his hand as he brings his unique style to Racing's Night of Champions.

Not only has he featured on television programs, starred in musical theatre and recorded Top 10 albums, he has also sold out concert tours from coast to coast.

During July and August David will be on tour highlighting his latest album "On Broadway" so we are most fortunate indeed to have been able to secure this amazing talent for our flagship event.

The 2010 Racing's Night of Champions will again be televised live on TVN following the success of last year's inaugural live presentation.

But what about the awards – you may well ask!

The feature award of the night is, of course, the NSW Champion Horse of the Year which will be sponsored for the second successive year by Luxbet.com – the Association's exclusive wagering partner.

This prestigious award has been taken out by some incredible horses in recent years including Lonhro (2004), Grand Armee (2005), Takeover Target (2006), Desert War (2007),



David Campbell will be performing at the Night of Champions

Tuesday Joy (2008) and Theseo last year.

Other awards to be presented on the night include:-

- NSW Two-year-old of the Year
- NSW Three-year-old of the Year
- 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

Additional awards which will be presented are:-

- the T J Smith Award
- the George Moore Award
- the Theo Green Award; and
- the Bart Cummings Medal

The success of this awards dinner relies predominantly on sponsorship monies, the monster auction and the silent auction. We are indebted to our wonderful sponsors and on behalf of Redkite we thank them for their continued support of Racing's Night of Champions.

NSWROA is pleased to welcome back as sponsors for this year's event, Luxbet.com, Racing NSW, Sydney Turf Club, Australian Jockey Club, Count Charitable, TVN, Gow Gates Insurance Brokers, New Zealand Bloodstock, Carrazzo Consulting, Tooheys and Taylors Wines.

In addition, NSWROA would like to thank those companies and individuals who kindly donated prizes to the Monster Auction and the Silent Auction.

At the time of writing, there were still a small number of sponsorship opportunities available for the 2010 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.

For those of you interested in attending Racing's Night of Champions for the first time, may I assure you that it will be an experience you will not forget.

NSWROA Racing's Night of Champions enables participants to share the night with celebrities, racing media, and sporting personalities and to also raise much-needed funds for Redkite.

Now more than ever they need your support to help families going through their most difficult time.

Redkite provides real and practical support to children and young people with cancer and their families such as hospital based support, community based support, financial assistance and education services.

With over 5000 families affected by childhood and adolescent cancer every year, Redkite is there for families from the very moment of a cancer diagnosis, through rigorous treatment and beyond, when families return to their community.

The RNOC Committee Chairman and NSWROA President, Ray McDowell, said: "I for one can't wait for this night. NSWROA looks forward to welcoming new attendees to the function and also greeting our regular attendees. This is definitely a night not to be missed – so book early to reserve your place."

So if you would like to see some of the best live entertainment in the land, enjoy dining at its finest with a sumptuous three-course meal whilst savouring fine wines and beverages, look no further than the best value night out you can have – Racing's Night of Champions.

But wait there's more! In order to assist guests travelling to the function, NSWROA has arranged for a return bus service to the event at a nominal fee. The bus will travel between Randwick and Rosehill. Bookings for this service will be essential.

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Take my tip, reserve your place now to avoid disappointment. For more information regarding the 2010 Racing's Night of Champions, contact the NSWROA office on (02) 9299 4299, via email – nswroa1@ozemail.com.au – or visit NSWROA's website – [www.nswroa.com.au](http://www.nswroa.com.au) **RNSW**