

Countdown to racing's night of champions

THE CLOCK IS TICKING AND THE COUNTDOWN IS ON FOR THE NSW RACING INDUSTRY'S NIGHT OF NIGHTS AND FLAGSHIP EVENT OF THE NSWROA – 'RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS'

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Racing's Night of Champions will be held this year in the Randwick Pavilion at Royal Randwick Racecourse on Thursday, 11 August 2011.

As readers may be aware, this prestigious event will pay homage to the best New South Wales racing has to offer in recognising the achievements of both horses and humans.

Speaking of the best, the Association has been most fortunate to obtain the services of multi-platinum, multi-ARIA Award-winning and a true Australian icon as our feature performer – Jimmy Barnes.

With the most successful solo career of any performer in Australian rock history, producing nine Number One albums to date, Jimmy continues to tour internationally and throughout Australia.

His current album 'Rage and Ruin' which was recorded in the USA is the latest example of his enduring talent.

If you are looking for a great night out, then look no further – Racing's Night of Champions is the event for you. At the great value price of less than \$200 per head you will receive:-

- SUMPTUOUS FOOD – Three courses of great food and fine wine, champagne and beer

- GREAT ENTERTAINMENT – feature performance by Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductee, the one and only, Jimmy Barnes

whilst you honour the best racing talent in NSW including the Luxbet.com NSW Champion Horse of the Year and the Bart Cummings Medallist.

You will also support the Vincentian House KEEP Program; a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW which is our charity of choice at this year's event.

During the evening both a Monster Auction and a Silent Auction will be conducted. Without giving too much away about the items available on the night,

hereunder is a 'sneak peak' at some of the marvellous items that will feature in the Monster and Silent Auctions:-

- Top Hats, Tails & Caviar – two people will wing their way business class to Royal Ascot in 2012; courtesy of Emirates Airlines and Ambassador Travel Services

- Plate Up - a package for four people to attend the prestigious Committee Lunch at the Tatts Cox Plate on Saturday, 22 October 2011; courtesy of Moonee Valley Racing Club and Mr Martin Ralston

- Your One Stop Shop for Advertising Needs – Get your message out there with an advertising package with leading racing broadcaster SKY Racing*; courtesy of SKY Racing (*advertisements must comply with Sky's Advertising Policy)

- Come Sailing – two people will join the East Sail for a 2.5hr Morning Adventure Group Sail on Sydney Harbour aboard a luxurious Beneteau yacht; courtesy of East Sail Rushcutters Bay

- Mystique – a mixed medium acrylic on canvas work of Kerri Koczanowski of an African Girl; courtesy of Kerri Koczanowski

- Fit and Well – your opportunity to get fit and well for summer with a high end personal training service in the eastern suburbs of Sydney; courtesy of Ministry of Wellbeing

And the above is just to name a few...

I'm sure these items have well and truly attracted your attention and will have you racing to book your seat for the night.

And let's not forget about the awards presented on the night with the feature award being the Luxbet.com NSW Champion Horse of the Year.

Other awards to be presented 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, Queen of the Autumn, NSW Country Champion Horse of the Year and the NSW Provincial Champion Horse of the Year.

Racing NSW will also present awards on the night such as the Sydney Strapper of the Year Award, T J Smith Award, George Moore Award, Theo Green Award and the Bart Cummings Medal.

NSWROA is delighted to welcome back the following sponsors to this year's event: Luxbet.com, Racing NSW, Patinack Farm, Gow Gates Insurance Brokers, New Zealand Bloodstock, Emirates, Ambassador Travel,



Inglis, Carrazzo Consulting, International Animal Health Products, De Bortoli Wines and Tooheys.

Whilst technically not a 'new' sponsor, NSWROA is pleased that Australian Turf Club is supporting the event by sponsoring the awards that the Australian Jockey Club and Sydney Turf Club had in previous years.

We would also like to welcome aboard to this year's event as a first time sponsorship participant SKY Racing, our exclusive media partner.

Finally, and by no means in the least, our thanks to those companies and individuals who kindly donated prizes to the Monster Auction and the Silent Auction.

It goes without saying that we are indebted to our wonderful sponsors and on behalf of Vincentian House we thank them for their continued support of Racing's Night of Champions.

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

Racing's Night of Champions will be beamed 'live' to an international audience on SKY Racing World and highlights of the night will also been shown on SKY Racing 1 and SKY Racing 2.

To assist guests from western Sydney attending the event, NSWROA has arranged for a return bus service. The bus will travel between Rosehill and Randwick and bookings for this service are essential.

If you haven't already done so, reserve your place now at a truly fantastic night.

For more information regarding the 2011 Racing's Night of Champions, contact the NSWROA office on (02) 9299-4299, by email nswroa1@ozemail.com.au or visit the NSWROA website www.nswroa.com.au **RNSW**



TOP: Emirates Airlines and Ambassador Travel Services will offer a trip to Royal Ascot at 'Racing's Night of Champions'

ABOVE: East Sail at Rushcutters Bay is offering a sail on Sydney Harbour aboard a luxurious Beneteau yacht
RIGHT: Kerri Koczanowski's entrancing 'Mystique' is sure to draw plenty of interest

