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**ANDREA PETKOVIC RETURNS TO THE FAMILY CIRCLE CUP**

*Family Circle Cup 2014 Champion & World No. 13 Commits to Charleston*

Social Media: Defending @FamilyCircleCup Champion & World No. 13 @AndreaPetkovic returns to Charleston April 4 – 12 for the 43rd Cup. #chs #WTA

DANIEL ISLAND, S.C. – 2014 Family Circle Cup champion and World No. 13 Andrea Petkovic, will return to Charleston to defend her title at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Family Circle Cup, April 4<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Petkovic has made two previous appearances in Charleston, where she holds an 8-1 record. She defeated Jana Cepelova 75, 62 in 2014 for her third WTA title, her first since 2011.

“I am very excited to return to Charleston to play the Family Circle Cup for the third time,” said Petkovic. “South Carolina holds a special place in my heart. My father played tennis at University of South Carolina and it’s now the place where I won my first Premier tournament title. I’m already looking forward to April.”

The former top-10 player made a major comeback the 2013-2014 season, following an injury resulting in time off. After her Family Circle Cup win, Petkovic reached her first career Grand Slam semifinal at the French Open. She went on to reach the semifinals in Stanford, before taking home an additional WTA title at Bad Gastein.

Petkovic finished the tennis season with another win, claiming the title at the Garanti Koza WTA Tournament of Champions.

“The past year has brought back the Andrea the tennis world fell in love with in 2011,” said Eleanor Adams, Family Circle Cup Tournament Manger. “We are looking forward to Andrea’s return to the Family Circle Cup to defend her title. From her vivacious personality to her on-court presence and perseverance, she is a player the fans have embraced.”

Petkovic is well suited for the green clay of the Family Circle Cup. The German has won 80 percent of her WTA titles on her favorite surface, clay.

Tickets to the 2015 Family Circle Cup are on sale at [www.FamilyCircleCup.com](http://www.FamilyCircleCup.com) or by calling the box office at (800) 677-2293. Patrons can purchase single session tickets, or choose from a variety of ticket and travel packages.

**About the Family Circle Cup**

The Family Circle Cup is the largest women's only tennis tournament in the world, and *Family Circle* is the longest running title sponsor of a sporting event in the United States, as well as in all of professional tennis, worldwide. With more than 21 million readers, *Family Circle* is one of the most widely read monthly magazines in America and is one of 14 leading subscription magazines owned by Meredith Corporation, which speaks to 80 million women nationwide. The Family Circle Cup receives four days of live broadcast domestically on ESPN2, and is viewed internationally in more than 143 countries, featuring more than 200 hours of live and delayed global broadcast time, reaching 9+ million viewers worldwide.

For more information on the Family Circle Cup, call (800) 677-2293, email [info@familycirclecup.com](mailto:info@familycirclecup.com), visit [www.FamilyCircleCup.com](http://www.FamilyCircleCup.com), Facebook ([Family Circle Cup](#)), Twitter ([@FamilyCircleCup](#)) or Instagram ([@FamilyCircleCup](#)).

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