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Hip Houstonians get down and Derby at Permission Whiskey's Kentucky Derby party
Houston's most authentic Derby party was bigger and better than ever

HOUSTON, TX (May 8, 2023) – On Saturday, May 6, a dressed-to-impress crowd gathered at **Permission Whiskey** (2920 White Oak Dr.) for Houston's most authentic Kentucky Derby party**.** Located on one of the city's most well-known streets, White Oak Drive, the approachably elegant bar brought Churchill Downs to the Lone Star State with its mint juleps, trumpet player, Derby-themed roses, confetti celebrations and a live horse as part of the festivities.

Guests got down and Derby as they enjoyed special themed cocktails, including two types of juleps (passionfruit and classic), as well as chilled champagne and Permission's expansive menu of fine spirits. **Cuisine Ala Madre** was on site grilling filet mignon sliders while **William Ward & The Co-Conspirators** performed a live bluegrass-inspired set for outdoor attendees. Sweet treats from **Mischief by Nitha Inthavong** were available for guests to nosh on, and **Maker's Mark®** was on site giving away swag decorated in the brand's iconic red.

Later in the evening, partygoers cheered as a 15-1 long-shot horse named **Mage** won the biggest race of the year. After the race concluded, patrons continued celebrating into the evening surrounded by roses and fellow Kentucky Derby fans.

"We pull out all the stops and roll out the red carpet every year for Permission Whiskey's annual Kentucky Derby party," said owner **Peter Nolan**, who spent 10 years living in Kentucky. "It's our goal to give Houstonians an authentic Churchill Downs experience. This year's party was incredible; everyone was on the same page and feeling the Derby vibe. It was great to see our guests and staff enjoying their time at our biggest party of the year."

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