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## **MULTIPLE STAKES WINNER LIVING MAGIC KICKS OFF ROAD TO KENTUCKY OAKS AT TURFWAY PARK IN \$150,000 CINCINNATI TROPHY**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, Feb. 23, 2024)** – **HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing's** multiple stakes winner **Living Magic** tops an over-subscribed field of 14 3-year-old fillies that were entered for next Friday's 42<sup>nd</sup> running of the \$150,000 Cincinnati Trophy at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming, the culmination of the Prep Season on the Road to the Kentucky Oaks.

Run at one-mile, the Cincinnati Trophy will go as Race 6 with a post time of 8:25 p.m. (all times Eastern) The nine-race program will get underway at 5:55 p.m.

The Cincinnati Trophy, annually used as a prep towards the March 23, \$300,000 Bourbonette Oaks (Listed), will award the Top 5 finishers qualifying points on a 20-10-6-4-2 scale for a spot in the starting gate for the \$1.5 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (Grade I), held Friday, May 3 at Churchill Downs.

Trained by **Phil Schoenthal**, Living Magic enters the Cincinnati Trophy after gamely defeating nine rivals in the Chelsey Flower Stakes at Aqueduct during her 2-year-old season. The homebred daughter of Justify also found stakes glory when she vanned to Woodbine and prevailed in a close photo finish in the My Dear Stakes. Jockey **Tyler Connor** will have the mount on Living Magic in the Cincinnati Trophy from post No. 4.

Breaking one post to Living Magic's inside is **Bronwood Farm's** multiple stakes placed **Sistina Chapel**. Under the care of **Kenny McPeek**, Sistina Chapel finished third in the Silverbulletday to top 3-year-old filly prospects **West Omaha** and **Perfect Shot**. A daughter of Liam's Map, Sistina Chapel will have the riding services of **Julien Leparoux**, who was aboard the filly when she broke her maiden on Nov. 11 at Churchill Downs.

Other notable fillies that entered the Cincinnati Trophy include a duo from trainer **Brad Cox's** barn as he attempts to win the race for the third-consecutive time having done so last year with **Botanical** and in 2022 with **Bubble Rock**. This year, Cox entered **Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swiftbank Stables, Big Tuff Stables, Steve Adkisson** and **Tommy Humphries' recent allowance runner-up Barbratina** along with **Juddmonte's** impressive maiden special weight winner **Impel**, who needs one defection to compete in the race.

Impel, a daughter of Quality Road, scored a 3 ¼-length debut victory on New Year's Day at Fair Grounds under jockey **Florent Geroux**. She'll be ridden in the Cincinnati Trophy by leading jockey **Luan Machado** from post 13 while her stablemate Barbratina, who finished two lengths behind fellow Cincinnati Trophy rival **Dazzlin Dictator** in a Jan. 5 first-level allowance, will break from post 6 under **Axel Concepcion**.

Here is the complete field for the Cincinnati Trophy Stakes from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Figgy** (Gavin Ashton, Rusty Arnold II); **De Regreso** (Sonny Leon, Antonio Sano); Sistina Chapel (Leparoux, McPeek); Living Magic (Conner, Schoenthal); **Maxisuperfly** (Walter Rodriguez, Eric Foster); Barbratina (Concepcion, Cox); **Cozee Rags** (Albin Jiminez, Brian Michael); Dazzlin' Dictator (Alex Achard, Rodolphe Brisset); **Stephanieswarrior** (Thiago Canuto, Steve Capps); **Everland** (Abel Cedillo, Eric Foster); Falabella (Adam Beschizza, John Ennis) and **Vicountess** (Gerardo Corrales, Tim Girten). Also Eligibles: Impel (Machado, Cox); **Spice** (Joe Talamo, Michael McCarthy).

The Road to the Kentucky Derby will continue at Turfway Park on Saturday, March 2 for the \$150,000 John Battaglia Memorial, the "Prep Season" finale. Entries will be taken Saturday.

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