



**Halters Worn by American Pharoah and Other Famous Thoroughbreds
Raising Money for CKRH**

Online auction of halters part of CKRH's gala fundraiser, NIGHT OF THE STARS

Lexington, KY – (June 6, 2016) – Halters worn by Triple Crown winner American Pharoah; such popular racehorses as Kentucky Derby winners Animal Kingdom, California Chrome and Smarty Jones; and world-famous stallions including Distorted Humor, Dubawi, Medaglia d'Oro and War Front are being offered in an online auction to raise money for Central Kentucky Riding for Hope, the 35-year-old program at the Kentucky Horse Park that offers equine-assisted activities and therapies to people of all ages.

The halters are part of the Silent Auction in CKRH's annual gala fundraiser, NIGHT OF THE STARS, on Saturday, June 18, at the Keene Barn & Entertainment Center at Keeneland in Lexington, Ky. Online bidding on the halters and other items is available at <https://e.gesture.com/events/4PR/>

"CKRH is extremely grateful for the support of prominent Central Kentucky Thoroughbred farms who donated halters of famous horses, which have become a signature feature of the Silent Auction during NIGHT OF THE STARS," CKRH Executive Director Pat Kline said.

Farms that donated halters are Adena Springs, Calumet Farm, Claiborne Farm, Coolmore's Ashford Stud, Darley, Gainesway, Spendthrift Farm, Taylor Made Farm, Three Chimneys Farm and WinStar Farm.

Other stallions with halters in the auction include American Pharoah's sire, Pioneerof the Nile, and grandsire, Empire Maker. The complete list of halters being offered:

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| American Pharoah | Into Mischief | Point Given |
| Animal Kingdom | Malibu Moon | Smarty Jones |
| Brother Derek | Medaglia d'Oro | Speightstown |
| California Chrome | Mucho Macho Man | War Front |
| Distorted Humor | Oxbow | Will Take Charge |
| Dubawi | Palace Malice | |
| Empire Maker | Pioneerof the Nile | |

NIGHT OF THE STARS features cocktails, dining and live and silent auctions. The highlight is the auction of CKRH students and therapy horses in themed costumes in the style of a prestigious Thoroughbred auction. The theme of this year's event is "Horse Power."

As many as 500 people annually attend the sold-out NIGHT OF THE STARS. Tickets are \$125 each and may be purchased by calling CKRH at (859) 231-7066.

Other Silent Auction items available for online bidding include two tickets to home games of the University of Kentucky men's basketball team during the 2016-2017 season as well as jewelry, art and photography, antiques and collectibles, equestrian-themed items, gift certificates to local restaurants, tickets to area attractions, and items for home, garden and office.

About CKRH

Established in 1981, Central Kentucky Riding for Hope is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the community by improving the quality of life and the health of people of all ages with special physical, cognitive, emotional and social needs through therapeutic activities with the horse. A PATH Int'l Premier Accredited Center, CKRH offers a number of year-round activities, including Therapeutic Riding, Hippotherapy, and a program for military service members, veterans and their families. CKRH also hosts The STABLES, an innovative program for students in Fayette County Public Schools. To learn more, visit www.CKRH.org, "Like" CKRH on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@CKyRH) and Instagram (ckrh_ky).

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