



## ***Sam Hornish Jr.: In the Driver's Seat***

Sam Hornish Jr., one of the most successful drivers in recent history of open-wheel racing, is the narrator in the high-octane preschool series, *Roary the Racing Car*™. After winning the legendary Indianapolis 500, capturing three IndyCar Series championships, and winning more races and leading more laps than anyone in IndyCar Series history, Hornish Jr. recently made the move to NASCAR's Sprint Cup Series.

At the conclusion of the 2007 season, the native of Defiance, Ohio made the difficult decision to walk away from his very productive IndyCar Series career. After reaching the highest levels of achievement in open-wheel competition, he announced his full-time commitment to stock car racing, continuing with Penske Racing, focusing on the new challenge of competing in NASCAR's premier series beginning in 2008.

It is this unrelenting and fiery motivation to succeed, to continually challenge and prove himself, that defines champion race car driver and genuine good guy Sam Hornish Jr.

Hornish Jr. is married with an infant daughter. His role in *Roary the Racing Car* is his first foray into animation and the world of preschool television.

### ***Motorsports Accomplishments***

#### ***IndyCar Series Career Highlights***

- Began IndyCar Series career in 2000
- Only IndyCar Series driver to achieve back-to-back championships (2001 & 2002)
- Only IndyCar Series driver to achieve three IndyCar Series Championships (2001, 2002 and 2006)
- Joined the prestigious Penske Racing Team in 2004
- 2006 Indianapolis 500 Champion
- In 116 starts, 47 podium finishes and 62 top-five finishes
- All-time Series leader in wins (19) and laps lead (3,247)

#### ***NASCAR Sprint Cup Highlights***

- Left extremely successful IndyCar Series career at end of 2007 season for full-time NASCAR career starting in 2008
- Competed in first Daytona 500 in 2008; highest finishing rookie winning the 2008 Daytona 500 Rookie of the Race Award
- Current Rookie of the Year contender

