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KENTUCKY DERBY 150 WINNER'S TROPHY TO ARRIVE TUESDAY, JAN. 30 AT 10:30 A.M. IN FIRST TURN CLUB

What: The priceless gold trophy that will be presented to the owner of the 3-year-old Thoroughbred that wins the 150th running of the Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve on the first Saturday in May is scheduled to arrive at Churchill Downs Racetrack.

Speakers: **Darren Rogers**, Churchill Downs Racetrack Senior Director of Communications
Susanne Blackinton-Juaire of S.R. Blackinton

When: **Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. ET.**

Where: **The First Turn Club, Churchill Downs.** Please enter Churchill Downs through Derby Drive and proceed to the First Turn Club.

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Quick Facts:

- Unique jeweled embellishments will note the special 150th anniversary of the Kentucky Derby on the trophy.
- Susanne Blackinton-Juaire and daughter Skyla Blackinton are key current members of the team that has crafted the Kentucky Derby trophy most every year since 1975.
- Blackinton-Juaire is a fifth-generation silversmith whose family entered the profession in 1862 – 13 years before the first Kentucky Derby was run in 1875.
- The Kentucky Derby Winner's Trophy is 22 inches tall and weighs approximately 67 ounces, excluding the gems and its jade base.
- The trophy was hand-crafted from 14-karat solid yellow gold and green gold over a period of nearly six to eight months.
- The trophy is topped by a 14-karat gold horse and rider and features a pair of horseshoe-shaped wreath handles.
- The front of the trophy is adorned by an 14-karat gold horseshoe that, in accordance with racing tradition, is pointed upward. Racing lore holds that the "luck will run out of a horseshoe" that is pointed downward. The Kentucky Derby Winner's Trophy carried such a design from its introduction until 1997 when the horseshoe was turned 180 degrees.
- The trophy was first commissioned by Churchill Downs and Kentucky Derby legend Col. Matt Winn in 1924.
- The 150th Kentucky Derby will be held on Saturday, May 4.

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