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MANCUSO JOINS JDC MOTORSPORTS STAR MAZDA DRIVER LINE-UP

Formula car newcomer will run a partial season with the two-time series champions

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (February 17, 2011) – In its continued pursuit of adding more race wins to its trophy case, JDC MotorSports has announced that Nick Mancuso will run a limited campaign in the 2011 *Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear*. As part of a multi-car effort by the two-time series champion, the American will make his junior formula car debut in the highly-rated driver development series.

Given JDC MotorSports' history of helping talented drivers develop, both in and out of the cockpit, it should come as no surprise that the Minnesota-based team has added series newcomer Mancuso to its 2011 Star Mazda roster. The Illinois racer, having previously tested with JDC, will make the switch to junior formula action this coming season after focusing on sedan and sports car racing the past few years. With support from the Indeck Group of Companies, Lake Forest Sportscars, F.A.S.T. Race Products, and the Max Schewitz Foundation, Mancuso will run a limited campaign to start in the Mazda Road to Indy series, with the goal of finding additional funding to run more races in the future.

"Things have been coming together nicely for our team in the last few weeks and we are very excited to have added Nick to the driver line-up," stated Church. "This will be an exciting year and I couldn't be happier with the drivers we have selected."

"I am incredibly excited that I will actually be on the Star Mazda grid this year," stated Mancuso. "JDC MotorSport's championship-winning record speaks for itself, so I know that we will have a competitive car. I can't thank my partners enough for making this happen, and I look forward to starting my journey on the Mazda Road to Indy. I am a bit of an unknown quantity in the open-wheel world, and I look forward to hopefully catching some people by surprise when the lights go out in St. Pete."

A native of Lake Forest, Ill., Mancuso joins JDC Motorsports in the Star Mazda Championship this coming season having raced exclusively in the sports car ranks in his young racing career. First getting behind the wheel in 2006, he immediately steered his way into victory lane, winning numerous races in SCCA Regional Sports 2000 competition. That trend continued one year later in National competition, culminating in a third place finish in the year-end SCCA National Championship Runoffs, and the Jim Fitzgerald Rookie of the Year award. Making the move up to the pro racing ranks, Mancuso was selected to take part in the inaugural Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup in 2008, before racing in the SCCA Pro Racing Playboy Mazda MX-5 in 2009. Last season,

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the Illinois racer contested one race in the SCCA World Challenge, piloting an Aston Martin DB9 in the GT class.

Mancuso will join his JDC MotorSports teammates (Tristan Vautier and Chris Miller) at Barber Motorsports Park on March 14-16, when official series testing will take place at the Alabama road course as part of the INDYCAR Spring Training program. The 2011 *Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear* commences on March 27th, with Round One on the streets of St. Petersburg, Fla. JDC will make further announcements regarding its 2011 driver line-up in the coming weeks, with the team currently evaluating additional racers, and interested parties urged to contact the squad.

Additional information on JDC MotorSports can be obtained from the team's website @ www.jdcmotorsports.com For direct contact, please contact John Church @ 952-233-3075

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About JDC MotorSports:

Involved in formula car racing since its inception in 1994, JDC MotorSports has established itself as one of the leading junior open-wheel teams in North America. Initially making its mark in the F2000 class of club racing competition, JDC MotorSports was soon a team worth watching in the pro ranks. Competing in the Formula Ford 2000 Zetec Championship, the team not only won races, but also helped develop multiple young drivers. In 2005, JDC MotorSports expanded its efforts, entering the Star Mazda Championship. Quickly becoming one of the top teams in the series, JDC captured both the driver and team titles in 2007, as well as Rookie of the Year honors, with Dane Cameron scoring a series-high three wins. In 2008, JDC MotorSports was the runner-up in the Star Mazda Championship and finished fourth in its inaugural season of F2000 Championship Series competition. The Minnesota-based team won the Star Mazda Championship title with Rookie of the Year Adam Christodoulou, and the F2000 Championship Series title with Chris Miller in 2009. This past year, JDC continued its winning ways, earning the Rookie of the Year award in the Star Mazda Championship with Connor De Phillippi, and scoring a non-points win in the USF2000 National Championship. The Minneapolis-based squad will compete in the Star Mazda Championship, USF2000 National Championship and Prototype Lites Championship in 2011 via multi-car operations.

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