

## FOR SATURDAY RELEASE

Heartswideopen, Marty Stuart

At Ruidoso Downs Saturday

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (May 24, 2008) – All American Futurity winner Heartswideopen and American music icon Marty Stuart each bring their winning acts to Ruidoso Downs on Saturday.

Heartswideopen is the star of the trials to the Grade 1, \$377,000 Ruidoso Derby when she starts her 2008 campaign. This will be the richest Ruidoso Derby ever run, easily surpassing the \$273,935 pot in the 2005 running won by DM Shicago.

Stuart brings his show to Ruidoso Downs at 8. p.m. He is country music's Renaissance man and has scored six top-10 hits, one platinum and five gold albums, and four Grammy Awards.

But his success proves the difficulty of gauging a career in charts alone. He has made lasting music as a front man and in collaboration with virtually every major roots music figure of his era, from Lester Flatt to Bob Dylan. He has evangelized for country music around the world, eulogized the departed legends of the field, and identified and encouraged talents of the future. Stuart has produced records for some of the most distinguished artists working today, and many famous names have chosen to record his songs.

Trained by Carl Draper for Javier and Manny Rodriguez, Heartswideopen was the overwhelming choice as the 2007 champion two-year-old and champion two-year-old filly titles after winning the All American Futurity and the Ruidoso Futurity last summer. The black daughter of Feature Mr Jess and multiple Ruidoso Downs stakes winner Dashing Phoebe has won six of seven starts and the overwhelming majority of her career earnings of \$1,282,690 has come at Ruidoso Downs.

Heartswideopen has also been a Ruidoso Downs record setter. She won the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity in a stakes-record :17.08 for 350 yards and raced to the fastest 440 yards ever by a female when she won her All American Futurity trial in :20.92. That is also the all-time fastest qualifying time to the All American Futurity.

Heartswideopen, who had knee surgery in Texas following her All American Futurity victory, is fully recovered has been training forwardly for her 2008 debut in the Ruidoso Derby trials.

Also making her 2008 debut in the Ruidoso Derby trials is All American Juvenile winner White Or Wrong from the Jimmie Claridge stable. She raced to her only career win in the All American Juvenile and then went on to qualify for the Grade 2 Hobbs America Futurity at Zia Park.

The three-year-olds with the 10-fastest times in the Ruidoso Derby trials qualify for the finals on June 7.