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Santa Anita Park Welcomes World-Class Thoroughbred Racing

ARCADIA, Calif. – The thrill of live Thoroughbred racing returns to historic Santa Anita Park for the track's second autumn meet on Friday, Sept. 28. The "Great Race Place" will live up to its title, welcoming talented Thoroughbreds and jockeys for six weeks of live racing, concluding with the celebrated Breeders' Cup World Championships.

The highly anticipated Breeders' Cup will return to Los Angeles on Nov. 2 and 3. Regarded as the "world championship" of Thoroughbred racing, guests will watch and wager on the finest equine athletes. Breeders' Cup Challenge Day will take place on Saturday, Sept. 29; fans will enjoy 50 gourmet food trucks, a craft beer festival, live entertainment and the first 15,000 attendees will receive a free Santa Anita baseball cap. That same day, Santa Anita will unveil a commemorative statue of former Breeders' Cup champion and "Queen of Racing" Zenyatta.

A number of unique and affordable events highlight the autumn meet, making Santa Anita a destination for all. California Cup Day has become a time-honored tradition for Santa Anita fans, and is set for Saturday, Oct. 13. The annual Burbank Road Kings Car Show, also a fan favorite, returns to the track on Sunday, Oct. 14, and will give racegoers a firsthand look at classic hot rods and muscle cars on the West Coast.

Families can enjoy Pumpkin Patch Family Fun Day every Sunday on the Infield, including giant inflatables, pony rides, face painting, carnival games and the Seabiscuit exhibit featuring the horse that starred in the 2003 blockbuster movie of the same name. Music lovers visiting Santa Anita can look forward to concerts on Oct. 6 and 13 and Nov. 3 (bands to be announced).

The full lineup of events is available at www.santaanita.com.

Race-goers can pick up free Clubhouse admission to Santa Anita by visiting the Cal Racing Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CalHorseRacing.

Racing at Santa Anita Park takes place through November 4, 2012. For more information, call 626-574-7223 or visit <u>www.santaanita.com</u>. You can also follow Santa Anita and all other California Thoroughbred racetracks at <u>www.innerjockey.com</u> or become a fan on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/CalHorseRacing</u>.

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