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**TRIO OF INTERNATIONAL STARS PLAYING IN THE MASTERS THIS WEEK
HAVE COMMITTED TO THE 2016 ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS**

Grace, Casey and An all rank in top 26 in the world

NEW ORLEANS, LA (April 5, 2016)—Three international stars ranked in the top 26 in the world have committed to play the 2016 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, announced Steve Worthy, CEO of the Fore!Kids Foundation, producer of the tournament.

Brenden Grace, ranked 13th in Official World Gold Rankings, Paul Casey ranked 25th and Byeong Hun An ranked 26th have all committed to this year's tournament. All three have qualified to play in the Masters this week.

“Our tournament now has three more players ranked in the world's top 30 to go along with three in the top 10, launching us to what may be the strongest field we have seen since 2012,” said Worthy.

The international group joins Jason Day (#1 in Official World Gold Rankings), Rickie Fowler (#5 OWGR) and defending Zurich Classic champion Justin Rose (#8 OWGR) in the field for the 2016 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

Grace, a native of South Africa, has won 10 international tournaments and finished fifth in this year's World Golf Championships-HSBC Championship. This is his first season as an official PGA TOUR member, after he made 11 of 13 tournament cuts last season to earn a top-125 finish in FedExCup points as a non-member.

He tied for fourth in last year's U.S. Open and finished third in the PGA Championship. He played on both the World Cup and Presidents Cup teams in 2013 and finished undefeated in five matches during last year's Presidents Cup played in South Korea.

This year will be Grace's first appearance in the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

Casey, from Cheltenham, England, played collegiately at Arizona State and joined the PGA TOUR for 2008 by finishing in the top 125 on the money list as a non-member in 2007.

He has notched one win on the PGA TOUR, the 2009 Shell Houston Open, to go with 14 international victories. He achieved his highest world ranking that year, rising to third in the world after the Barclay's Championship in 2009. He has performed consistently well in match play, with two seconds, two fifths and a tie for ninth in the World Golf Championship-Dell Match Play.

His best finishes this season have been a seventh at the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship and a tie for ninth at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard.

He has played on three Ryder Cup teams for Europe, four World Cup teams, five Seve Trophy squads and was a Walker Cup member in 1999.

Casey has played the Zurich Classic once before, earning a tie for 11th in 2014.

Bueong-Hun An made history when he became the youngest winner of the U.S. Amateur in 2009 at the age of 17. The next year, he made eight PGA TOUR starts.

Last year he was named the European Tour's Rookie of the Year to become the first Korean winner of the Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the Year Award.

He has won three international titles in the last two years and finished tied for ninth in this year's World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play.

About Fore!Kids Foundation:

Since 1958, the Fore!Kids Foundation has raised money to fund children's service organizations through golf events like the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, the Golf Ball Gala and several charitable golf tournaments. As a 501(c)(3) corporation, Fore!Kids has helped to raise more than \$30 million to date for children's charities in metro New Orleans and Baton Rouge. More information at www.forekidsfoundation.com.

About the Zurich Classic of New Orleans:

Televised in more than 224 countries and territories, the Zurich Classic of New Orleans generates a significant economic impact on the city of New Orleans and the entire state of Louisiana. Independent research has shown that the tournament generates spending of more than \$40 million within the local economy and garners \$33 million in positive national and international media exposure for both the city and state throughout the year beyond the four days of competition.

The tournament will be played April 25-May 1, 2016 at TPC Louisiana in Westwego. Purse for 2016 totals \$7.0 million, with the winner taking home \$1,260,000.

Single-day grounds tickets are only \$25 each, weekly passes are \$75 and choices of suite and specialty venue options are available by calling the Tournament Office at 504-342-3000 or online at www.zurichgolfclassic.com.