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***BORN TO REIN* Film Producers Partner with City of Douglas for "SIR BARTON CENTENNIAL" and Wyoming Premiere on June 11th; date Commemorates the 100-Year Anniversary of Sir Barton winning the Belmont Stakes to become America's First Triple Crown Winner**

Full-Length Documentary Pays Tribute to Sir Barton, America's Oldest Sport and National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame Trainers and Horses

DOUGLAS, WY – May 30, 2019 – **American Doorstop Project Productions** co-producers, **Jody L. Lamp** and **Melody Dobson** announce the **WYOMING PREMIERE** of the documentary film ***BORN TO REIN*** in partnership with the **City of Douglas** on **Tuesday, June 11th at the Princess Theatre** for the culmination of the **SIR BARTON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**. The film begins at 7 p.m. Movie tickets are free to the public on a first come, first serve basis.

Both Lamp and Dobson say the timing and release of the ***BORN TO REIN* documentary film** strategically coincides with **100th Anniversary of Sir Barton**, winning the 1919 Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes; and the film's content follows his journey, from before the founding of his birthplace at **Hamburg Place in Lexington, Ky.**, to his final resting place in **Washington Park in Douglas, Wyo.**

"It's an honor to be working with the City of Douglas and a privilege for the Wyoming Premiere of ***BORN TO REIN*** to be the featured finale of the **Sir Barton's Centennial Celebration**," say **Lamp** and **Dobson**, who collectively have traveled, researched and traced Sir Barton's journey from Kentucky, to Virginia, to Nebraska and to finally to Wyoming since 2014; and Lamp, individually, since 2009.

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While Saturday, June 8, 2019, marks the third-leg of the annual races that make up Thoroughbred Horse Racing's Triple Crown – the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and 151st Running of the **Belmont Stakes** in Elmont, N.Y., – **Tuesday, June 11th marks the actual date in 1919** that the three-year-old chestnut colt, **Sir Barton** beat his only two competitors at Belmont Park to win the mile and three-eighths length of the 51st Belmont Stakes in a time of 2.17 2/5 minutes for a new American record.

*Note: The **Belmont Stakes** was originally contested in a clockwise direction, similar to traditional European races. So, in 1919, when **Sir Barton** became thoroughbred racing's first Triple Crown winner after winning the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes, the three-year colt was the first and last Triple Crown winner to run the race clockwise around the 1 3/8 miles, the distance for the Belmont Stakes at the time . It wasn't until 1921 that the race ran counter-clockwise, like most American races today. In 1926, the **Belmont Stakes** became 1½ miles, the distance it remains today.*

“Commemorating Sir Barton’s history and his heritage here in Douglas provides our community and citizens with a unique connection to America’s oldest sport,” says **City of Douglas Mayor Rene’ Kemper**. “We’re honored to share this centennial celebration by welcoming horse racing and history enthusiasts to come visit us soon and are grateful to the **Born To Rein** producers for including Sir Barton and the City of Douglas in their film project.”

A list of events scheduled for the **SIR BARTON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION** on June 11th includes:

**Sir Barton Centennial Celebration
Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Douglas, Wyoming**

**4:00pm to 6:00pm
Washington Park**

Come enjoy a FREE family friendly BBQ in Washington Park, the final resting place of Sir Barton. Learn more about how Sir Barton ended up in Douglas, Wyoming and ultimately in Washington Park.

**7:00pm
Princess Theatre**

Come see a FREE screening of the Wyoming Premiere of **Born To Rein** at the historic Princess Theatre in Downtown Douglas. Tickets are first come, first serve.

Keep updated on additional activities on June 11th through the City of Douglas website (www.cityofdouglas.org) and the City of Douglas Facebook site (www.facebook.com/cityofdouglaswy).

Call (307) 358-3462 for more information.

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Lamp and **Dobson** co-founded the **American Doorstop Project** on July 1st, 2015; and launched film production for ***Born To Rein*** at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., in November 2017. However, prior to meeting and working on national projects with Dobson, Lamp started visiting Sir Barton's monument in Douglas's Washington Park while living in Montana and after attending her first Kentucky Derby in 2010.

Lamp explains that she traveled to the 136th Kentucky Derby in Louisville, Ky., with her fellow horse-racing fan and dad, Jim Price, from Minatare, Neb. The father-daughter pair drove round-trip from Billings, Mont., to Louisville, Ky., to see the Kentucky-bred WinStar Farm colt, Super Saver, with jockey Calvin Borel in the irons, win the coveted blanket of roses on a soggy, first-Saturday of May under Churchill Downs' Twin Spires. Ironically, jockey Borel had won the 2009 Kentucky Derby the year before with Mine That Bird – a 50/1 longshot gelding, who beat the Bob Baffert-trained favorite Pioneer of the Nile, to accomplish the second biggest upset in Kentucky Derby history on record then.

On the drive back to Montana through Wyoming, Lamp passed the time by reading a new book she and her dad had acquired called, "The Kentucky Derby Vault". Lamp says at the very moment they approached the city of Douglas heading north on I-25, she read – ***America's First Triple Crown Winner, Sir Barton, is buried in a 'park' in Douglas, Wyo.***

"How in the world does America's first Triple Crown winner end up in Douglas, Wyoming?" was Lamp's first immediate thought and question. "So, we immediately pulled in to Douglas and began asking around where we could find the park where Sir Barton was buried."

After a couple inquires, Lamp and her dad were given directions to **Washington Park**, where they were greeted by a statue of a horse they presumed to be **Sir Barton**, who was resting at the top of hill. Below his frame, encased in stone was a faded plaque that stated Sir Barton's sire and dam – Start Shoot and Lady Sterling; his birth and death years of 1916-1937; his breeder John E. Madden; and where he was raised at Hamburg Place, Lexington, Kentucky; and his title: **First Triple Crown Winner 1919**.

However, it wasn't until 1950 when the Thoroughbred Racing Association in New York looked back in the records and officially acknowledged Sir Barton's accomplishment thirty one years earlier. **Sir Barton** was retroactively documented as **America's first Triple Crown winner**.

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“I had already started researching Sir Barton’s history in 2009 after opening my public relations and marketing office at Billings Livestock Commission in Billings, Montana when I discovered a son of Sir Barton’s was sold at the May 1946 horse sale there,” **Lamp** says. “I’ve been waiting with anticipation for the year 2019 and a moment like this to celebrate the centennial of Sir Barton’s Triple Crown race wins with a documentary film that commemorates his life – it’s simply a dream come true!”

In addition to Sir Barton, who was inducted into the **National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame** in 1957, **BORN TO REIN** pays tribute to National Hall of Fame trainers, **John Nerud** of Minatare, Neb., and father-and-son trainers, **Marion** and **Jack Van Berg** of Columbus, Neb., – and the impact their horsemanship continues to influence the national thoroughbred industry today.

Other **National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame** inductees interviewed for **BORN TO REIN**, include:

- **Bob Baffert**, Two-Time Triple Crown Winning Trainer
- **Carl Nafzger**, Trainer of Kentucky Derby winners, Unbridled and Street Sense
- **D. Wayne Lukas**, Trainer of 24 Thoroughbred Champions
- **Bill Mott**, Three-Time Eclipse Award Outstanding Trainer
- **Gary Stevens**, Youngest jockey ever to surpass \$100 million in career earnings
- **Pat Day**, Jockey ranking fourth in all-time career victories with 8,803 wins

To bring the **Born To Rein documentary film** to a theater, venue or to book the filmmakers and the film for an event, contact the producers at office@BornToRein.com or call **406.698.9675**.

Born To Rein commemorates the lives and accomplishments of native Nebraskans and National Hall of Fame Horsemen, **John A. Nerud** of Minatare, and father-and-son **Marion** and **Jack Van Berg** of Columbus/Grand Island. **Nerud**, a Navy veteran and one of America’s most accomplished and revered thoroughbred horse trainers and breeders, co- founded the prestigious **Breeders’ Cup Classic**. He was inducted into the **National Museum of Horse Racing Hall of Fame** in 1972. **Marion Van Berg** was the nation’s leading owner in racing victories 14 times and was the first Nebraskan inducted into the National Museum of Racing’s Hall of Fame in 1970. Like his father, **Jack Van Berg** set records for the most wins. His best horse, **Alysheba**, won the 1987 Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Breeders’ Cup Classic, and was Horse of the Year in 1988.

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