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Country Music and Indian Rodeo A Winning Genre for the Navajo Nation Fair

WINDOW ROCK, AZ. – Country music and Indian rodeo.

There's nothing like a lot of rockin country music and gang busting broncs and bulls to quicken most anyone's pulse. Here on the Navajo Nation, rodeo fans show their love for country music and Navajo's number one sport....rodeo...Navajo style in high-spirited fashion. It has been a winning combination for excitement and success for the Navajo Nation Fair and it will continue for many years to come.

And that is why the 69th Annual Navajo Nation Fair will have two award-winning country music artists making their debut at the Navajo Nation Fair along with Championship Bull Riding (CBR) and an Indian Pro Rodeo. Aaron Watson will take center stage immediately after the CBR on Sunday, September 6th and Country Music Sensation Clay Walker will make his second debut on the Navajo Nation on Friday, September 11th after the Indian Pro Rodeo at 9 p.m.

Cowboys from throughout the country will showcase their skills to make an eight second ride on a 2,000 pound bull on September 6th at 8 p.m. at the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds. The eight seconds of glory is a second stop on the CBR season schedule to qualify and enter the finals in Cheyenne, Wyoming.



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Navajo Nation Fair Production Director Martin L. Begaye, stated, “We are very honored to host a CBR) event on the Navajo Nation. We will have professional bull riders from throughout the country here in Window Rock on their way to the finals in Wyoming including the top two bull riders in the CBR. Bull riding has always been very popular on the Navajo Nation. We are also very excited to support our own Navajo cowboys who aspire to become a world champion in the professional rodeo circuit. This CBR event is our way of acknowledging and supporting our Navajo bull riders. We hope one of our own will one day become a world champion. We wish them the best.”

The top four Navajo bull riders from four different Indian rodeo associations have been specifically invited to participate in CBR. They include 24-year-old Justin Granger of Tuba City, Arizona who will represent the Southwest Rodeo Association; 26-year-old Spud Jones of Twin Lakes, New Mexico who will represent the All Indian Rodeo Association; 20-year-old Ty Toadlena of Gallup, New Mexico who will represent the Navajo Nation Rodeo Association and 19-year-old Clay Wagner of Round Rock, Arizona who is the leading Navajo in the PRCA Turquoise Circuit.

There will be 24 bull riders from CBR and four Navajo bull riders totaling 28 bull riders who will kick off the 69th Annual Navajo Nation Fair.

The Navajo Nation Fair Special Events Office will sponsor a presentation to honor the Navajo bull riders followed by an autograph session with World Champion Bull Rider Tuff Hedeman on September 6th at 6 p.m., which will be held at the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds.

Advance tickets are \$30 and \$35 the day of the CBR event, which includes an Aaron Watson concert. Advance tickets will be sold up to 5 p.m. Saturday, September 5th. Children six and under are free. Tickets will be sold at Gorman Hall on the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds.

For more information about the CBR event, please contact Abe Wilson at (928) 797-2408 or Wanda Nelson at (928) 871-7833.



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Begaye added, “There are many people working hard behind the scenes to make this a very exciting and enjoyable event for everyone. The Navajo Nation Fair is a cultural event that many people from throughout the world look forward to attending every year. We hope you are able to share the cultural beauty of the Navajo people.”

In regards to the Indian Pro Rodeo, the entry deadline has been extended to Friday, August 21, 2015 at 6 p.m. Contestants must send in their money order payment by mail. However, the Navajo Nation Fair Special Events Office will accept walk-in entries on Friday, August 21st only. Rodeo entry applications can be downloaded at www.navajonationfair.com

Tickets for the Friday, September 11th Indian Pro Rodeo and Clay Walker Concert will be \$30 for advance tickets and \$35 the day of the show. The ticket price includes the Indian rodeo and Clay Walker Concert. It will be \$15 for children six to 12-years-old. Advance tickets will be available for both events beginning August 24th and sold until September 7th at Gorman Hall.