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## **"Charles Anti Announces 2009 Testing Program with John Walko Racing"**

"Former Star Mazda Standout Eyes 2010 Series Return"

TRAFFORD, Pa – Charles Anti has announced that he will return to the cockpit of a Star Mazda car this season. After taking a year away from motorsports to focus on his studies, Anti will rejoin John Walko Racing for an extensive testing program in 2009. The focus of the tests will be to re-acclimate Anti to the Star Mazda car. Anti is currently planning to return to the Star Mazda Championship for a full campaign in 2010.

"I didn't want to just jump back into racing cold turkey," Anti stated. "I want to get back in the car in 2009 to test to relearn the car, so I can come back prepared to race in 2010. John (Walko) and his team were able to put together a test program that will allow me to get back into the swing of driving as well as work on development for 2010. This will allow me to really focus on my driving as well as putting together a top notch marketing program for sponsors for the 2010 race season."

"This is a great way for Charles to get back into the series," team owner John Walko said. "The cars have changed a little bit since he has been away, with the biggest difference being the radial tires. A season of testing will get him better prepared for 2010. We are really looking forward to continuing our relationship with Charles this year."

Anti's Star Mazda Career spanned two seasons, both competing with series stalwart John Walko Racing. Anti scored a career high fifth place finish during his 2006 rookie season, which helped John Walko Racing score the series Team Championship. The Pittsburg native's 2007 campaign showed a lot of speed, however bad luck negated what would have been solid results and Anti placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the championship. In 2008 Anti took a year away from motorsports to focus his attention on his studies at New York University.

Anti is currently working on updating his official website [www.CharlesAnti.com](http://www.CharlesAnti.com), which will serve as the basis for his 2010 sponsorship programs. For more information on Charles Anti Racing, please email Charles at: [Charles.anti@nyu.edu](mailto:Charles.anti@nyu.edu).

Look for more announcements from John Walko Racing regarding their 2009 plans in the coming weeks.

John Walko Racing, the 2006 Star Mazda Team Champions, has established a national reputation as one of the top teams in Jr. Formula Car racing. Formed by race engineer John Walko, JWR has found success in SCCA Formula Ford, Formula Continental, the Formula Ford 2000 Zetec Championship and the Star Mazda Championship. John Walko Racing drivers have amassed 4 SCCA Runoff wins, 11 professional and 22 amateur wins, 37 professional podiums, 12 amateur podiums and 30 pole positions. Operating out of a state-of-the-art race shop in the Pittsburg Pennsylvania suburb Trafford, John Walko Racing currently competes in the Star Mazda Championship.

For test and race opportunities please contact John Walko Racing via email, [info@JohnWalkoRacing.com](mailto:info@JohnWalkoRacing.com) or by phone (412) 373 6750. For more information on John Walko Racing please visit [www.JohnWalkoRacing.com](http://www.JohnWalkoRacing.com).

Photo Caption – Charles Anti will spend 2009 testing the Star Mazda car before returning to the series in 2010 (*Photo Courtesy www.CharlesAnti.com*)