

# 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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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