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Seasons change, and the Festival continues to evolve. But what lies at the heart of everything we do can be easily summed up into one word – fun. We kick off the fun at the Festival's Opening Ceremonies: Thunder Over Louisville, on April 22...this Thunder will be "Local & Original" We've once again partnered with Teddy Abrams and the Louisville Orchestra to craft a one-of-a-kind soundtrack dominated by all genres of Kentucky musical artists.

None of what we do would be possible without the continued support of a very large team. The staff annually works with more than 4,000 volunteers to ensure we provide quality programming that our fans have come to expect. We continue to grow our network of volunteers each year and encourage you to find out how you can become more involved at KDF.org.

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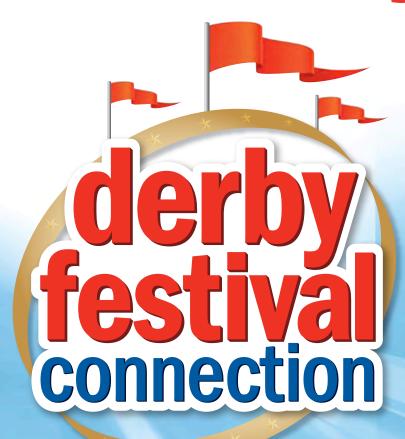
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Daphne Wolridge Louisville, KY

18-year-old Freshman at the University of Louisville majoring in Secondary Education English with a minor in Pan-African Studies. She is a Porter Scholar, Whitney M. Young Scholar, on the Dean's List and received over \$1 million dollars in awards and scholarships upon graduating from Louisville's Male High School. Daphne is part of the Minority Teacher Recruitment Program, a C.O.N.E.C.T Mentor and volunteers at Indian Trail Elementary.



Kailee Barnes

Louisville, KY

19-year-old Sophomore at the University of Kentucky majoring in Human Health Sciences as a Pre-Med student. She is a Presidential Scholar, on the Dean's List, and is the Sisterhood Chair of Kappa Delta – Epsilon Omega Chapter. Kailee serves on the Pre-Medical Activities Council and volunteers at UK Hospital in Lexington.



# Sidney Cobb Frankfort, KY

20-year-old Sophomore at the University of Louisville. A Pre-Law student, majoring in Political Science and History. Sidney is a National Merit Scholar, a McConnell Scholar, on the Dean's List, and is a Heather French Henry Quality of Life Winner. Sidney is Vice Chair of Engaging Issues for the Student Activities Board and also serves as a Citizenship Instructor at Kentucky Refugee Ministries.



**Taylor Young** Louisville, KY

20-year-old Junior at the University of Louisville majoring in Secondary Education. She is a Woodford R. Porter Scholar, on the Dean's List, part of the Minority Teacher Recruitment Program, and serves as an Event Coordinator for the Society of Porter Scholars. Taylor also volunteers for Boys and Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana.



**Natalie Brown** 

Crestwood, KY

21-year-old, Senior at the University of Louisville majoring in Communications. She is a Trustees Scholar, Honors Scholar, on the Student Orientation Staff and serves as a Cardinal Ambassador. Natalie hosts a Student News Show at UofL and also volunteers for Heuser Hearing Institute with the Delta Zeta Sorority.





You've been involved with the Kentucky Derby Festival for a few years now. What makes this Festival so special?

That's easy...it's the tradition. There is a special enthusiasm in Louisville that you don't see everywhere. Everyone is so friendly; Louisvillians are so accepting and welcoming. And they want to share that love with everyone that visits!

At this point you have become more than a guest of KDF...you're a part of the Festival Family. What has been your favorite part of the last 3 years?

Believe it or not, one of my favorite parts has been seeing everything the Festival team does behind the scenes...and I don't think a lot of guests are fortunate enough to see that! It's so exciting to get to meet everyone that is involved, down to the spectators. I love every chance I get to interact with people. I think's that's why the Republic Bank Pegasus Parade is my favorite event...I get to ride down the road and see the impact this Festival has on the community. Another big highlight was being named a Kentucky Colonel by former Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear. I was beyond honored.

**5** Moments with

Monte Dunham

You had a fun new level of involvement with KDF for 2017 -- You helped us select our Royal Court! What were you looking for in the 5 girls selected?

I had a very simple criteria; poise, confidence and knowledge of the Festival. I have to say, it was so hard selecting the final Royal Court. All of the girls that we interviewed stood out. There were some tough decisions that had to be made, but we definitely got it right. Fashion is an important part of our big party. What do you see as the next big trend in spring fashion?

There are some BIG trends right now. We're seeing a lot of prints and girls are covering themselves a lot more. There's a definite return to the 60s lately. I believe the movie "Jackie" has inspired designers to return to a clean, classic look. We're seeing that translated to bridal, prom and even the red carpet.

Everyone knows that you love to take a good selfie. What are the 3 most important tips for anyone taking a great selfie?

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# Thursday, April 13 pg 25 KING SOUTHERN BANK **BOURBONVILLESM**

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# Friday, April 21 pg 26 THEY'RE OFF!® LUNCHEON

# Saturday, Apr 22-30 pg 27 **VOLLEYBALL CLASSIC**

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# Thursday, April 27-28 pg 28 RACE EXPO AND PACKET PICK-UP

# Thursday, April 27-29 pg 28 U.S. BANK GREAT BALLOONFEST<sup>SM</sup>

# Thursday, April 27-May 5 pg 28 KROGER'S FEST-A-VILLESM ON THE WATERFRONT

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# Friday, April 28 pg 28 RUNNING WILD® PASTA PARTY

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# Saturday, April 29 pg 31-33 MARATHON/miniMARATHON® PRESENTED BY WALMART AND

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## **Sunday, April 30** pg 33-37 PNC TOUR de LOU™

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# Tuesday, May 2-3 pg 41 KENTUCKY PROUD WINEFEST

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# **GREAT STEAMBOAT RACE**

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# Sunday, May 7 pg 44 CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA

# Friday, May 12 pg 44 PEGASUS PIN® GOLD PIN WINNER GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

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# Saturday, March 25

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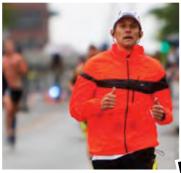
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# Thursday, Jan 12 - April 29

# **NORTON SPORTS HEALTH** TRAINING PROGRAM



6:00 PM. Kentucky Derby Museum. Sponsor: Norton Sports Health. Contributing Sponsor: Swags Sport Shoes. Media Sponsor: 102.3 The Max. 14-week Training program for the Kentucky Derby Festival Marathon/miniMarathon. For more info, log on to www.derbyfestivalmarathon.com.





# Thursday, March 2

# PRESENTED BY CITIZENS **UNION BANK AND FOUR**







5:00 PM. **NEW LOCATION**: Tim Faulkner Gallery. Join the Kentucky Derby Festival for a special unveiling of the 2017 Festival, including the Official Poster and merchandise Roses Rose Julep Recipe Contest, where guests can help judge. (21 ing Sponsor: Ladyfingers Catering. Media Sponsors: LEO Weekly and

# **FESTIVAL UNVEILED ROSES BOURBON**







line, as well as the 14th annual Four and over only. Must present ID upon entry.) Sponsors: Citizens Union Bank and Four Roses Bourbon. Contribut-106.9 PLAY.

# Saturday, March 4

# **INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTHEAST KDF FOUNDATION ROBORUMBLE REGIONAL ROBOTIC TOURNAMENT**



Doors open 8 AM. Competition begins 9 AM. Award Ceremony 4 PM. Ramsey Middle School. Regional STEM robotics competition allowing students to design, build and compete with robots. Produced by Jefferson County Public Schools. A Kentucky Derby Festival Foundation Event. For more information contact Pamela Howell at Pamela. Howell@jefferson.kyschools.us or call (502) 485-3010. Sponsor: Indiana University Southeast.

# Monday, March 6

# **2017 PEGASUS PINS GO PUBLIC**

Pegasus Pins are your ticket to more than 30+ events and concerts on the Kentucky Derby Festival schedule and are available at more than 1,000 retail outlets. In 2017, any Pin is your opportunity to win a Weekly Grand Prize beginning Friday, March 17 – Friday, May 5! Gold Winner Pins are also eligible to win a Honda CR-V on Friday, May 12. To be eligible, register pins using the KDF App or online at PegasusPins.com. Pins are \$6 at retail, \$7 at events.

# Saturday, March II

# FORD MOTOR COMPANY **SPELLING BEE**



11 AM. Bomhard Theater at The Kentucky Center. Admission free for spectators. Top spelling bee competition for 4th through 8th grade students in Kentucky and Southern Indiana. Sponsor: Ford Motor Company. Media Sponsors: 840 WHAS and Kentucky Monthly.

# Saturday, March 25

# **KDF FOUNDATION ACADEMIC** CHALLENGE<sup>SM</sup> PRESENTED BY **SULLIVAN UNIVERSITY**



8 AM – 3 PM. Hyatt Regency Hotel. A quick recall competition for elementary school students. Produced by Jefferson County Public Schools. A Kentucky Derby Festival Foundation Event. For more information contact Doug Wilham at (502) 485-3702.

Sponsor: Sullivan University.







# Saturday March 25

# **METRO PARKS & RECREATION STEPFEST**



1 PM - 5 PM. duPont Manual High School. Step team competition for Elementary, Middle and High School step teams, as well as community step groups. Division winners receive cash prizes and will be featured in the 2017 Republic Bank Pegasus Parade. Produced by Metro Parks & Recreation. Admission for spectators is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. To enter the free competition or for more information contact Laneisha Beasley at (502) 574-3206 or Laneisha.beasley@louisvilleky.gov.

# Thursday, March 30

# **MACY'S PRESENTS THE SPRING FASHION SHOWSM**







Cocktails 5:30 PM. Dinner 7 PM. Show 8 PM. Showroom, Horseshoe Southern Indiana. Reserved seating: \$750 Table of 10 or \$75 each. Lounge ticket: \$35 (General Admission). Tickets available at KDF.org, or call (502) 584-FEST. Sponsor: Macy's. Contributing Sponsors: Guess?, Inc., Horseshoe Southern Indiana, and J Michael's Spa & Salon. Media Sponsors: The Voice-Tribune and 102.3 The Max.

# Saturday, April 8

# THE FILLIES DERBY BALL









Cocktails 6:30 PM. Call to the Post 7:15 PM. Queen's Coronation 7:30 PM. Dinner 8:00 PM. Dancing 9:00PM-

1:00AM. Louisville Marriot Downtown. Entertainment by The Sensations. Tickets \$175 each, VIP Table of 10 is \$2,500, includes dinner and dancing. Produced by The Fillies, Inc. Contributing Sponsor: Brown-Forman Corporation. Media Sponsors: TOPS Louisville and 102.3 The Max. For tickets visit KDF.org or call (502) 572-3856. Portion of proceeds benefits Kentucky Derby Festival Foundation.



# Tuesday, April 11

# **KDF FOUNDATION STUDENT ART CONTEST PRESENTED BY** THE FILLIES, INC



Reception 6:30 PM.

Awards Ceremony 7:00 PM. DuPont Manual High School. Awards ceremony for students in grades K-12 participating in the Kentucky Derby Festival Foundation's Student Art Contest. A Kentucky Derby Festival Foundation Event. Sponsor: The Fillies, Inc. Contributing Sponsor: Kentucky College of Art + Design at Spalding University. Media Sponsor: ARTxFM.

# Thursday, April 13

# KING SOUTHERN BANK **BOURBONVILLESM**







6:00 PM. The Louisville Palace. Mix, mingle and enjoy Bourbon Specialty Drinks at the newest Kentucky Derby Festival event. Taste signature drinks from Kentucky's Bourbon distilleries, enjoy Bourbon-inspired cuisine and meet the Master Distillers. Tickets: \$50 General Admission; \$75 VIP Experience. General admission tickets include Bourbon and food tastings, commemorative glass and Bourbon-Ville pin. VIP includes complete event experience, plus 5 p.m. early entry, theater tours, and premium gift bag. (21 and over only. Must present ID upon entry.) Tickets available by calling (502) 584-FEST or online at KDF. org. Sponsor: King Southern Bank. Contributing Sponsors: Liquor Barn and Falls City.



# Friday, April 14

# HORSESHOE FOUNDATION **NIGHT OF THE FUTURE STARS®**







7 PM. NEW LOCATION: Indiana University Southeast Activities Building. Admission free with 2017 Pegasus Pin or Basketball Classic ticket. Availability). Tickets on sale now at Tickets on sale at all TicketMaster locations, TicketMaster.com or call (800) 745-3000 or the Freedom Hall box office at (502) 367-5144. One-hour autograph signing session immediately following the event (2 items per person limit). Limited seating available. Sponsor: Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County. Contributing Sponsors: Papa John's and SolN. Media Sponsors: B96.5 FM and SLAM Magazine. Supporting Sponsor: Dick's Sporting Goods.



# Saturday, April 15

# **BASKETBALL CLASSIC** PRESENTED BY PAPA JOHN'S







7 PM. Freedom Hall. Reserved Tickets \$18 in advance (\$20 at the door). \$50 VIP Courtside Tickets (Limited all TicketMaster locations. Ticket-Master.com or call (800) 745-3000 or the Freedom Hall box office at (502) 367-5144 (Includes facility fee). Sponsor: Papa John's. Contributing Sponsor: Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County. Media Sponsors: 99.7 DJX, B96.5 FM, and SLAM Magazine. Supporting Sponsor: Dick's Sporting Goods. Broadcast live on WDRB.





# Saturday, April 15-23

# **GIVE A DAY: MAYOR'S WEEK OF SERVICE**



Citywide week of volunteering to help others. Help make Louisville the most compassionate city in the world. Individuals, companies and groups can volunteer online at MyGiveADay.com. Agencies and organizations that have projects needing volunteers can also add their information to the website.

# Monday, April 17

# **KDF FOUNDATION** PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT





Noon Tee Time. Wildwood Country Club. Team entries \$2,000. Individual entries \$500. Entries open to the public, includes lunch, golf with local pro, cocktail reception following tournament and gifts. Contributing Sponsor: KPGA. Media Sponsor: 1450 & 96.1 The Big X. Prize Sponsor: Horseshoe Southern Indiana. A Kentucky Derby Festival Foundation event benefitting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. A portion of the entry fee is tax deductible. Contact Jon Pollock at jpollock@kdf.org or (502) 572-3833 to register.

# Thursday, April 20-30

# STOCK YARDS BANK \$1 MILLION DOLLAR HOLE-IN-ONE GOLF CONTESTSM







April 20-April 29: 10 AM - 8:30 PM April 22: Closed

April 30: 10 AM - 5 PM, Semi-finals

Seneca Golf Course Driving Range. \$1 per shot and free for spectators. April 23: Jr. Day - Under 18 get 2 shots for \$1.

April 24: First Responders and

Veterans get 2 shots for \$1.

April 25: Ladies Day – Ladies get 2 shots for \$1.

Senior Special Weekdays 10 AM -2 PM, 62 and up get 2 shots for \$1. Grand Prize: \$1 million. First Prize (if no Hole-in-One): \$5,000. Sponsor: Stock Yards Bank. Contributing Sponsor: Metro Parks & Recreation. Media Sponsors: WLKY TV, 840 WHAS and Insider Louisville.

# Friday, April 21

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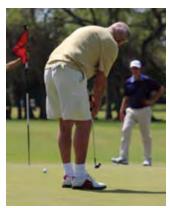




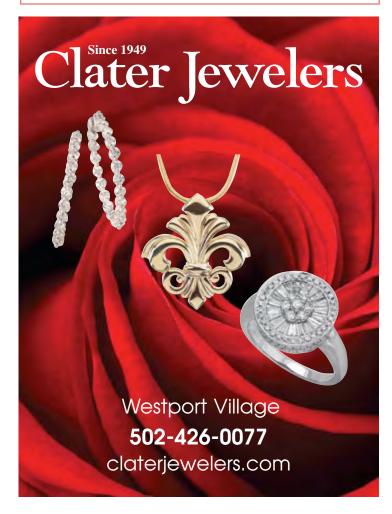
11:30 AM. Tickets: \$680 Table of 8 or \$85 each. Galt House East Grand Ballroom. Official Kentucky Derby Festival kick off luncheon. Contributing Sponsors: Active Heroes, Kentucky Blood Center, Fifth Third Bank, and Kentucky Proud. Media Sponsor: Business First.











# Saturday, April 22-30 **VOLLEYBALL CLASSIC**





One of the country's largest outdoor volleyball tournaments. Contributing Sponsors: ASICS, Mikasa. Media Sponsor: 98.9 Radio Now. For more information call The Volleyball Connection/ Tandem Sports (502) 582-3530.

# Sand Divisions at Baxter Jacks

April 22 and 23: 9 AM - 9 PM April 29 and 30: 9 AM - 9 PM

# **Grass Divisions at Seneca Park at the Tennis**

April 29 and 30: 9 AM - 6 PM



# Saturday, April, 22

# **OPENING CEREMONIES:** THUNDER OVER LOUISVILLE®









FoodFest and Ford's Thunder On the Ground open at 11:00 AM, Airshow at 3:00 PM, Fireworks at 9:30 PM. Downtown Louisville Riverfront, Waterfront Park, River Road and Southern Indiana shoreline. 2017 Theme - Thunder: Local & Original. Soundtrack featuring local and Kentucky musicians. ThunderOverLouisville.org

Sponsors: Horseshoe Southern Indiana, LG&E, Meijer, UPS, Valero along with business Thunder Funders. Thunder on the Ground Sponsor: Ford Motor Company. Official Sound Sponsor: CareSource.

All-day live coverage on WHAS TV and 106.9 PLAY. Event programs distributed April 22 by The Courier-Journal. Featuring the Thunder **Chow Wagon** at Waterfront Park and the **East** River Road Beer Garden. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin. (Open 11AM – 11PM. NO TENTS, STAKES, TAPE OR PETS.) Meijer Family Fun Zone on the Belvedere. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin. (Open 11AM - 11PM. NO TENTS, STAKES, TAPE OR PETS.) North **Great Lawn** area opens at 9 AM. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin. (NO TENTS, STAKES, TAPE OR PETS.)

# Sunday, April 23 - 29 LOUISVILLE CUP BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER TOURNAMENTS PRESENTED BY KENTUCKY FIRE JUNIORS



Bullit Estates Farm (near Oxmoor Center). Youth multi-weekend soccer tournament. Female competition: April 23-24. Male competition: April 29-30. Free to spectators. For more information visit KentuckyFireJuniors.com or contact the Kentucky Fire Juniors at (502) 523.8541 or (502) 298-9733.

# Tuesday, April 25

# TASTE OF DERBY FESTIVAL®









5:30 PM - 8 PM. Louisville Slugger Field. Features exquisite fare from over 65 of Louisville's finest restaurants and beverage companies. Bourbon tasting, wine tasting and a silent auction. Tickets \$80 until April 16th, \$90 from April 17th – 25th (limited availability). Tickets available in advance only. Coordinated by Dare to Care Food Bank. All proceeds to benefit Dare to Care.

Sponsor: Brown-Forman Corporation. Media Sponsor: 840 WHAS. For more information call (502) 966-3821.



# Thursday, April 27-28

# RACE EXPO AND PACKET PICK-UP





Kentucky Exposition Center West Wing. Two-day Expo where you can see the latest running gear, get nutritional advice, pre-race running tips and pick up your race packet for Kentucky Derby Festival Marathon/miniMarathon® and PNC Tour de Lou. Official Bourbon: Jim Beam. Media Sponsor: 99.7 DJX.

Thursday: 4 PM - 8 PM. Expo and Packet Pickup. Friday: 11 AM - 9 PM Expo and Packet Pickup **Running Wild® Pasta Party** 





5:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Tickets for Pasta dinner: \$20. Tickets available at KDF.org or call (502) 584-FEST. Contributing Sponsors: Jim Beam and Sysco.

# Thursday, April 27-29

# U.S. BANK GREAT BALLOONFESTSM





Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin®. Sponsor: U.S. Bank. Contributing Sponsor: V.G. Reed & Sons.

**U.S. Bank Great Balloon Charity Race** April 27: 7 AM Launch. Bowman Field. **U.S. Bank Great Balloon Glimmer** 

April 27: 8:30 PM. Kroger's Fest-a-Ville on the Waterfront. Media Sponsor: Q103.1.

#### **U.S. Bank Great Balloon Rush-Hour Race**

April 28: 7 AM Launch. Bowman Field. Public entrance off Pee Wee Reese Road. Media Sponsor: 99.7 DJX.

# **U.S. Bank Great Balloon Glow**

April 29: 9 PM. Kentucky Exposition Center. Gates open at 6 PM. \$8 KEC parking fee. Media Sponsor: Q106.9. Broadcast special by WLKY TV.

# U.S. Bank Great Balloon Race®

April 29: 7 AM Launch. Bowman Field. Public entrance off Pee Wee Reese Road. Media Sponsor: 99.7 DJX.

# Thursday, April 27- May 5

# KROGER'S FEST-A-VILLESM ON THE WATERFRONT













Open Daily 11 AM - 11 PM, except Sunday 12 PM - 11 PM. Waterfront Park. ULTIMATE ENTERTAINMENT EXPERIENCE featuring concerts with national talent, family fun, food, kids' inflatable playground, midway rides and more. Happy Hour Weekdays 4-6 PM, \$2 beer. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin®. (FOOD, DRINK AND PETS ARE NOT PER-MITTED). Sponsor: Kroger. Contributing Sponsor: Miller Lite Media Sponsor: The Courier-Journal.

# **CHOW WAGON®**











Open Daily 11 AM - 11 PM, except Sunday 12 PM -11 PM. Kroger's Fest-a-Ville on the Waterfront. Outdoor food & live music venue. Sponsors: Kroger and Miller Lite Featuring the Miller Lite Music Stage. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin®. (FOOD, DRINK AND PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED).

# Friday, April 28

# NEIGH-MASTE ON THE WATERFRONT



12 – 1 PM. Kroger's Fest-a-Ville on the Waterfront, Great Lawn. Relax and recharge at this yoga event at the Waterfront. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin®. (FOOD, DRINK AND PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED.)

# **OHIO VALLEY WRESTLING RUN FOR THE ROPES**







6 PM - 7:30 PM. Kroger's Fest-a-Ville on the Waterfront, Great Lawn. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin®. Special meet-and-greet with OVW stars at 5 p.m., followed by six big matches including a special "all-for-1 one-for all" over the top rope Battle Royal. For more information call (502) 759-7665. Presented by Ohio Valley Wrestling. (FOOD, DRINK AND PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED.)

# FRIDAY CONCERT - DAYA AT WATERFRONT JAM







9 PM. Kroger's Fest-a-Ville on the Waterfront. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin®. Media Sponsor: 98.9 Radio Now (FOOD, DRINK AND PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED.)









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# Friday, April 28-29

# **DA'VILLE CLASSIC DRUM LINE**







4 PM. The Louisville Palace. Admission is \$10. Tickets available at LouisvilleTickets.com. High school and community drum lines and step teams from Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana showcase their creativity, musicianship, and pageantry. For tickets call (502) 584-7777. Media Sponsor: B96.5 FM.



# Saturday, April 29

# MARATHON/miniMARATHON® PRESENTED BY WALMART AND **HUMANA**







7:30 AM. Main Street near Slugger Field, start via 13.1 mile route or 26.2 mile route to Preston & Witherspoon Streets finish. Free for spectators. Entry fees and registration info at DerbyFestivalMarathon.com. Sponsors: Walmart and Humana. Official Race Medical Provider: Norton Sports Health. Contributing Sponsors: BB&T, Churchill Downs, Louisville Water Company, Powerade, and The Courier-Journal. Official Bourbon: Jim Beam®, Official Hotel: The Galt House.

## NPC DERBY CHAMPIONSHIPS







Prejudging 10 AM. Finals 6 PM. Galt House East, Grand Ballroom. A fitness, figure, swimwear and bodybuilding competition featuring amateurs and pro athletes from across the country. Pre-judging tickets \$20. Finals Tickets: \$25 General Admission, \$30 Reserved Seating, \$35 VIP. For tickets call (502) 387-3808 or www.KentuckyMuscle.com. Media Sponsor: 1450 & 96.1 The Big X.

# KEN-DUCKY DERBY





4 PM – 8PM. Call to the post 7 PM. Kroger's Fest-a-Ville on the Waterfront. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin®. See the launch of 20,000 ducks into the Ohio River for a chance to race and compete for prizes. Proceeds benefit Harbor House. To adopt a duck, visit DuckTruck.org. For more information go to KDF.org or call (502) 717-0072. Sponsor: Swope Family Dealerships. Media Sponsor: WLKY. (FOOD, DRINK AND PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED.)



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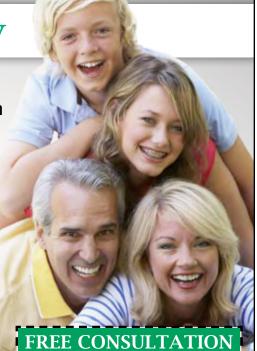
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# Saturday, April 29

# **FITNESS JAM**





5 PM – 7 PM. Kroger's Fest-a-Ville on the Waterfront, Great Lawn. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin®. Join the best Zumba and U-JAM instructors in the area, wear comfortable clothes and come burn calories with the fitness craze that is sweeping the nation! For information call (502) 554-4486 or visit www.kyfitnessparty.com. Sponsor: ELeet Stone Countertops. Media Sponsor: 100.5 KISS FM. (FOOD, DRINK AND PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED.)

## THESLICE: SPICE, STYLE AND SOUL









6 PM - 9 PM. The Kentucky Center for African American Heritage. Tickets \$65 in advance, \$75 day of event. Tickets include 2017 Pegasus Pin. Live entertainment and food tasting. Proceeds benefit charities and assistance programs. Tickets available after March 20. For tickets call (502) 584-4602, visit TheSliceofLouisville.org or purchase at Better Days Records at Lyles Mall or JAM BUSTERS at 4906 Poplar level Road. Media Sponsor: MAGIC 101.3.

# FRIDAY CONCERT - 97.5 WAMZ PRESENTS HUNTER HAYES WITH SPECIAL GUEST CARLY PEARCE AT WATERFRONT JAM







8 PM. Kroger's Fest-a-Ville on the Waterfront. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin®. Media Sponsor: 97.5 WAMZ. (FOOD, DRINK AND PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED.)

# Sunday, April 30

# PNC TOUR DE LOU<sup>SM</sup>







Staggered start based on distance: 62.1 Metric Century – 8:30 AM, 35-mile ride – 8:45 AM, 20-mile ride – 9 AM. Open course Cycling event with three distances for beginners to experienced cyclists. Start and finish near Kroger's Fest-a-Ville at Waterfront Park. Entry fees and registration info at KDF.org. Sponsor: PNC. Official Safety Sponsor: AAA East Central. Contributing Sponsors: Baptist Health Sports Medicine, Louisville Marriott Downtown, and Scheller's Fitness & Cycling. Media Sponsors: 102.3 The Max and *The Courier-Journal*. Supporting Sponsors: Louisville Bicycle Club and Louisville Water Company.

# MAYOR'S DERBY BRUNCH ON THE RIVER







11 AM-1:30 PM. Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremen Landing. A festive brunch featuring a traditional Kentucky breakfast, music, and tours of the property including the Moremen Family Chapel. Tickets \$80 or \$600 for Table of 8. For tickets or information call (502) 935-6809, or visit riverside-landing.org

## "V FOUNDATION" CELEBRITY BOCCE TOURNAMENT







12 – 4 PM. Kroger's Fest-a-Ville on the Waterfront, Great Lawn. Have fun and play bocce with celebrities for a great cause at the Waterfront. For registration information go to www.jimmyvlouisville.org. Admission for spectators is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin®. Sponsor: Money Concepts









# Sunday, April 30

# THE CHILDREN'S TEA WITH THE **KENTUCKY DERBY FESTIVAL** PRINCESSES PRESENTED BY **BIGELOW TEA**







1 PM - 4 PM. Crowne Plaza, Louisville Airport. Children ages 4 and up invited to meet the Kentucky Derby Festival Queen and Princesses. Tickets \$35 each. Reservation required. Sponsor: Bigelow Tea. Media Sponsor: Today's Family Magazine. Produced by: The Fillies, Inc. Purchase tickets online at www.thefillies.org. For more information contact Joanne Hurst at jhurst60<mark>1@g</mark>mail.com or 502-419-7522.

## PASSPORT GOSPELFESTSM







2 PM – 7 PM. Gospel Choir Showcase. Kroger's Fest-a-Ville on the Waterfront. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin<sup>®</sup>. Sponsor: Passport. Contributing Sponsor: Kentucky Department of Travel and Tourism. Media Sponsors: B96.5 FM and WLOU/New Praise 104.7. (FOOD. DRINK AND PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED.)

# YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY® PRESENTED BY HUMANA





1 – 4 PM. Free, family friendly fitness event on the North Great Lawn at Waterfront Park inside Kroger's Fest-a-Ville. Features interactive activities, community vendors, inflatables, group exercise classes and the miniFun Run. For kids ages 3 and older, plus adults. Coordinated by YMCA of Greater Louisville. Sponsor: Humana. Media Sponsors: 102.3 The Max and Today's Family Magazine. For more information visit YMCALouisville.org or call 502-587-9622. (FOOD, DRINK AND PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED.)

# LOUISVILLE YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT







4 PM. Iroquois Amphitheatre. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin®. A concert featuring ten Louisville Youth Orchestra ensembles. For more information call (502) 896-1851 or visit www.lyo.org.

# **STOCK YARDS BANK** \$1 MILLION DOLLAR HOLE-IN-ONE **GOLF CONTEST™ SEMI FINALS**







6 PM. Seneca Golf Course Driving Range. Grand Prize: \$1 million. First Prize (if no Hole-in-One): \$5,000. Sponsor: Stock Yards Bank. Contributing Sponsor: Metro Parks & Recreation. Media Sponsors: WLKY TV, 840 WHAS and Insider Louisville.







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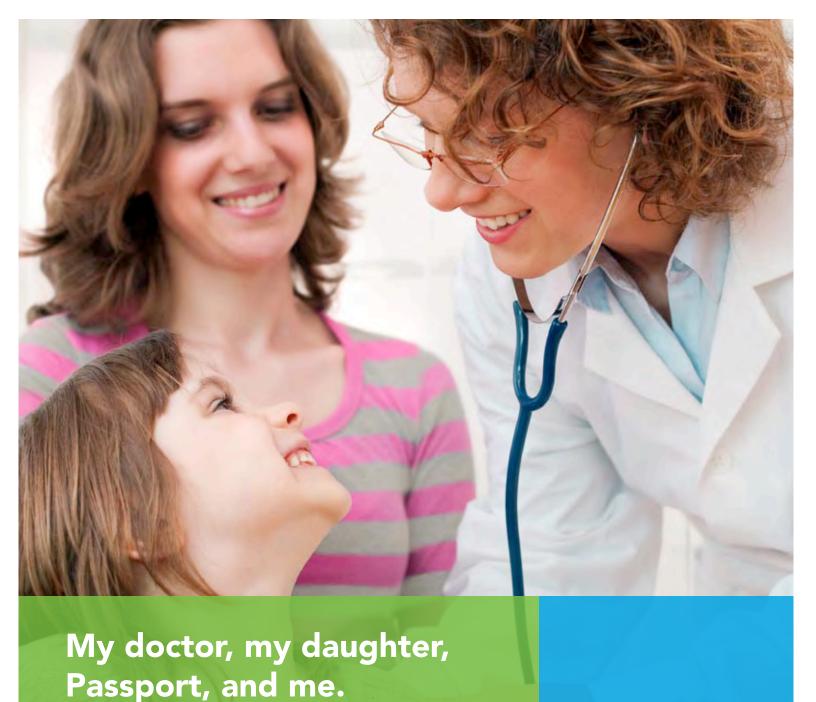


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## Sunday, April 30

## **CELEBRATION SUNDAY CONCERT -**SIDEWALK PROPHETS PRESENTED BY WJIE AT WATERFRONT JAM







5 PM. Kroger's Fest-a-Ville on the Waterfront. Christian contemporary concert featuring Sidewalk Prophets with John Tibbs and Hannah Kerr. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin<sup>®</sup>.

Media Sponsor: WJIE (FOOD, DRINK AND PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED.)

## Monday, May I

## THORNTONS GREAT BED RACES





4 PM Tailgating. 6 PM Parade of Beds. 7 PM Racing. Broadbent Arena. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin®. \$8 KEC Parking fee. \$130 entry fee for team of 5. Sponsor: Thorntons.

Contributing Sponsors: Ashley Furniture Homestore and Safelite AutoGlass. Media Sponsor: 107.7 The Eagle. Broadcast special on WAVE 3 NEWS.

### **HAPPYTAIL HOUR**





5 PM – 9 PM. Kroger's Fest-a-Ville on the Waterfront. Admission is free with a 2017 Pegasus Pin®. A pet-friendly (leashes please!) social event. Coordinated by Metro Animal Services. Media Sponsor: 100.5 KISS FM. (FOOD AND DRINK ARE NOT PERMITTED.)

## Monday, May 1

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **CHARITY DINNER**







5:30 PM Social Hour. 6:45 PM Opening Ceremonies. 7 PM Dinner. Galt House Archibald Cochran Ballroom. Dinner tickets \$50. Coordinated by the Bishop Spalding Council of the Knights of Columbus. For tickets call (502) 893-2220.

## Monday, May 1-2

## AT&T MORNING LINE



6 AM - 11 AM. Radio stations from around the region will broadcast their morning shows live from the Kentucky Derby Museum. Sponsor: AT&T. Contributing Sponsors: Kentucky Department of Travel and Tourism and



## Tuesday, May 2

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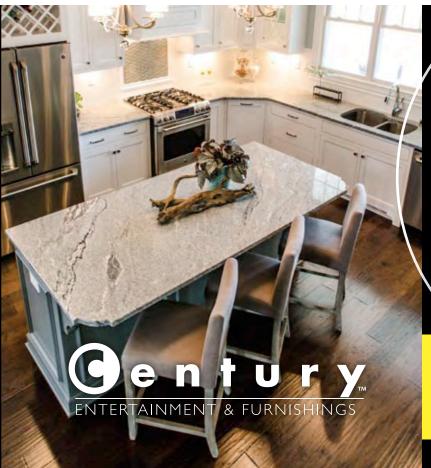






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### **TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT**



4 PM Boarding/check-in. 6 PM Tournament begins, plus one-hour Cruise. Belle of Cincinnati, docked at Kroger's Fest-a-Ville on the Waterfront. \$125 Buy-in includes 10,000 in chips and commemorative pin. Add-ons available 1st hour of play \$40 for 4,000 chips. \$5,000 first place prize. Payouts for 1st - 24th place. Payouts based on 325 players, payouts pro-rated based on actual number of players. \$15 for guests. LICENSE# ORG0001638. Call (502) 584-FEST to register. Media Sponsor: 1450 & 96.1 The Big X.



### **HEALTH FAIR PRESENTED BY WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS**







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## **TUESDAY CONCERT -**SUGARHILL GANG WITH **SPECIAL GUESTS GRANDMASTER DEE FEATURING KURTIS BLOW AT WATERFRONT JAM**







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Tuesday, May 2-3

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Wednesday, May 3

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Wednesday, May 3

## **GREAT STEAMBOAT RACE**











4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Boarding 5:45 PM Departure

6 PM Race begins. Awards presentation immediately following at the Chow Wagon in Kroger's Fest-a-Ville. Tickets on the Belle of Louisville \$130 (limited availability). For Belle of Louisville tickets call (502) 584-FEST or visit KDF.org. Tickets on the Belle of Cincinnati \$60 Cruise Only; \$85 Dinner, Four Roses Bourbon Tasting, and Cruise. For Belle of Cincinnati tickets call 800-261-8586 or visit BBRiverboats.com. Free spectator viewing at Kroger's Fest-a-Ville and along the banks of the Ohio River. Contributing Sponsor: Four Roses Bourbon. Supporting Sponsor: IDD Services Workforce PLLC. Media Sponsor: Q103.1

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## Wednesday, May 3

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## Thursday, May 4

## **CELEBRITY DAY AT THE DOWNS** PRESENTED BY KENTUCKIANA **HONDA DEALERS**







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## Thursday, May 4

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## Friday, May 5

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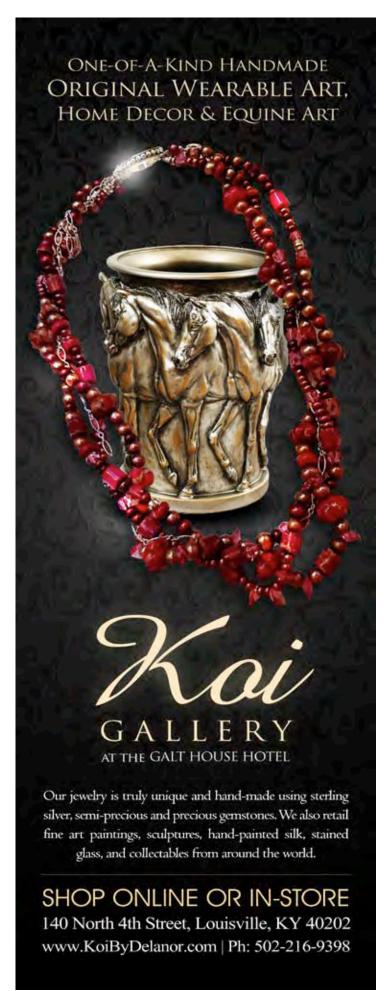
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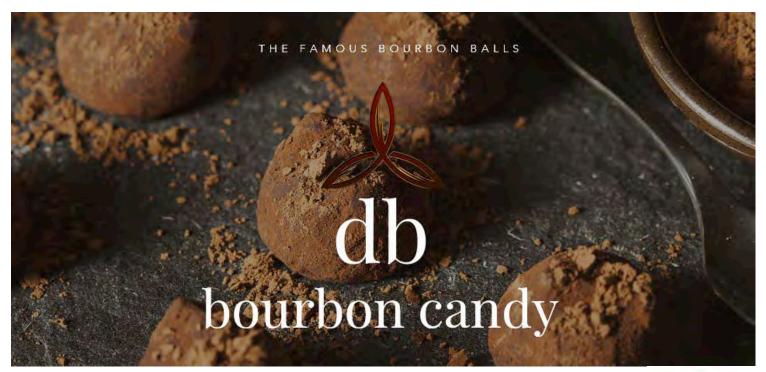


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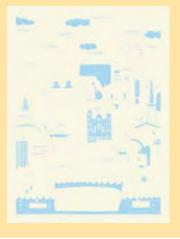


Ron Jasin 2017 Poster Artist INSPIREC

They say music moves people...and that philosophy is no exception to Ron Jasin. Except this time it is to be taken literally.

It was music that brought Jasin to Louisville from Detroit in his early 20s. "I had started travelling to the Louisville area with bands that I was working with and designing t-shirts for. I immediately fell in love with the architecture the city had to offer."

Jasin would miss Detroit when he finally made a permanent move to the city, but it was only the memories that would make that it difficult. "No disrespect to the city, but Detroit was an amazing place to leave. The city's history and architecture was being leveled at that time, in favor of newer construction. Louisville had to fight to hold on to the preservation of its history and architecture, but that was a fight it was winning. That wouldn't have happened in Detroit. Louisville was growing and worked to maintain its identity."





But before we transition entirely to Ron's life in Louisville, let's recollect his childhood in Detroit and discover the artistic past of our 2017 Official Poster artist.

"I was always good at art, but I look at it a lot differently than most of your traditional artists. To me 'art' is more than pen and paper; a paintbrush and canvas. To me, art is a structure. Art is the actual printing device that constructs the final work."

And Ron thinks his interpretation of art is based off the family that raised him. "My grandfather designed front ends for Chrysler and my grandmother was a seamstress. They taught me 2- and 3-point perspective drawing. My grandpa spent a lot of time teaching me to build."

Ron says he spent a lot of time with his grandparents because his "... parents worked so much. They owned a print shop in the suburbs of Detroit. Commercial art kept them pretty busy."

Fast forward to more recent years. Ron continued working with local artists who had become very recognizable on a national level. One of those acts was (*My Morning Jacket*). "I had designed between 10 and 15 gig posters for the band and in 2009 they had decided to do a live album, 'Celebración de la Ciudad Natal,' (translated means Hometown Celebration) that was recorded at Waterfront Park and the old record store, Ear-X-Tacy. They asked me to design a potential cover for that album."

That cover went on to do more than make the final pressing of the album. It landed Ron his current gig as Creative Director for Copper & Kings American Brandy Company. "It's My Morning Jacket's fault that I have a grown up job! The owners of the company, Joe & Lesley Heron, were fans of the band and saw the work that I did with that album. They sought me out for the position. I was only the second person hired at the distillery."

That's quite a transition from someone who was on the cusp of going the independent artist route, and potentially leaving graphic design behind entirely. "I was doing covers for some local publications because it gave me flexibility to work weekend shows. The work became so sporadic that I was working at 3AM to get some of my personal projects done. All of the work began to weigh on me and I started to become bored with graphic design."





"I started making furniture. I did construction for a while. I became really bad at playing guitar, and I even started making sausage."

Those options were short lived on replacement careers, because commercial design was truly where his passion was. "I was not stopping. I couldn't stop. Anytime I get asked to speak to a young designer I tell them 'you have gotta love it.' You have to have some talent, (continued on next page)



- Thunder Over Louisville (Fireworks)
- Thunder Over Louisville (Plane Banner Tow)
- Fest-a-Ville (Helicopter Rides)
- Great BalloonFest (Hot Air Balloon)

(Runners)

- Thunder Over Louisville Air Show (Airplane)
- Marathon/miniMarathon (Beechmont Neighborhood Pavilion)
- 7 Marathon/miniMarathon
- Community Landmark (Muhammad Ali's Childhood Home, Butterfly and Bee)
- Community Landmark (John B. Castleman Monument at Cherokee Triangle)
- Marathon/miniMarathon (Speed Art Museum)

- Marathon/miniMarathon (Bourbon Water Tower)
- Tour de Lou (Bicycle)
- Spelling Bee (Ree)
- TheSlice: Spice, Style & Soul (Kentucky Center for African American Heritage)
- BeerFest & WineFest (Event Patrons)
- Basketball Classic (Freedom Hall)
- 17 Pro-Am Golf Tournament & \$1 Million Dollar Hole-In-One Golf Contest (Golfer)
- Celebrity Day at the Downs & Marathon/miniMarathon (Churchill Downs)
- Cinco de Mayo Fiesta (Fourth Street Live!)

- Kentucky Derby Festival (Office Building)
- BourbonVille (The Louisville Palace)
- Great Steamboat Race (Louisville Water Tower)
- 23 Pegasus Parade (Float, Royal Court, Bands, Inflatable and Celebrity)
- Pegasus Parade (Louisville and Nashville Railroad Office Building: L&N Building)
- Pegasus Parade (Union Station)
- Fest-a-Ville and Chow Wagon (Patrons, Rides and Concert)
- They're Off! Luncheon & Thunder Over Louisville (Galt House Hotel)
- Community Landmark (Muhammad Ali Center)
- 29 Kentucky Derby Festival (Pegasus Mascot)

- Da'Ville Classic Drumline Showcase (The Kentucky Center)
- Community Landmark (800 West Market: Former Aegon Building)
- Mayor's Derby Brunch on the River (Farnsley-Moreman Landing)
- Marathon/miniMarathon (World's Largest Baseball Bat)
- Spring Fashion Show (Horseshoe Southern Indiana)
- Community Landmark (Colgate Clock)
- Volleyball Classic (Event Participants)
- Ken-Ducky Derby (Ducks on the River)
- Great Steamboat Race (Belle of Cincinnati)
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but hustle will take you a long way in this industry."

Ron decided a few years ago to build his own table press that lives in his basement. "It was a lot cheaper than buying a printer." This method allows Ron to design prints that work best for the printing process. "There are some geeky things that I have built in to my table top press. It has a vacuum built in that holds the paper to the table. A lot of homemade tables have to be physically turned on, but I built a trigger that detects the paper."



One of the posters Ron will be printing on that table is a Special Hand Printed Edition of the 2017 Kentucky Derby Festival Poster.

"I knew the art I designed for the Kentucky Derby Festival would make for a successful project, because it was an all hands on deck kind-of piece. I worked hand-in-hand with the Festival to make sure the final product represented everything the organization represented."

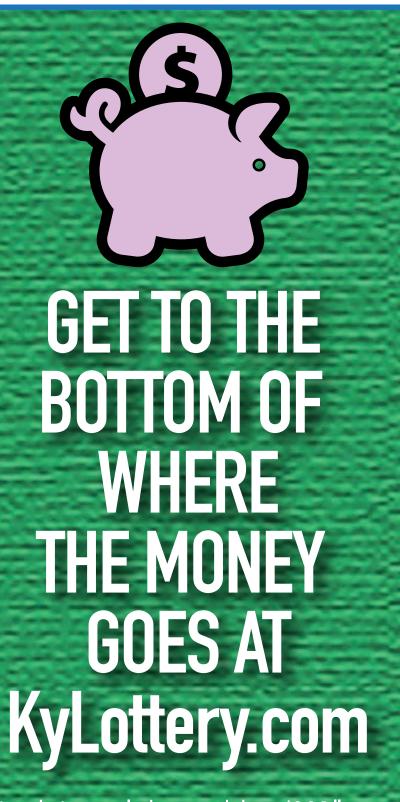
And the common denominator of this piece is community.

"The thing that stands out the most in this piece, when compared to similar projects I have designed for other communities is the people. This design has a lot more people than I usually use, because people is just as much a part of the structure of the Kentucky Derby Festival as any of the architectural designs and buildings represented."

This kind of structure is parallel in all aspects of Ron's life. For the first time, "I can do art that I want to do...self-initiated art. I love how my art is connecting with people. I would hope that art can initiate social change or do something good."

"All art comes from a selfish place. Either someone wanted to do it, or they needed to do it. Art is selfish...and that's how it should be."





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Data from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority show this is happening. The number of Kentucky residents over the age of 25 who have an earned postsecondary degree has risen to 31.2%, up 5% since 2008. Translated, that means nearly 1/3 of Kentuckians in this age range now hold a college degree.

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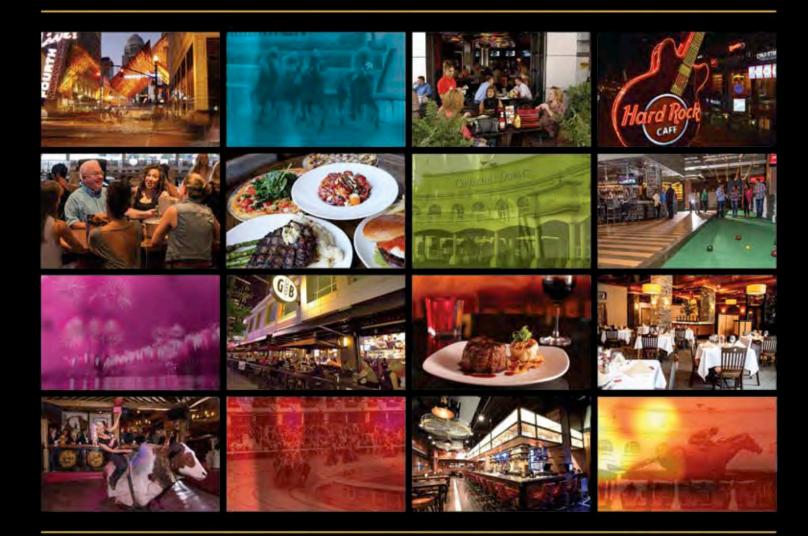
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## Perfect Burger Secret Tip

Make a divot in the middle of the burger with your thumb to help it keep its shape while cooking. These burgers can be made ahead and chilled in the fridge.

## **Get Grilling**

Preheat the grill to medium or medium high over direct heat. Oil the grate and then put the burgers on the grill and let them be. Cover the grill.

## Time to Flip

It's time to flip when the burger releases from the grate without sticking.

For medium burgers, cook for about 5 minutes per side. For welldone, go a little longer.

To add cheese, move the burgers to the cooler side of the grill, top with cheese and cover the grill for a minute to let the cheese melt. Add other toppings and serve.



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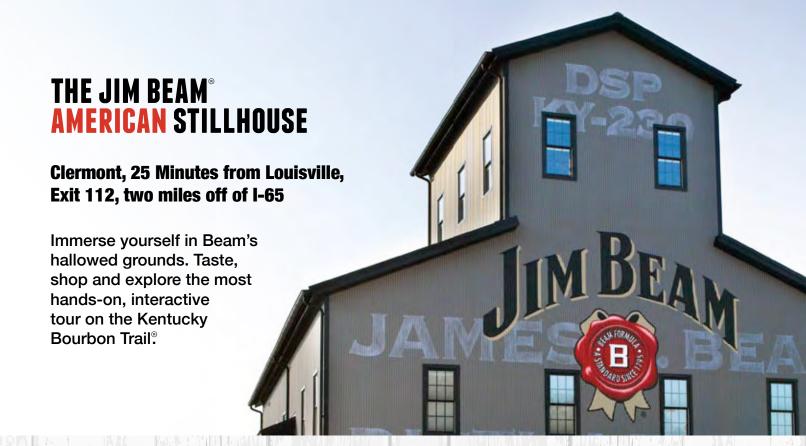
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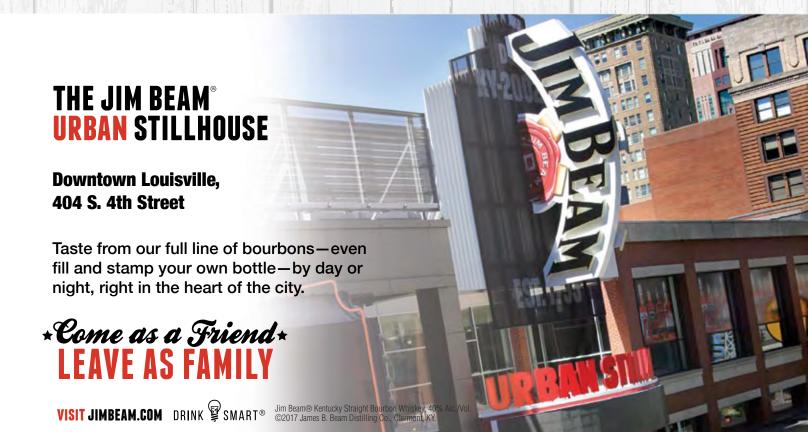
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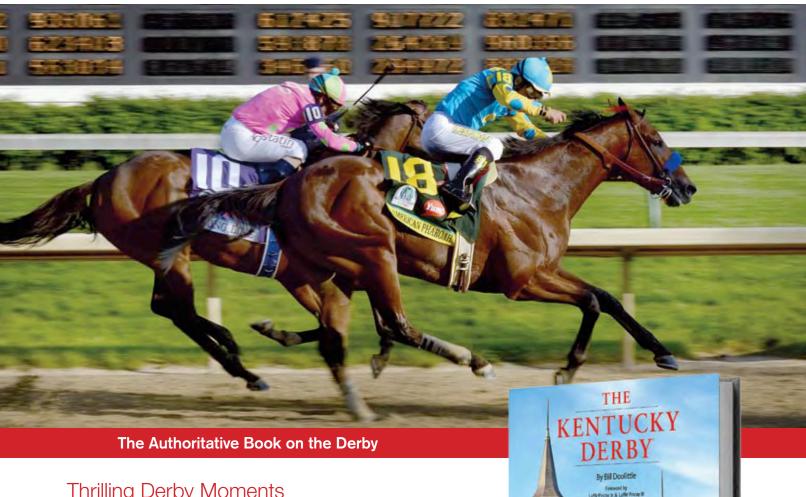
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## DRUM CORP

"Spirit of the Drum"

## A CHANGE IS GONNA COME By Hannah Kingsbury

In 1990, the Parkland Boys and Girls Club went under an unprecedented transfor-

mation when they hired Portland native, Ed White, as their new Director. The organization, created to provide a safe environment for youth, commonly arranged sports based activities for children in their care, leaving a void for those less athletically inclined. White spearheaded a change inspired by his own experience as a child.

One of seven, White grew up involved in the Boys Club, "my mother had four boys in a row and was looking for a one stop shop. Problem was, all of my brothers got the sports gene and I didn't. I was into art, but I was told I couldn't do that because that's not what boys do."

The lightbulb flickered

White is known for an abundance of things in Louisville, but atop that list is the River City Drum Corps (RCDC). While many know the name, few know its origin. As White looked for an outlet to expand the Boys and Girls Club into arts and culture, the organization became a catalyst for the development of the Drum Corps.

Established as a non-profit, RCDC is a cultural arts dream that blends traditional African drumming, percussive training, and drum line performance - an artistic avenue for kids 5-18. Children are responsible for many aspects of the organization, including creating their own drums from local recycled materials. White explains that "having the children build their drum, while it lowers cost, wasn't a financial decision because it gives them an investment in the product."

With RCDC as an illustration, White remarked that the value of arts and culture in children's education is priceless. "People see us playing and they see our energy, but they don't know that we're also a social service agency. We have some kids that go through things children shouldn't have to go through, but for them it's everyday." Reminiscent to the Boys and Girls Club, White created a space where kids can come and feel safe.

## The lightbulb CLICKED

While RCDC is a program for children, it has unintentionally become a program for families. They rely heavily on family structure to shape the cultural ideology and contribute to the success of the group. In fact, parent participation is not suggested, it is required for children to stay in the program. "We build a sense of community by getting parents involved. I hand them the tools and ask them to build the house," said White. "Even though some days the roof leaks and the door is falling off, it's a process."

Now 27 years old, RCDC has expanded into the public school system, across state lines, and become an official event of the Kentucky Derby Festival (KDF). Though White was initially hesitant

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to the relationship he absolves his uncertainty: "partnership with KDF has given the program a stamp of approval. It says we are here, we are genuine, and you should support us." The non-competitive annual Da'ville Classic Drum Line Showcase will celebrate its 11th year, where local and out-of-state drum lines, including RCDC, perform.

The Da'ville Classic also serves as a recruiting and scholarship program with participating colleges. White requires students in RCDC to maintain a 2.5 GPA in order to play; whenever a student falls below those standards, they must develop an intervention plan to get their grades on track. White, whose passion is as deep as his patience explained that "for those that don't make it, it is not because they can't, it is because they won't." Judging by the amount of students White has had go on to college, some even on full ride scholarships, it is rare to find a child unwilling to meet his rules. They now stretch across the Nation, unified by a program which uses music to teach life skills.

The lightbulb SHINED

The program has come a long way since it's inception. "It used to be just me and eight kids. We would strap the drums on top of my Buick station wagon and go everywhere together," says a nostalgic White. In one of his last conversations with his late wife, Zambia, he made her a promise that will soon be fulfilled. On the 30th anniversary of RCDC, every child who knew Zambia will have graduated. White plans to then pass the torch onto Albert Shumake, one of eight original members of the Drum Corps. "I knew I couldn't hand it over to just anyone, but I saw in him what I saw in me."

The program has come full circle. While White developed the River City Drum Corps to give purpose to kids, it actually gave him purpose in life. Through future generations, the "Spirit of the Drum" will beat on.

## The lightbulb BURNED BRIGHT



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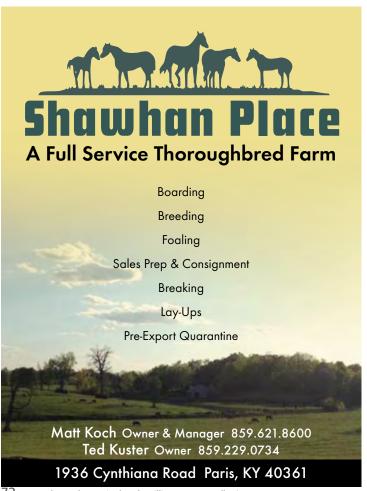
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A global icon was lost with the death of Muhammad Ali last summer. And, while the world grieved his passing, Louisville lost a beloved son. Ali, while loved and revered throughout the world, always considered Louisville to be his home. A week-long tribute and memorial in Louisville saw residents line miles of a funeral procession through city streets while showing throngs of international visitors the city's signature hospitality.

Ali, originally known as Cassius Clay, was born in Louisville on January 17, 1942. It was here he honed his ability as a boxer, and it was here he returned to after winning Gold in the 1960 Rome Olympics. He returned often after capturing the title of Heavyweight Champion of the World, and since his retirement from boxing, he has been involved with the vision and direction of the Muhammad Ali Center. And it is here, in Louisville, that "The Greatest" has his final resting place.

Having lived most of his young life in Louisville, the city is full of "landmarks" that are the backdrops of the events and experiences that molded Ali into the man who was both loved and respected as a legendary sports figure as well as a man of true principals. A self-guided brochure takes fans on a journey of Ali's "Footsteps of Greatness".

The **boyhood home of Ali** was opened as a museum after a major renovation that returned it to its original state. It was the house that he was brought to after his birth at Louisville General Hospital.

Ali first learned to box at the Columbia Gym, located in the basement of Columbia Auditorium, which is now the Spalding University Center. Ali graduated from West Louisville's **Central High School**. After winning the gold in Rome, a celebration was held at the high school. Clay made his professional boxing debut in Freedom Hall,





a multipurpose arena located on the grounds of the Kentucky Exposition Center that is still used today and was the site of a special Muslim service held the day before his burial and attended by 10,000 people.

The **Second Street Bridge** is where Ali stood and is thought to have thrown his Olympic Gold Medal into the Ohio River after he and a friend were denied service at a local restaurant because they were black.

In 1978, Walnut Street in Louisville was renamed Muhammad Ali Boulevard. The street runs nearly five miles through downtown to West Louisville.

And finally, Muhammad Ali was laid to rest in Louisville's Cave Hill Cemetery. One of the most beautiful spots in the city, Cave Hill is a 296-acre Victorian era National Cemetery and arboretum. Visitors can currently follow a painted green line from the cemetery entrance to Ali's grave.

The stories of these sites and many more, can be found at the **Muhammad Ali Center**. This iconic museum and cultural center located in Ali's

hometown has honored his life and legacy for over a decade.

Louisville will continue to celebrate Ali's legacy this summer with the "I Am Ali" Festival. Opening on the one-year anniversary of Ali's death on June 3, it will mirror Ali's "Six Core Principals" with six weeks of programming that will culminate on July 15. In addition to the visiting the stops on Ali's "Footsteps of Greatness", special events and exhibits will take place at attractions throughout the city. For a full list of events: www.gotolouisville.com/ali.





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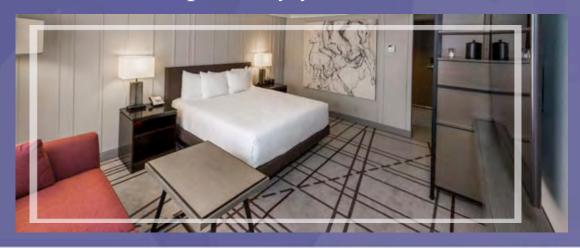
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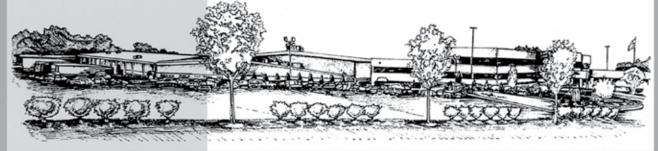


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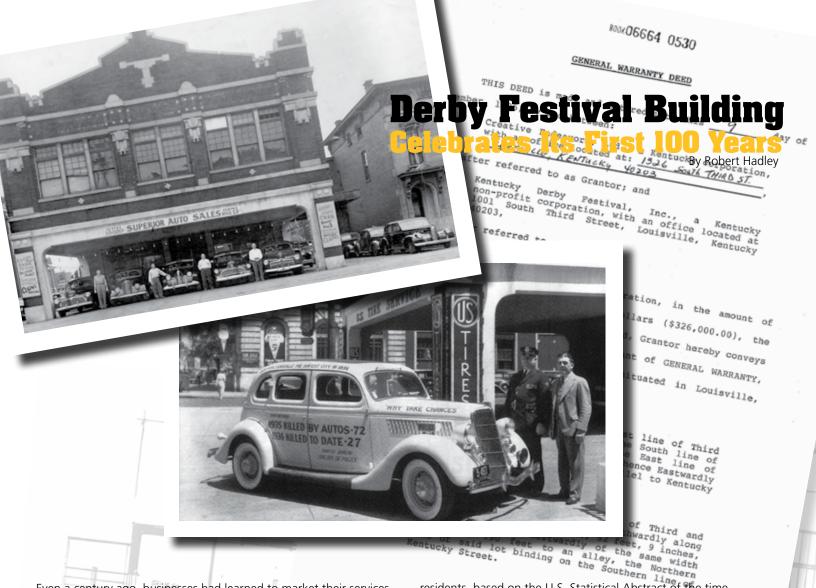


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Although the property at 1001 S. Third St. has served many uses over the years, among them a private home, a used car lot, an auto repair facility, even a psychiatric practice, theater company and others; in the history of Louisville and the Kentucky Derby, the most auspicious use is the one it has held over the last two decades: home to a festival celebrating the fastest two minutes in sports.

Tracing the history of the two-story brick structure — identified as an example of the Beaux Arts style, according to Professor Christina Carbone of the University of Louisville's Department of Fine Arts proved a daunting task. For one thing, records of hundred-year-old building permits are nonexistent.

Nevertheless, listings in directories from the period, as well as advertisements, suggest the building may actually be celebrating its centennial this year. According to Caron's directories for the city of Louisville, the property stopped being a private home for Jos. Newin, Jo Flowers and Minnie M. Kilcourse, sometime around 1917. The next year, that address began promoting itself as Quick Tire Service and United States Tire Co., according to the 1918 city directory, no doubt to meet the needs of approximately 230,000

residents, based on the U.S. Statistical Abstract of the time.

Over the next several decades, the names continued changing. 1928's directory saw the property listed as U.S. Rubber Co. and Quick Tire Service, which then morphed into Superior Tire & Sales in the mid-1940s. By 1956, the same year the Festival incorporated, the name had changed once again, this time to Superior Auto Sales, a used car facility. The block around Third and Kentucky streets seemed to be the hub of an automotive corridor. The 1956 directory listed Ace Motors, another used car outlet, at 1000 S. Third St., a block north of the KDF building, and the same directory listed the Kentucky Automobile Co. a few doors down, at 1051 S. Third St.

Closer to the 1980s, the building transitioned into more eclectic uses. On Dec. 7, 1988, an entity known as Creative Endeavors Ltd. purchased the building from its previous owners, who comprised First Kentucky Trust Co., the trustee of the will of William A. Reisert, and eight members of the Gates family, thought to be his grandchildren. The price was \$143,000.

Creative Endeavors and its tenants remained ensconced in the building until the partners agreed to sell it to the Kentucky Derby Festival in 1995 for \$326,000. Business First reports an additional \$300,000 renovation cost, for a total investment of \$626,000.

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### **Derby Festival Growing Pains**

From its official start in 1956, the Festival's headquarters had played musical chairs among several downtown locations, according to President Mike Berry.

"During the first few years, we were like Bedouin tent dwellers," he recalled. "We moved around a lot in the early days, from the mayor's office, to the Chamber of Commerce Building, even the Convention and Visitors Bureau. This was in the 1950s and '60s."

From the late 1970s on, the Festival was undergoing a significant growth period with former CEO Dan Mangeot at the helm. An article in the 2001 edition of The Encyclopedia of Louisville stated the group's budget grew from \$700,000 to \$4 million a year under his tenure. (Today, the Festival operates on a \$7 million annual budget.)

In the 1970s, the Festival had its headquarters at 621 W. Main St. before choosing what was, according to a mention in Business First, a 5,000square-foot location at 224 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd. The staff of a half-dozen or so people shared space with another tenant, United Mail, making the space cramped for the blend of office and storage space any Festival headquarters site must accommodate. After all, where else do you store 5,000 miniMarathon bibs?

"We were on the first floor," Berry said. "It was a shotgun office, not very conducive to office space, with very little storage in back. There was a lot of noise, a lot of activity, and no parking."

Around 1986, with inadequate space to hold the meetings required of Festival planning, the search was on to find new digs. The next step was a move just a block away, to 137 W. Muhammad Ali, a building that formerly housed computers used by businesses in the nearby Stifel Nicolaus Building on the corner of First Street and Muhammad Ali Boulevard. That location, now occupied by First Bankers Trust Company and ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (and has an updated address of 135 W. Muhammad Ali), held a garage and plenty of storage space for special event props.

"And we continued to grow there, and ended up having to turn storage space (not the garage) into additional office space," Berry said. "So about 10 years later, in 1995 or '96, we started to look for another space. I mean, we were literally out of room."

Carol Hebel, 1992 Chairman of the Festival's Board of Directors, agreed that the former space was inadequate to suit the growing organization's storage, meeting and parking needs.

"The Derby Festival has a lot of signs and this and that to store, and we didn't have enough meeting rooms," Hebel recalled. "We were growing, adding new people, so we were ready to do something."

Hebel, who is semi-retired from the real estate firm she operated at the time, recalled Mangeot's mindset from the period.

"I showed him a couple of things, and he was serious about space on Grinstead Drive," Hebel said. "But he wanted to stay downtown, to keep a Festival presence there."

The search was on, and Mangeot worked with area real estate broker Sandra Metts Snowden (wife of Triangle Talent owner and past Festival Board Chair David Snowden) and her agent, Kim Alexander, to find a suitable location. The building at 1001 S. Third St., then owned by Creative Endeavors, the latest in a series of owners, was up for sale.

Mary Martin, the agent representing Creative Endeavors, recalled that the company was a partnership among Kentucky Contemporary Theater owner Andrea Pecchioni and her husband, as well as a group of psychiatrists associated with the University of Louisville. Both groups housed their offices in the building: the doctors on the first floor and the theater company on the rear section of the second floor, with performance and rehearsal space below. This space would turn out to be ideal for storing Pegasus Pins from the past.

Because of its history as an automotive facility, and due to its age, there were haz-mat remediation issues with the building. After state officials determined empty gas tanks were buried under the front portico, the most cost-effective solution was deemed to be filling the tanks and underground space with gravel. The same solution was employed to seal the old basement, where an asbestos-clad boiler heating system had been guartered.

"As far as the inside of the building goes, almost everything we did was aesthetic," Berry said of the remodel.

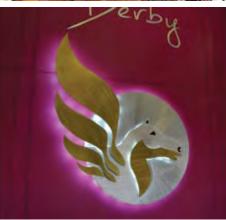
This included opening a formerly enclosed stairwell between the first and second floors and partitioning the second floor into office cubicles.

Today, the remodeled meeting room can seat all 75 board members, house more storage units in the former garage than ever before, and brings an iconic Festival to an equally iconic neighborhood of Old Louisville. Not to mention, the building is completely paid off and debt free, no small feat for a non-profit organization.











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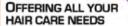
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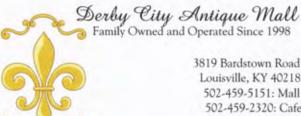
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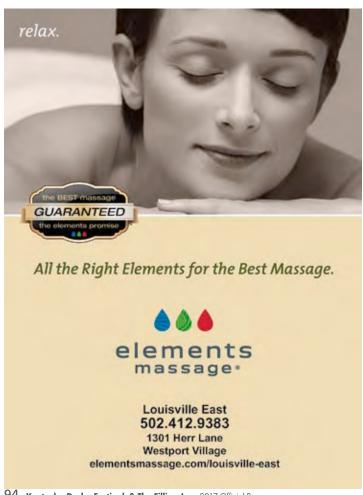


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tea and sandwiches, live music, etiquette lessons, pictures with the Kentucky Derby Festival Royal Court, and more.

In 2007, a group of Fillies came up with the initial concept of an afternoon tea with the Royal Court to be one of the Fillies' annual signature fundraising event. With no budget, the entire event was coordinated by the Fillies in a few short months. In attendance that year were more adults than children... if only they knew how quickly the event would grow in the coming years! The following year, the event tripled attendance and was instantly a hit amongst the Kentucky Derby Festival's lineup.

2010 was a year of big changes for The Children's Tea. The official Children's Tea logo was designed and submitted for a registered trademark, which was approved. Also, the Kentucky Derby Festival entered The Children's Tea in a worldwide competition sponsored by the International Festivals and Events Association; the event won the Silver Pinnacle Award for the Best Children's Programming! Additionally, this Tea marked a milestone of having over 100 children in attendance.

Over the next few years, The Fillies added more activities and performers to dazzle the kids. Keeping with tradition since the first Tea, each prince and princess were given a fresh red rose as they walked down the runway. 2013 was a big year for the Tea with over 200 children in attendance at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Storytime with a Princess was developed over the years to help with wait time between switching activities.

As the 10 year anniversary of The Children's Tea is upon us, The Fillies' have never been prouder of an event that brings together the children of the Kentuckiana community, and giving them a closer look into the Kentucky Derby Festival's Royal Court Program. Over the years, many new traditions and activities have grown to be a part of this staple children's program but one thing has never changed... the Tea is a developmental experience for future Princesses in the Kentucky Derby Festival. With an inspiring vision and boundless excitement to give back to the children of our community, The Fillies' know The Children's Tea and its history will continue to grow for many years to come.



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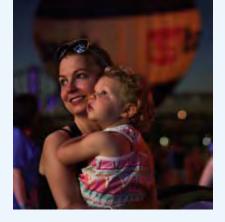
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From entertaining lost children at Thunder Over Louisville to hosting bands at the Pegasus Parade, volunteers serve on committees that work throughout the year to guarantee Festival fun and safety for the community. In addition, many serve on one-day events performing duties such as handing out water at the Marathon/miniMarathon, pouring beer at BeerFest or helping with crowd control at the Great Bed Races.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Kentucky Derby Festival visit KDF.org/Volunteer.

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| 1984 Paul Ogden         | 2002 Kathy Bingham           |
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| 1993 Beverly Busch      | 2010 June Blair & Jim Kalfus |
| 1994 Suzann Thompson    | 2011 Alex Freeman            |
| 1995 Joan Knight        | 2012 Paul Carroll            |
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