

Celebrating 40 Years Together Series – The History of The Big Spin TV Game Show Transcript

[Blue screen displays with California Lottery Celebrating 40 Years Together logo and text that says “Playing since 1985”]

[California State Lottery employee appears on screen while inside California State Lottery headquarters]

California State Lottery employee says:

“Welcome to the celebrating 40 years together series.”

[Video footage of The Big Spin TV game show plays]

California State Lottery employee says:

“This month, we’re looking back at California Lottery’s very own television game show, The Big Spin. The Big Spin premiered on October 28th, 1985, with the legendary Chuck Woolery as host and ended in January 2009 as the second longest-running game show on television. Lucky lottery players from all over California joined the show as contestants, taking a spin of a lifetime on the iconic wheel for a chance at exciting prizes. Over the span of its 23 years, The Big Spin had over 15,000 contestants with 409 winning \$1 million or more. The largest prize ever won on The Big Spin was \$15.2 million in 1986.”

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California State Lottery employee says:

“The iconic The Big Spin wheel is located at the California Lottery headquarters in Sacramento. If you’re nearby, come take a spin and celebrate the fun memories of The Big Spin.”

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