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\$550,000 SPIRAL STAKES WILL RUN MARCH 21 AT TURFWAY PARK

Spiral Stakes is one of 34 qualifying races for the legendary Kentucky Derby

February 4, 2015 (Florence, KY) – Turfway Park will host the 44th running of the \$550,000 Spiral Stakes – sponsored by Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati - on March 21.

The 1 1/8-mile race for three-year-old Thoroughbreds is a Grade 3 prep race for the renowned Kentucky Derby, which is limited to just 20 starters.

“This day is the official start of spring for our area, big racing and an awesome party!” said Turfway Park General Manager Chip Bach. “It’s exciting to see world class horses and jockeys compete on our track to chase their dreams of competing for the Derby. I can’t wait to see our champion stand in the Winner’s Circle with that blanket of hundreds of white mums.”

The Spiral Stakes is set to run at approximately 6:30 p.m. The day’s 12-race card also includes the Grade 3, \$125,000 Bourbonette Oaks, a one-mile, 85-point qualifier for the Kentucky Oaks, the filly counterpart to the Kentucky Derby. The Bourbonette is the 10th race on the card and will post at approximately 5:42 p.m.

VIP Experience

A variety of seating options are available, including the Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati VIP Tent. The climate-controlled tent, with a prime location right off the track, will accommodate more than 1,800 guests and will include food provided by the legendary Horseshoe Cincinnati culinary team, installed flooring and 40 flat-screen TVs throughout the tent. A basketball zone with dedicated TVs for college games will be available for all the March Madness action. A private VIP viewing area allows guests to get close to the rail to watch the world-class racing action up close and personal.

Entry into the VIP tent includes a grand buffet, premium open bar, Spiral Stakes keepsake glass, luxury shopping venues, prize drawings and live entertainment by popular dance and party band The Chuck Taylors. Derby-worthy fashion is not mandatory, but highly encouraged.

Tickets for the VIP tent are on sale now at www.ticketmaster.com. Individual tickets are available for \$175 and tables of 10 can be purchased for \$1,175.

Additional Seating Options

A wide range of seating options is available outside the VIP Tent at Turfway. For reservations for any of the options listed below, call (859) 371-0200.

- 4th Floor Bluegrass Boxes, includes buffet - \$80 (non-smoking)
- 4th Floor Cocktail - \$35 (non-smoking)
- 4th Floor Reserved Clubhouse - \$35
- 3rd Floor Table for 6 - \$100
- 2nd Floor Reserved Grandstand - \$25
- Player's Row - \$25 (smoking and non-smoking areas available)

General admission is \$10, with first-come, first-served seating on the track apron and in the grandstand. Guests may bring folding chairs for additional apron seating. Coolers are not permitted. Parking is free; valet parking is \$5.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout Turfway Park. The "Green Drink," the signature cocktail of the Spiral Stakes, will be sold in a commemorative glass that guests can take home. Collector's glasses will be sold the week leading up to the big race and will also be available in the gift shop on March 21.

For those unable to attend the Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati Spiral Stakes and the Bourbonette Oaks, the races will be broadcast live on TVG and on the Horse Racing Radio Network.

Nominations to the Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati Spiral Stakes will be accepted until March 1. Entries will be drawn Wed., March 18 at the Call to the Post luncheon, which will be held this year at Horseshoe Cincinnati. This event is open to media, but is not open to the public.

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About the Spiral Stakes

The Spiral Stakes was established in 1972 by then-general manager John Battaglia, father of longtime Turfway announcer and NBC analyst Mike Battaglia. The elder Battaglia envisioned a race for 3-year-olds that would start at Turfway—then Latonia—and "spiral up" first to the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland and then to the Kentucky Derby. The race earned graded status in 1984 and has been sponsored almost continually since 1982.

The Spiral Stakes has produced two Derby winners: Lil E. Tee in 1992 and Animal Kingdom in 2011, the latter also that year's Eclipse Award champion 3-year-old male.

The first Spiral Stakes winner to compete in the Kentucky Derby was Inca Roca in 1976; he finished seventh of nine. The race first garnered national attention in 1983 when Spiral winner Marfa finished fifth as the Derby favorite. The following year two Spiral contenders, Coax Me Chad and winner At the Threshold, finished second and third, respectively, in the Derby. In 1991, Hansel became the Spiral's first champion when he earned the

Eclipse Award as outstanding 3-year-old male. Prairie Bayou earned the same honor for 1993, and Serena's Song, the only filly to win the Spiral Stakes, was named champion 3-year-old filly for 1995.

About Turfway Park

Established in 1959, Turfway Park is a premier Thoroughbred race track in Northern Kentucky that offers live racing from December through March and simulcast wagering year-round. Known for innovation, Turfway in 2005 became the first track in North America to install an all-weather surface for racing. Turfway features a one-mile racing oval and stabling for approximately 1,000 horses.

About Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati

Rock Gaming LLC and Caesars Entertainment Corp. have developed a \$450 million full-service casino in downtown Cincinnati. Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati, which opened in March 2013, welcomed nearly five million guests in its first year of operations. The urban casino houses Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville restaurant, which faces the one-acre entertainment space, The Shoe. These spaces are designed to engage pedestrians and support downtown businesses, cultural, nightlife and sports attractions. Inside, the casino features a bar and lounge called Rock Bar, Café Italia, Bobby's Burger Palace by famed chef Bobby Flay, Jack Binion's Steak and The Spread Buffet. Horseshoe Cincinnati employs approximately 1,500 team members and features 2,000 slot machines, 88 table games, and a World Series of Poker room. The casino also has partnerships with 12 local restaurants and 10 local hotels. During construction the development created more than 2,000 construction jobs. For more information visit www.HorseshoeCincinnati.com.