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Bold Concept to Make First Start for Grand Gesture Stable at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – May 11, 2018 – Indiana Grand's Racing Club, Grand Gesture Stable, will officially start its second season of racing Wednesday, May 16. Bold Concept, the three-year-old Indiana sired filly by Deputy Storm, who stands at R Star Stallions in Anderson, Ind., will make her first start for the stable in the afternoon's eighth race.

Bold Concept made her 2018 racing debut April 18 for former owner-trainer Cipriano Contreras, finishing second. She was purchased by Grand Gesture Stable following that race and is now in the barn of Anthony Granitz, trainer for the Stable. Bold Concept is stabled directly by last year's Grand Gesture Stable horse, AJ Pacer, who was purchased privately at the end of the 2017 racing season by three of the original members of Indiana Grand's Racing Club.

"She (Bold Concept) is a real sweetheart," said Granitz. "She loves peppermints and if all goes well, we hope she can break her maiden for Grand Gesture Stable next Wednesday."

Bold Concept will be reunited with jockey Santo Sanjur, who rode her to her second place finish this spring. The duo will start from post position 10 in the \$34,000 Indiana sired Maiden Special Weight. The race will be contested at a distance of six furlongs and has an estimated post time of 5:25 p.m.

Prior to the start of the race, all 2018 members of Grand Gesture Stable will be treated to a "Welcome" party in the Always Turned On tent from 4 p.m. until race time. Sanjur and Granitz will be introduced to the new owners along with a short program featuring Indiana Grand's vice president and general manager Jon Schuster and racing concierge Anthony Iannello. Schuster will explain the process of obtaining a horse for the stable in addition to the steps needed to launch the program each year, including licensing, silks for the stable and selection of the trainer.

Due to the popularity of Grand Gesture Stable in its inaugural season last year, the program has been increased to include 60 members this year. A few shares of Bold Concept are still available for a one-time fee of \$300. Membership is limited to individuals 21 years of age and older and to Indiana residents. The program includes numerous perks during the season, from barn tours to the Anthony Granitz Stable to parties, financial meetings, free programs on race days and discounted fare at Clubhouse Dining on race days.

Shares into Grand Gesture Stable are available on a first come, first serve basis and will be accepted until the Stable has reached capacity at 60 owners. For more information or to sign up, contact Iannello at (765) 491-2101 or by email at anthony.iannello@indy-grand.com.

The 16th season of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing continues through Wednesday, Nov. 7. Racing is conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 2:05 p.m. EST with Saturday racing beginning at 6:05 p.m. EST. Two special Thursday racing dates will be held July 19 and Sept. 6 with a 2:05 p.m. EST post time.

About Indiana Grand Racing & Casino: Indiana Grand Racing & Casino holds multiple awards for customer service, entertainment, gaming, dining, and diversity. Located in Shelbyville, Ind., Indiana Grand features 2,200 of the latest slots and electronic table games in addition to a one-mile dirt race course and a seven-eighths mile turf course offering live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing each year. Simulcast wagering is also offered year-round at Winner's Circle Brewpub & OTB located on the casino floor as well as a Winner's Circle OTB located in Clarksville, Ind.