



## THOROUGHBRED ARTIST ROBERT CLARK ANNOUNCES FUNDRAISING PROGRAM WITH GRAYSON-JOCKEY CLUB

Thoroughbred racehorse artist Robert Clark has pledged 10% of all art commissions in 2017 to Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. During 2017, Mr. Clark will collaborate with the GJCRF to generate art sales with 10% of all commissions going to fund research initiatives that help horses of all breeds to live healthier lives.

“I had the pleasure of collaborating with Bob Clark on a book about grade 1 winners, *A Brush With Greatness*,” said Edward L. Bowen, president of Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. “That process made me keenly aware of his dedication to his art and his clients, but also his deep knowledge and compassion for the horses themselves.”

According to Lyne Raff, editor for Art Horse Magazine, “Clark’s portraits hang everywhere there are race horses: the US, Great Britain, Dubai, Saudi Arabia. During racing season, he paints in the paddock area of all the large racetracks, or at tuxedo meet-and-greets for equine charities. He is, somehow completely approachable and respected all at the same time.”



The goal of the campaign is to generate art sales & raise \$10,000 to fund research that benefits the lives of horses. Since 1983 the Grayson-Jockey Fund Research Foundation has provided \$23.3 million to fund 335 research projects at 42 universities.

“It is an honor every time I receive a phone call requesting a portrait of a horse,” said Clark. “I treat every request with respect and attention to detail.”

Giclee prints allow the artist to produce prints on demand. This gives clients the option to give prints to their trainer, jockey, breeder, partners and family members. Mr. Clark has done editions large enough to allow farms that stand stallions to give a print to everyone who bred to their stallion.

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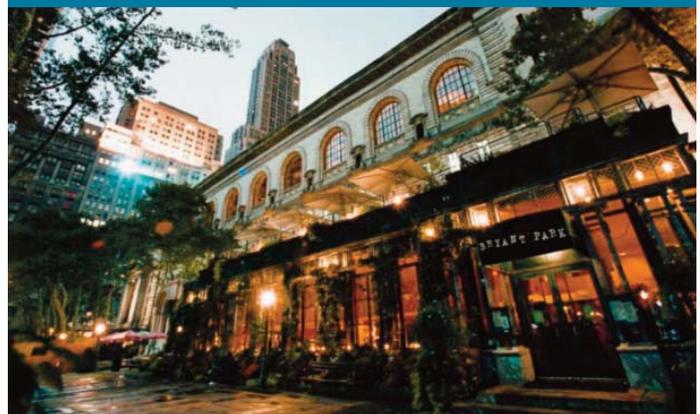
- Artist Robert Clark Pledge
- Support of Jockeys through mounts

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## NORTH AMERICAN JOCKEYS SUPPORT RESEARCH TO PROTECT HORSES, AND THEMSELVES

In 2015 InCompass Solutions began the development of a program within its Horseman's Bookkeeper software to allow jockeys to support Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation through a \$1 donation per mount. InCompass implemented the program so there is no cost to the track associated with this effort. This optional donation makes it easy for jockeys to participate at any track that utilizes the Horseman's Bookkeeper system.

When the program first started in late 2015, \$3,214 was donated by jockeys opting into the program. In 2016 a considerably larger total of \$13,090 was received from jockeys at tracks that included, Delaware Park, Del Mar, Keeneland, Los Alamitos, Monmouth and Santa Anita.

"We appreciate the tracks who cooperate and the jockeys who donate," said Edward L. Bowen, president of Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. "The relationship of sound horses to jockey safety is clear and definitive. We encourage tracks that have not yet signed onto the program to please contact us for opt-in forms and additional information."

Knowledge relative to race horse safety which Foundation-funded research has developed includes many elements with obvious and immediate benefits to jockeys. These include:

- Recognition that most horses suffering major injury, perhaps 90%, had pre-existing conditions
- Established parameters for safe use of shock wave therapy
- Understanding risk factors of high toe grabs in front
- The "physiological trim" to enhance healthy hooves

Less directly connected to avoiding injuries during a race but still important to the overall welfare of horses, jockeys, and the welfare of their careers are such developments as:

- Understanding effects of exercise on cartilage and bone development of young horses
- Welfare & Safety of the Racehorse Summits to share and distribute information and recommendations
- Herpesvirus research helping to decrease impact of outbreaks.

For more information about InCompass, please consult <http://www.incompass-solutions.com/>

InCompass is a technology solutions company formed by The Jockey Club in 2001 to centralize the software applications and systems that serve North American race-tracks and simulcast outlets, helping these facilities achieve operational efficiencies. InCompass' central database also serves as a platform for several industry initiatives, including the Equine Injury Database and the Jockey Health Information System.



The JHIS system stores jockeys' updated medical histories and enables medical personnel at participating racetracks to access that information quickly in the event a jockey is involved in an emergency on the track.

