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Texas Rangers Legend Ivan “Pudge” Rodriguez Commits to Play in Third Annual Invited Celebrity Classic

Tickets are now on sale for the Las Colinas tournament as presenting sponsor Choctaw Casinos & Resorts also renews its commitment to the event



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IRVING, Texas (November 20, 2023) – The Invited Celebrity Classic presented by Choctaw Casinos & Resorts announced today that National Baseball Hall of Famer, Texas Rangers legend and 13-time Gold Glove winner **Ivan “Pudge” Rodriguez** has committed to play in its 2024 event, **scheduled for April 15-21, at the Las Colinas Country Club**. The event, now entering its third year, pairs legendary golfers from the PGA TOUR Champions with celebrities from sports, music, and entertainment for an unique three day, 54-hole competition. Additionally, Invited Clubs Members will have the opportunity to qualify and compete in this event.

“I am looking forward to playing again in the Invited Celebrity Classic,” Rodriguez said. “Invited and Choctaw Casinos & Resorts have created an incredible event for both the players and the fans. I can’t wait to return to the Las Colinas Country Club with some of the best golfers, athletes and entertainers in the world.”

Fans can once again enjoy [complimentary admission for tournament grounds tickets](#) on April 19-21, thanks to support from sponsors **Invited, Energy Transfer, and Choctaw Casinos & Resorts**. Fans looking for an upgraded experience can purchase Choctaw

Club or Stockyard Hospitality tickets at www.invitedcelebrityclassic.com/tickets.

The Invited Celebrity Classic is a PGA TOUR Champions event, featuring a field of 78 PGA TOUR Champions players (age 50-and-older), celebrities, and 10 Invited Members. The tournament's economic impact is estimated at nearly \$3 million for the greater Dallas area. Additionally, in its first two years, the event has generated approximately \$500,000 in charitable donations for local organizations. In 2024, the tournament will once again benefit the following children's non-profit organizations: Momentous Institute, and the First Tee Greater Dallas and First Tee Fort Worth.

"We're encouraged by the growth of the Invited Celebrity Classic over the first two years and committed to increasing the positive community impact of the event," said David Pillsbury, CEO of Invited. "Invited is committed to bringing people together through extraordinary experiences, and we're proud to provide North Texans with this one-of-a-kind opportunity to interact with notable celebrities from the world of sports and entertainment and a PGA Tour Champions field that includes major winners and legends of the game."

"The Invited Celebrity Classic is unlike any other sporting event in North Texas. Choctaw Casinos & Resorts is excited to once again serve as presenting sponsor for this event and offer fans free general admission tickets," said Erica Kosemund, Senior Director Gaming Brand & Partnerships, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. "We also look forward to welcoming guests to the Choctaw Club, where fans will enjoy premium views and elevated hospitality at this must-see PGA Tour Champions event."

Located right in the middle of the action (behind 18 green), The Choctaw Club is the life of the party featuring a live DJ, dancing, casino games, premium lunch, afternoon snacks, and an all-inclusive full bar service. Tickets to the Choctaw Club are \$350 per day.

New in 2024, a Stockyard Hospitality ticket allows fans access to multiple locations highlighting the best views that Las Colinas Country Club has to offer, including 9 Green, and the Clubhouse Ballroom. These tickets are \$150 per day or \$425 for a weekly ticket.

The Invited Celebrity Classic is operated by Mike Flaskey Entertainment. Flaskey, former CEO of Diamond Resorts International, has extensive experience conceiving and overseeing top-tier golf events with both the LPGA Tour and PGA TOUR Champions, plus All-Stars and Hall of Famers from NFL, MLB, NBA and NHL teams. All three days of the Invited Celebrity Classic will be televised by GOLF Channel.

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About Choctaw Casinos & Resorts

Owned and operated by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the third-largest Indian Nation in the United States with more than 208,000 tribal members and 12,000 employees. Choctaw Casinos feature a variety of gaming, hotel and resort properties throughout southeastern Oklahoma. Locations include Durant, Grant, Pocola, Idabel, Broken Bow, McAlester, Stigler and Stringtown. The Choctaw Casino & Resort-Durant underwent a \$500 million expansion in August 2021 that added 1,000 more rooms and created 1,000 new jobs. In addition to the increased room capacity, the new Sky Tower also features an expanded non-smoking gaming floor and fresh amenities such as new pools, parking garage, retail space, entertainment options and dining venues. For more information, visit www.ChoctawCasinos.com.

About Energy Transfer LP (NYSE: ET)

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About Invited

Since its founding in 1957, Dallas-based Invited has operated with the mission of Building Relationships and Enriching Lives®. The leading owner-operator of private golf and country clubs, city, and stadium clubs in North America, Invited is relentless in its pursuit of providing extraordinary experiences, meaningful connections, shared passions, and memorable moments for its more than 400,000 members. The company's mission is supported by 20,000 peak-season employees and a portfolio of 200 owned or operated golf and country clubs, city clubs, sports clubs, stadium clubs in 29 states, the District of Columbia and two foreign countries, Invited creates communities and a lifestyle through its championship golf courses, work spaces, handcrafted cuisine, resort-style pools, tennis facilities, golf lounges, fitness centers and robust programming. Invited creates communities and a lifestyle through its championship golf courses, workspaces, handcrafted cuisine, resort-style pools, tennis and pickleball facilities, golf lounges, fitness centers, and pioneering programming.

Marquee Invited properties include: Firestone Country Club (Akron, Ohio); Mission Hills Country Club (Rancho Mirage, California); The Woodlands Country Club (Houston, Texas); and The Metropolitan Club (Chicago, Illinois).

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