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Yani Tseng, Along With Sponsor Exemptions Jennifer Kirby and Brooke Henderson, Gear Up for the Manulife Financial LPGA Classic

Waterloo – The Manulife Financial LPGA Classic has announced that Yani Tseng will be joined by sponsor exemptions, Canadians Jennifer Kirby and Brooke Henderson, at Grey Silo Golf Club, competing for the US\$1.3 million purse. Just weeks away, the tournament runs from July 11 to 14.

“Based on the quality of the field committed to this year’s tournament, it’s very clear that we can look forward to another year of world-class competition,” says Marianne Harrison, President & CEO, Manulife Canada. “In addition to the top female golfers from around the world, like Yani Tseng, we’ve just added two of the top young players from Ontario and I’m sure our local spectators will enjoy watching their progress.”

Yani Tseng is a force on the golf scene, having captured 15 LPGA career victories with five of those being major victories. She reigned as number one on the Women’s Rolex Golf Rankings for 109 consecutive weeks, and currently sits in sixth spot. With her dominant style of play, Tseng excelled in 2012 and claimed 11 top-10 finishes and eight top-five finishes, including three victories. Following her second win of the 2012 season at the RR Donnelley LPGA Founders Cup, the 24-year-old became the fastest player in LPGA history to cross the \$8 million mark in career earnings.

Through a player exemption, Jennifer Kirby returns to the field in Waterloo as one of Canada’s brightest prospects. She finished two-under par to win her professional debut at the 2013 CN Canadian Women’s Tour Quebec event. The native of Paris, Ontario is set to make her mark as she recently graduated from the University of Alabama where she was a member of the Crimson Tide’s 2012 NCAA Division I championship golf team.

Canada’s top-ranked amateur golfer, Brooke Henderson, has secured a spot in her second LPGA event in 2013 through a player exemption as well. The 15-year-old from Smith Falls, Ontario will compete at the U.S. Women’s Open before she heads to Waterloo. She has had consecutive third place finishes with her top-three finish at the 2013 CN Canadian Women’s Tour Quebec event. At 14, she became the youngest player to compete in the 2012 CN Canadian Women’s Open last summer in Vancouver.

“The talent of these young players is remarkable and it is great to have the opportunity to showcase some of Canada’s rising stars,” says Manulife Financial LPGA Classic tournament director Richard Kuypers. “Being just weeks away from the tournament, we eagerly await the return of the world’s best female golfers to compete in Waterloo.”

For more information, including ticket pricing, visit www.manulifeclassic.ca.

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About the [Manulife Financial LPGA Classic](http://www.manulifeclassic.ca)

The Manulife Financial LPGA Classic is back for its second year on the LPGA Tour and will feature a standard eligibility field of 144 players, 72 holes of stroke play and a purse of \$1.3 million. The tournament will take place July 11 – 14, 2013, at Grey Silo Golf Club in Waterloo, Ontario, home of Manulife Financial’s Canadian Division. For more information please visit: www.manulifeclassic.ca. Follow us on Twitter: @ManulifeClassic.

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