

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Contact: Hayley Armstrong
Advertising and Communications Manager
Churchill Downs Racetrack
(502) 356-7796 (mobile)
Hayley.Armstrong@KyDerby.com

CHURCHILL DOWNS ANNOUNCES STAR-STUDDERED CULINARY LINEUP FOR 2025 TASTE OF DERBY

Special Appearances by Chef, Restaurateur, New York Times Best Selling Author and Emmy Award-Winning TV Host Guy Fieri and Co-host of the 3rd Hour of TODAY Dylan Dreyer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, April 4, 2025) – Churchill Downs Racetrack (“Churchill Downs”) today announced the lineup of renowned chefs set to participate in the 2025 Taste of Derby, the annual culinary celebration that kicks off Kentucky Derby® weekend at the Kentucky International Convention Center.

This year’s theme, *The Road to the Kentucky Derby*, sets the stage for a culinary journey inspired by the cities that shape the path to the first Saturday in May and showcases an impressive roster of nationally recognized chefs and food personalities for a night of exceptional cuisine. Each chef’s dish will be thoughtfully paired with a selection from Jackson Family Wines, enhancing the flavor experience.

The 2025 Taste of Derby will feature dishes from the following chefs:

- Akira Back
- Maneet Chauhan
- Dylan Dreyer
- Todd English
- Robert Lopez
- Aaron May
- Marc Murphy
- Shota Nakajima
- Damaris Phillips

In addition, the evening will include special appearances by culinary icon and television personality Guy Fieri and Co-host of the 3rd Hour of TODAY, Dylan Dreyer.

Guests can also enjoy curated experiences and offerings from event partners including Woodford Reserve, Longines and Q Mixers, who will be on-site to elevate the evening’s celebration. Kentucky Derby 151 Artist Tyler Robertson will also be on-site signing Official Artwork of the Kentucky Derby.

“We’re thrilled to welcome this extraordinary group of chefs to the 2025 Taste of Derby,” said Casey Ramage, Vice President of Marketing and Partnerships at Churchill Downs Racetrack. “This event continues to bring together the best in food and sports.”

Taste of Derby will take place at the Kentucky International Convention Center on Thursday, May 1. VIP entry begins at 6:30 p.m., with general admission opening at 7 p.m. The event will conclude at 10 p.m. ET. For more information and tickets to Taste of Derby, visit TasteOfDerby.com

Tickets for the 151st Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby on May 2-3 are available by visiting www.KentuckyDerby.com and www.DerbyExperiences.com, or call (502) 636-4447 to be a part of the most extraordinary Kentucky Derby yet.

ABOUT THE KENTUCKY DERBY

The \$5 million Kentucky Derby takes place on the first Saturday in May at historic Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. Inaugurated in 1875, the legendary 1 ¼-mile race for 3-year-olds is the longest continually-held major sporting event in the United States and the first leg of horse racing's Triple Crown series. Also known as The Run for the Roses® and The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports®, the Kentucky Derby is the most attended horse race in the nation. The 151st Kentucky Derby will take place on May 3, 2024. For more information, please visit www.KentuckyDerby.com.

ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK

Churchill Downs Racetrack ("CDRT"), the world's most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September, and the Fall. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility. www.ChurchillDowns.com.

-END-