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Evangeline Downs to host the 11th edition of the John Franks Memorial Two-Year-Old in Training Sale

Opelousas, Louisiana—Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino will once again host the John Franks Memorial Two-Year-Old in Training Sale. Evangeline Downs, along with Sale Administrator Stemmans Inc. have announced the dates for the 11th edition of the Sale which is named after the multiple Eclipse Award winning Owner/Breeder. The Sale will be held on Sunday, March 17, 2013 beginning at 10:00am Central Time with the Gallop Preview Show set for Saturday, March 16, 2013 starting at Noon Central Time. Both the Sale and the Gallop Preview Show are free and open to the public. As in previous years, a pair of races restricted to two-year-olds who pass through the sales ring will be offered in August, 2013 at Evangeline Downs. One race will be for colts & geldings and the other race will be for fillies and each will be run at the distance of 5 ½ furlongs on the main track and offer a purse of \$50,000.

Steve Darbonne, Director of Racing Operations for Evangeline Downs stated “The Sale has become an important part of the local racing industry and to Evangeline Downs. We are pleased to once again host the Sale in our spacious and comfortable Event Center which is conveniently located adjacent to our racing paddock and our Hotel.”

Charlotte Clavier, President of Stemmans, Inc. stated “This sale is the marquee event of its kind in Louisiana. We have made a concerted effort with Consignors and local Breeders to upgrade the Sale in terms of quality and we feel strongly that horsemen will appreciate those efforts and respond in kind.” Clavier further stated “Last year’s Sale was one of our best ever. We sold more than 120 juveniles for a total of \$1.125 million, which averaged out to better than \$9,078 a horse. Those numbers were substantially better than the 2011 sale and we are optimistic that we can improve on those results.”

Entry fee for the Two-Year-Old Sale is \$350.00 with a 5% commission (\$300.00 minimum). The entry deadline is December 31, 2012. Late entries will have a fee of \$500.00 also with a 5% commission (\$300.00 minimum).

For more information contact Evangeline Downs at 337-594-3000.