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RUNNING ACES ANNOUNCES WINNING ARTIST AND CALLS FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Public invited to contribute materials

COLUMBUS, Minn. (June XX, 2016) --- Running Aces Casino & Racetrack has selected Leah Bedford and her father Ronald Dosedel as the winning artists for the new commissioned artwork to go in the High Limit Room. This piece involves an arrangement of painted wood pieces. In order to complete the Minnesota Made theme Running Aces is embracing, Leah and Ronald invite the community to get involved by donating a piece of wood that can be added to the artwork.

“We are excited to continue our efforts of staying local and hiring an artist team that embraces the community.” stated Taro Ito, President and CEO of Running Aces. “This new piece will be a great addition to our card room and will also tie in the elements of our local partners and the community into the building.”

The public is invited to be involved with the creation of the art piece that will represent the surrounding area and its history. If you, or anyone you know, have a small piece of lumber (minimum 2”x6”) that was once part of a historic site or represents the spirit of the community and are willing to part with it, please contact Running Aces at jistendahl@runaces.com.

Bios of the artists

Leah Bedford’s love for art began as chores in her Dad’s wood shop, sanding, drilling, and putting pieces of wood together to make things both beautiful and functional. She loved to build, color, draw and create anything that allowed her to express herself without having to use words. Leah has been painting for over 20 years but started sharing her work publicly about 10 years ago. Her favorite part about abstract painting is hearing unique stories about what the viewer sees or how each piece makes you feel. She paints with acrylic paint usually on wood repurposed from her Dad’s shop, as a retired carpenter he has plenty of supplies for her to choose from. This project has inspired Leah to partner with her Dad, Ronald Dosedel.

Ron began his carpentry career early growing up in his father’s hardware store in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. He has been designing and building furniture, cabinetry and restoring homes ever since. He moved to a small town in Minnesota in 1981 where he launched his own business R.D. Wood’n Things where he built toys, furniture and cabinetry. Leah comments on his work “He truly values the beauty of wood and can read each different type’s personality and knows how to treat it to bring out its natural beauty and potential.” Leah and her Dad have partnered together many times building furniture, frames and refinishing projects.

About Running Aces® Casino & Racetrack

Running Aces is the Twin Cities’ premier card room and entertainment destination, with live summer harness horse racing. The *Trout Air Fishing Experience* is a “You Catch’em, We Cook’em” facility, an unbeatably-fresh dining experience offered only at Running Aces. More than 650 dedicated employees have been serving up the best in food, cards, simulcast and entertainment since 2008. Open 24/7, Running Aces is located one exit past the 35E and 35W merge, just 20 minutes north of 694.

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