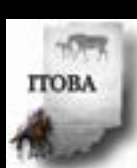




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## DAVID KOECHNER TO APPEAR DURING INDIANA DERBY AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO



SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – July 15, 2016 – Actor and Comedian David Koechner will make a special appearance during the 22nd running of the Grade II \$500,000-added Indiana Derby at Indiana Grand Saturday, July 16. The actor will serve as the evening's honorary chairman of the event, which features Indiana's richest horse race.

Koechner resides in Los Angeles with his wife and children. He admits outside of work, he doesn't have much time for anything else.

"My wife (Leigh) and I have five kids and three dogs," added Koechner. "That keeps us pretty busy."

Other celebrities attending the Indiana Derby include Kristi Lee of the Bob and Tom Show, Indiana Pacers Player Glen Robinson III, Former Indianapolis Colts Players Gary Brackett and Marlin Jackson, Pacers Legends, including "Slick" Leonard, Indy Eleven players, 1954 Milan Basketball Team, and Eugena Washington, 2016 Playmate of the Year. Celebrities are scheduled for meet and greet sessions throughout the event.

Koechner joins several celebrities over the years who have served as honorary chairman of the event. Past celebrities appearing during Indiana Derby Night include Bo Derek, John O'Hurley, Peter Bergman, and Melody Thomas Scott, who has portrayed Nikki Newman on "The Young and the Restless" for more than three decades. Koechner will be included in several of the festivities surrounding the Indiana Derby and will also assist with the presentation of the trophy to the winner of the race, which will be telecasted live on WISH TV Channel 8 from 8-10 p.m. EST.

Koechner is best known for his portrayal of "Champ Kind" in the "Anchorman" movies. He was also featured in films such as "Dukes of Hazard," "Talladega Nights" and "Semi-Pro." In addition, his credits extend to several hit television series such as "The Office," "The Goldbergs," and "Another Period." Koechner also enjoys stints as a comedian at various comedy clubs and improves through a career that has kept him busy in Hollywood for the past 20-plus years.

"I joined the 1995-1996 cast of Saturday Night Live," said Koechner, talking about his first notable job in acting. "But my biggest break was probably 'Anchorman' and 'The Office.'"

A native of Tipton, Mo., Koechner has some exposure to horse racing, working at an off-track wagering facility while attending school in Chicago.

"I worked at an off-track betting parlor in Downtown Chicago for three years," said Koechner, who adds a touch of his comedy into his experience. "Though I did my best to stay neutral as I did not want to get into it too much. Occupational hazard."



*Live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing is conducted Tuesday through Friday at 2:05 PM EST with Saturday racing beginning at 6:05 PM. The 120-day season runs through Saturday, Oct. 29.*

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