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CHAMPION FILLY JUST F Y I LEADS 104 NOMINATIONS TO GRADE I, \$1.5 MILLION LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024) – George Krikorian's champion homebred Just F Y I leads a cast of 104 3-year-old fillies that were nominated to compete in the 150th running of the \$1.5 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (Grade I) on Friday, May 3 at Churchill Downs.

Just F Y I joins 23 other stakes winners based across North America that were nominated to the Kentucky Oaks, including recent Rachel Alexandra (GII) winner **Tarifa**; Alcibiades (GI) winner **Candied**; and Golden Rod (GII) winner **Intricate**.

The 104 fillies became eligible to compete in the 1 1/8-mile Kentucky Oaks with a \$200 payment that was due Saturday, Feb. 17. Three-year-old fillies not made eligible during the early nomination phase can become eligible with a \$1,500 late payment due Wednesday, April 10.

Krikorian's undefeated Just F Y I sits atop the Road to the Kentucky Oaks leaderboard with 40 points that she earned by winning the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (GI) and Frizette (GI). Trained by Hall of Famer **Bill Mott**, Just F Y I is based this winter at Payson Park Training Center in South Florida where she continues to train toward her 3-year-old debut.

Like the \$5 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) on May 4, the Kentucky Oaks has been run each year since 1875.

At \$1.5 million, the Kentucky Oaks is the nation's most lucrative race for 3-year-old fillies and is the centerpiece of a spectacular day of racing and entertainment at Churchill Downs that celebrates fashion, food, celebrity and fun with a focus on women's health issues and outreach.

Here is a complete list of nominees for the Longines Kentucky Oaks:

All Things Go Into Champagne Recharge Alpine Princess Intricate Regulatory Risk Jody's Pride Restless Dreamer Alys Beach America's Vow Just FYI Rumours Have It Band of Gold Kopion Safa

Bernietakescharge Lady Moscato Saratoga Secret

Blackpink (IRE) Lagonisi

Save Time Braid Lemon Muffin Scalable Brunch With Amy Leslie's Rose Scenic Beauty Camera Life Talk She's a Tempest Shiloh's Mistress Candied Living Magic Candy Aisle Lookster Shimmering Allure Candy Gray Maxisuperfly Sicilian Princess Carmelina Merasol Sugar Simply Enchanting

Catching Heat Midnight Concerto Sistina Chapel Catherine Wheel Midshipman's Dance Social Affair Midsummer March Cozee Rags Standoutsensation Dazzlin' Dictator Miss Enchanted Stephanieswarrior

De Regreso Miss Justify Sweet Gem Denim and Pearls Ms Quality Control Tahini

Do Gooder My Mane Squeeze Tanya Showers Emery Mystifying Tapit Jenallie

Nay V Belle Tarifa Encourageachother

Neom Beach These Apples Everland Experimental New Diamond Thorpedo Anna Ultimate Authority Fiona's Magic Nuit Magique Ghalia Princess Our Pretty Woman V V's Dream Gin Gin Pace Lane Ways and Means Grayosh Perfect Shot Weigh the Risks Gun Song Power Squeeze West Omaha Halina's Forte West Sunset Pretty Ana Happy Talk Princess Mayfair Where's My Ring

Princess Vino Honor Cat Whocouldaskformo **Impel** Pun Intended Woman's Dream

Queen's Martini

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