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**Lava Man, Winner of \$5,268,706 to participate in The Thoroughbred Classic Horse Show Series**

Event Dates : July 27-28, 2013

Event location: Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park, San Juan Capistrano, CA

Arcadia (July 23, 2013)—The Thoroughbred Classic Horse Show (TCHS), presented by the Siegel-CARMA Foundation is pleased to announce the participation of Lava Man at its upcoming show July 27-28, 2013 at the Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park in San Juan Capistrano, CA. Lava Man's appearance has been made possible by the support of Jason and Candace Wood, Doug O'Neill & barn, and NexStar Ranch. Lava Man will be participating in at least one in-hand class. His participation helps illustrate the versatility and success of Thoroughbreds transitioning from racehorse to sporthorse.

Classes include: Hunters, Jumpers, Equitation, Dressage, Combined Tests, In Hand, Western Dressage, Western Pleasure, and Gymkhana. Judging will be of the highest caliber and there will be a point system in place with year-end high-point awards to the champions in each division. Prize money will be awarded as follows: \$1,500 Hunter Derby; \$1,500 Jumper Stakes and \$1,500 Dressage Challenge. Year-end Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP) Awards will also be offered.

"This series will go a long way towards shifting the way Sporthorse trainers and Racehorse owners view the Thoroughbred and open up more opportunities for Off-Track Thoroughbreds to find second, or third, careers in new disciplines," said Nicole Schwartz, Event Director for TCHS, "And that has always been a major goal for us."

The final show of 2013's three show series will take place November 23-24, 2013 at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center. Thank you to our major sponsors: Hess Equine, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Schroeder Farms, Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, CA Thoroughbred Foundation, HRTV, Barrets Equine Ltd, Los Laureles Equine Rehab Center, Old English Rancho, and BranJam Stables.

Any proceeds will be used to support aftercare organizations in California. Information on Thoroughbred aftercare organizations that care for horses that have raced in California can be found on CARMAs website at [www.carma4horses.org](http://www.carma4horses.org). For the latest show schedule and updates visit [www.thoroughbredclassic.org](http://www.thoroughbredclassic.org).

**About California Retirement Management Account (CARMA)**

CARMA is a charitable 501 (c)(3) organization formed to assist Thoroughbred rehabilitation and retirement organizations that care for and retrain horses who raced in California and whose racing careers have ended. CARMA ensures the racehorses have retirement options by managing and disbursing funds to qualified charities. Since its inception in 2008, CARMA has granted more than \$1.08 million, and more than 80 percent of the funds raised are used in the day-to-day care of these horses.

**About The Siegel-CARMA Foundation**

The Siegel CARMA Foundation was created in 2009 thanks to a major gift by Mace Siegel, an owner, breeder and recognized leader in Thoroughbred racing. Breeding and racing under the stable name Jay Em Ess Stable, with his wife Jan and daughter Samantha, Siegel was known for his dedication to the sport and his commitment to charitable causes both in and out of racing. Samantha Siegel is a member of the CARMA Board of Directors and is the Secretary of the organization.