



## Press Release

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### **The Downs Racetrack & Casino Hosts Nation's Longest Continuously Run American Quarter Horse Futurity**

*The Señor and Señorita Futurity to Recognize 75th Annual Event*

**Albuquerque, N.M. – September 10, 2013**– The Downs Racetrack & Casino Announces the 2013 running of the New Mexico State Fair Señor and Señorita Futurity. As the nation's longest continuously run American Quarter Horse Futurity, the event has taken place at New Mexico's state fairgrounds since 1938.

“We take great pride in hosting the nation's longest continuously run American Quarter Horse Futurities right here at The Downs Racetrack & Casino,” said Don Cook, director of racing operations at The Downs Racetrack & Casino. “We are excited to offer an event which brings a piece of American horse racing history to the Albuquerque community. This year, the event will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the running of the race and the New Mexico State Fair.”

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## **Señor and Señorita Futurity**

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The racing event originally began in 1938 as the New Mexico State Fair Futurity. In 1991, the race split into two events, the Señor Futurity, featuring 2-year-old colts and geldings, and the Señorita Futurity, featuring 2-year-old fillies. Spanning nearly eight decades, the event is rich in the state's tradition of horse racing by featuring only New Mexico-bred Quarter Horses.

Together, the Señor and Señorita Futurities boast a purse of over \$50,000.

With the opening of the brand new gaming facility at The Downs Racetrack & Casino this year, guests can view the horse races for the first time from the First Turn Lounge. The oversized patio of the lounge overlooks the first turn of the racetrack and allows a relaxing environment for guests to view and place wagers on each race while enjoying a cocktail or appetizer.

The Señor and Señorita Futurity will take place on Saturday, September 21 and will highlight a full card of racing with the first post time at 1:30 p.m. For more information on The Downs Racetrack & Casino, please visit [www.abqdowns.com](http://www.abqdowns.com) or call (505) 767-7171.

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### **About The Downs Racetrack & Casino**

The Downs Racetrack & Casino is a premier gaming facility which offers an exciting and modern gaming experience for Albuquerque residents. Located in the heart of Albuquerque, near the intersection of Louisiana Blvd. and Central Ave., The Downs Racetrack & Casino is the only casino located within the city limits. It features 700 slot machines, a live horse racing venue, simulcast and parimutuel wagering options, a contemporary bar and First Turn Lounge, gourmet food at The Crown Room fine dining restaurant, a food court, and much more. For more information, please visit [www.abqdowns.com](http://www.abqdowns.com) or call (505) 767-7171.

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