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### **SPENDTHRIFT FARM TO HOST 2009 TOBA NATIONAL AWARDS DINNER**

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LEXINGTON, Ky. – The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) announced today its 2009 National Awards Dinner will be held at B. Wayne Hughes' Spendthrift Farm on Friday, September 11, 2009.

“We are thrilled to host the awards dinner this year,” said Ned Toffey, general manager of Spendthrift Farm. “We proudly open our gates and join with TOBA in celebrating the accomplishments of the nation’s leading breeders and owners.”

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 and The Racing Game’s New Owner of the Year.

“The tradition and brand recognition of Spendthrift Farm make it a perfect host for our National Awards Dinner,” said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA. “We are very appreciative of Wayne Hughes’ commitment to hosting the awards dinner and look forward to a special evening honoring the leading owners and breeders in our sport.”

Entertainment for the evening will be announced at a later date. Past performers at the annual event have included Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Aretha Franklin, Uncle Kracker, Three Dog Night, Sawyer Brown, Clint Black and Blood Sweat & Tears.

Sponsors of last year’s National Awards Dinner included Youbet.com, OCD Pellets, Coolmore America, Bombardier, Stonestreet Wines, Sentient, LV Harkness, Blue Grass Airport, Grey Goose, John Deere, Alltech, *The Blood-Horse*, *Daily Racing Form*, Woodford Reserve, St. John and Myers and Horsemen’s Track and Equipment.

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 Racing 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 Blood-Horse, Inc. For more information please visit [www.toba.org](http://www.toba.org).

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