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## Trainer Linda Rice Returning to Her Roots; Bringing Horses to Stable at Penn National for First Time

**Grantville, PA (Monday, December 10, 2012)** – For the first time, prominent trainer Linda Rice is bringing a string of horses to Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, marking a return to the place she grew up and learned the horse racing business.

Shortly after Penn National opened on August 30, 1972, a 9-year-old Linda Rice moved here with her family. Her father Clyde was the leading trainer multiple times between 1973 and 1982, her brother Curt was the leading apprentice jockey in the country in 1979, and her other brothers Wayne and Bryan were integral to the family's success in the sales ring and in readying young horses for the races.

"Penn National was a great place to grow up," said Linda Rice, who was won more than 1,000 races as a trainer. "My passion for racing started at Penn National, and I learned to gallop horses as an exercise rider there when I was 15. I'm excited about driving down the mountain road and coming back to a place where I spent a lot of time."

At the age of 23, Rice obtained her trainer's license and moved to the New Jersey and New York circuits, saddling her first winner on June 3, 1987 at Garden State Park.

Among her long list of accomplishments are becoming the first female to win the prestigious Saratoga Race Course training title in 2009, defeating Todd Pletcher by one victory, and becoming the first woman in the history of Keeneland to win a Grade 1 race when Tenski took the Queen Elizabeth II in 1998.

Rice maintains a large string in New York and was looking for a place to bring some additional horses.

"Penn National has some conditions available that meet the needs I am looking for," said Rice. "In addition, it is very accessible from New York, and is familiar territory for me."

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Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course is a Penn National Gaming property that offers guests the most exciting and unique entertainment experience in Central Pennsylvania. The venue features more than 2,475 slot machines, 60 gaming tables, and a 16-table Poker room. Live thoroughbred and simulcast horse racing is offered year-round. An array of dining options are available including the award-winning Final Cut Steakhouse, winner of three consecutive Wine Spectator Awards of Excellence; Mountainview Dining, a 500-seat restaurant overlooking the one-mile racetrack; SkyBox Sports Bar, and the popular 350-seat Epic Buffet.

Penn National Race Course, located minutes from Hershey and Harrisburg, PA., opened on August 30, 1972, and has presented top-class live thoroughbred racing for more than 40 years. The original track was taken down in 2006 and the new Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, a fully-integrated gaming and racing facility, opened on February 12, 2008.

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