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The search for Phar Lap

Calling the racing industry and beyond! Your horse could star in the Main Arena Spectacular at the 2006 Heritage Toowoomba Royal Show. The search is on for the horse to play the main role of Phar Lap in next year's production, "Phar Lap - Champion to a Nation".

Your horse could play 'Big Red', the horse that inspired a nation in the Great Depression and lifted the spirits of thousands. The production, directed by Mark Eady from Ozworks Entertainment, takes you back to the thirties and into a time of despair and poverty.

It explores the story of a racing legend and how his successes brought hope to Australia in a time they needed it most. Mark Eady said this was a great opportunity for someone to have their racehorse play such an important role.

"The story of Phar Lap is something most people know a little about, but is widely recognized as lifting the spirits of all Australians when they needed it most." Mr Eady said. "Phar Lap was a chestnut gelding so we would need a Chestnut horse to play the role" We also need other thoroughbreds and jockeys to fill roles and would be happy to hear from interested people." The Showgrounds are calling on the racing industry from the Darling Downs and beyond to take part in this celebration of an Australian icon.

People interested in having their horse in the production can email Jane Urquhart from the showgrounds at pr@rasq.com.au <<mailto:pr@rasq.com.au>> or phone (07) 4634 7400. (ends).

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