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NOTICE FOR EDITORS AND REPORTERS

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Playland's Dragon Coaster, one of the most recognizable symbols of the park and a perennial favorite since its 1929 premier at the park, will be designated a Roller Coaster Landmark by the American Coaster Enthusiasts (ACE), the world's first and largest organization of roller coaster and amusement park fans, during a ceremony on **Saturday, August 8 at 12:30 p.m. at Playland Park in Rye.**

The Dragon Coaster was designed by Fred Church, best known for his legendary work with Frank Prior during the first Golden Age of roller coasters in the 1920s. It was part of Playland's original master plan of attractions clustered around the intersection of the park's two main midways. Many of these historic attractions, including the rare Prior & Church-designed Derby Racer, still stand and operate today. Collectively these classic amusement park structures and attractions stand as evidence to Playland Park's status as a National Historic Landmark. Playland is one of only two amusement parks in the United States to hold such a designation.

The Dragon Coaster has made cinematic history through its inclusion in popular motion pictures and videos. It was ridden by Glenn Close in 1987's *Fatal Attraction* and by Mariah Carey in 1995's music video "Fantasy."

The ACE Roller Coaster Landmark program was begun in 2002 to honor roller coasters of particular historic significance. To date, 21 coasters have received the ACE Landmark designation.

ACE is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation, promotion, appreciation, and safe enjoyment of roller coasters. With more than 7,000 members in 50 states and 12 countries, ACE is the largest amusement park enthusiast organization in the world.

Photo and video opportunity. The ceremony will take place directly in front of the ride.

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