

# Let's celebrate the best!

**T**he 2017 Racing's Night of Champions award presentation is a gala event beamed 'live' to an international audience on Sky Thoroughbred Central on Thursday, 17 August by exclusive media partner Sky Racing.

Racing's Night of Champions will once again support the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation (POWHF) as our charity of choice for the event, where proceeds are used to promote research, education, health promotion and patient care for and at the Prince of Wales Hospital at Randwick.

Readers will be interested to know that a major portion of the funds raised from last year's event were granted to Professor Denis Wakefield AO, Director of Immunology, who will conduct research to enable the development of a new vaccine for inflammatory arthritis diseases.

Racing's Night of Champions returns in 2017 to the home of racing, Royal Randwick, where the industry will be united once again for this fabulous event.

The excitement is reaching crescendo level as we anxiously await the results of the awards being presented on the night, highlighted, of course, by the feature award the Tab.com.au 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 of the Year, NSW 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, NSW Provincial Champion Horse of the Year, Sydney Strapper of the Year, the TJ Smith Award, the George Moore Award, the Theo Green Award, the NSW Racing Writers' Personality of the Year, the BOBS Horse of the Year and the Bart Cummings Medal.

Guests will also be celebrating the best in entertainment when The Beatels take to the stage. The internationally acclaimed tribute band have played to packed out audiences

## LET'S START 'CELEBRATING THE BEST' AS IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR THE RACING INDUSTRY'S NIGHT OF NIGHTS, RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS

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around the world since 1996.

The Beatels are so close to the real thing that you won't believe your eyes or your ears as they recreate those wonderful songs from what was undoubtedly the best band of all time.

During the evening both a Monster and Silent Auction will be conducted. Without giving too much away about the items available on the night, hereunder is a 'sneak peek' at some of the marvellous items that will feature in the auctions:

**Racing, royalty and more (kindly donated by Ambassador Travel in association with Emirates Airlines):** This exceptional prize, provided by Ambassador Travel in association with Emirates Airlines, is for two people flying Business Class

to London with the multi award-winning airline, Emirates together with Ambassador Travel's 2018 Royal Ascot & Newmarket tour. Renowned for its superb levels of inflight service with over 2,500 channels of entertainment including live sport and free wi-fi, you will be flying on the magnificent Emirates A380 in Business Class which features fully flat beds and the unique on-board bar and lounge. The 2018 Royal Ascot & Newmarket Tour features not only a day at Royal Ascot but also time at historic Newmarket as well as a visit to Her Majesty the Queen's Sandringham Estate. The prize is inclusive of all travel arrangements and accommodation.

**Love Yellow Diamonds (kindly donated by Australian Jewellery Liquidators):** An elegant yellow diamond set designed for a queen. This stunning yellow diamond ring is made of solid 18k Carat white gold, featuring a beautiful yellow diamond surrounded by two tiers of diamonds, 6 brilliant yellow diamonds in the first tier and 14 brilliant cut white diamonds in the second tier. Total 1.01 Carats. Accompanying this exquisite ring are 18k Carat white gold diamond stud earrings featuring a cushion



*The Racehorse by Salvador Dalí*

cut fancy yellow diamond, surrounded by 14 brilliant cut white diamonds. Total 0.83 Carats. This spectacular yellow diamond set is truly a wonderful way to any woman's heart. Stamped and certified with certification supplied (valued at \$11,700).

**Picasso's Masterpiece (kindly donated by Chase Gallery):** An exquisite piece of dramatic art perfect to feature in and style any living space: Three black and white lithographs from Picasso's 'Toros Y Toreros' 1961 portfolio - a tribute to the bullfight. Picasso was familiar with bullfighting from his youth. At the age of nine, he watched a bullfight with his father and recorded his strong impressions in a drawing. In bullfighting, Picasso saw a mythological symbol embodying dramatic suffering, grief and rage. The drama of ferocious struggle became a recurring theme in his work. This epic masterpiece awaits a place to call home! 50cm (H) x 120cm (W), valued at \$8,000. \*Please note Picasso painted and plated the artwork in 1959, however, only printed and published in 1961.

**The Racehorse by Salvador Dali (kindly donated by Chase Gallery):** This striking colour lithograph is from Dali's 'Les Chevaux de Dali' 1983 portfolio. Dali returned time and again to the horse theme throughout his long career. The natural symbolism of raw animal power and elegance were a formidable attraction for him. Dali was mindful of the symbiotic relationship of the horse to man and its enormous contribution to human culture in terms of mobility and productivity. Dali considered this unique animal a perfect launching point for his prodigious imagination. This striking piece of equine art will be the perfect addition to any horse racing admirer's collection. 50cm (H) x 70cm (W), valued at \$4,400.

**The Perfect Drop (kindly donated by Eurolinx):** You'll be the perfect



Rachel Gilbert dress

host and home entertainer with this brand-new signature ILVE single wine cellar in your home. Boasting an impressive array of features, this sleek and stylish cellar allows you to store your top shelf matured wines and 'ready to drink' bottles in the same place. The electronic control panel allows you to store wine at 12-16c providing optimum humidity and a temperature controlled environment across each shelf. A must have for

every wine connoisseur.

**Lady in Black (kindly donated by Rachel Gilbert):**

A must for every lady's wardrobe, this stunning size 12 fully embellished black sleeveless gown with a V-neck and silver beading detail around the neck is style in abundance!

This is just naming a few of the items. A raffle with exceptional prizes will also be conducted on the night and a lucky door prize awarded.

I'm sure the above items have well and truly attracted your attention and have you racing to book your seat(s) for the night.

NSWROA is very pleased to welcome back as sponsors for this year's event, Tab.com.au, Racing NSW, Sky Racing, Emirates, Australian Turf Club, Whitby Bloodstock, New Zealand Bloodstock, Ambassador Travel Services, Inglis, Carrazzo Consulting, Jirsch Sutherland, International Animal Health Products and De Bortoli Wines.

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

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

At the great value price of \$240 per head Racing's Night of Champions is the best value night out you can have.

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

For more information regarding 2017 Racing's Night of Champions or to make a booking, contact the NSWROA office on (02) 9299-4299, by email nswroa1@ozemail.com.au or visit the NSWROA website www.nswroa.com.au **RNSW**