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2008 TOBA NATIONAL AWARDS DINNER VENUE ANNOUNCED

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LEXINGTON, Ky. – The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) announced today its 2008 National Awards Dinner will be held at the Lexington Convention Center in Lexington, Ky. on Saturday, September 6, 2008.

The TOBA Awards Dinner honors the achievements of Thoroughbred owners in the four major North American racing regions and breeders in 26 states. Also honored at the dinner are the National Breeders of the Year, National Owner of the Year, recipient of the Industry Service Award and New Owner of the Year. “The TOBA National Awards Dinner is a special event that recognizes outstanding achievement in our sport,” said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA. “The spotlight of the evening will be on the national and regional award winners and we look forward to another successful evening.”

Entertainment for the evening will be announced at a later date. Past performers at the annual event have included Aretha Franklin, Uncle Kracker, Three Dog Night, Sawyer Brown, Clint Black, Blood Sweat & Tears, Alison Krauss & Union Station and Ray Charles.

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred horse breeders and owners. TOBA’s mission is to “*improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders.*” Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, Sales Integrity Program, The Greatest Game and Claiming Crown. TOBA is also represented on the Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association as a founding member. TOBA is also the owner of the *The Blood-Horse, Inc.* For more information please visit www.toba.org.