



**Montana Pro Rodeo Circuit
Great Falls, MT**

**Media Contact: Billie Harms c) 406.223.5473
Lori Cox c) 406.570.6807
e) lori@818strategy.com**

PRO RODEO FINALS RETURN TO GREAT FALLS 107 CONTESTANTS UP FOR \$170,000-PLUS

January 10, 2022 – Great Falls welcomes the return of the Montana Pro Rodeo Circuit Finals (MPRF) January 13-15, 2022. This year's event adds Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) breakaway roping, the fastest event in the arena.

Highlights:

- Schedule moves up in the week to Thursday, Jan. 13 through Saturday, Jan. 15
- WPRA breakaway roping added to event lineup
- Patriot Night Jan. 13 features military recruits
- Awards presented at The Ninth Event, immediately following Saturday night's performance
- Eight of the nine Montana Circuit contestants who competed at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo will be competing

Content:

“It has been a tremendous year for our athletes,” said Jack Stensland, president of the Montana Pro Rodeo Circuit. “We sent nine to Vegas, and only Parker Breeding will not be in Great Falls. It shows the great strength of our circuit today.” Joey Williams, Volborg, was one of those athletes. As the first Montanan to qualify for breakaway roping at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo last December, she placed fifth there and is certain to make a splash of speed in this new event for the MPRF.

“I never imagined I would have the chance to make the NFR so soon,” said Williams. “I just felt honored to compete at that level with that group of women.” Williams clocked a blistering 1.7 seconds on one of her runs in Las Vegas.

The MPRF has several other new additions. The schedule shifting to a Thursday opening performance features Patriot Night presented by North 40 Outfitters. Celebrating all things Americana, MPRF will open with a special tribute for fans with a special focus on military recruits, veterans and our country's enlisted.

Following Saturday night's championship round, crowning the champions will be held at The Ninth Event directly after the performance. Custom saddles, sponsored by a host of supporting businesses and individuals, will be presented along with trophy buckles made by Montana's own Montana Silversmiths.

Stensland said that this year's MPRF is one of the strongest collections of talent for rodeo fans to cheer on. "Our steer wrestling top four contenders are just 900 bucks apart," he added. "And that isn't the only close championship you'll get to watch. The weather is holding, so we are looking forward to exceptional competition at this big Montana reunion."

More than \$170,000 in cash will be awarded at this year's MPRF. Events include bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, tie-down roping, WPRA breakaway roping, WPRA barrel racing and bull riding. Breakaway roping's first performance will not be held until Friday at 9 a.m., but will then continue during Friday and Saturday night regular performances.

The Montana Pro Rodeo Circuit Finals is held at Montana ExpoPark's Pacific Steel & Recycling Arena January 13-15, 2022. Performances start at 7 p.m. nightly with doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets, along with additional information, are available to purchase online at ProRodeoMontana.com (click on Finals tab), at the Montana ExpoPark Box Office, or by calling 406.727.1481.

#

The Montana Pro Rodeo Circuit consists of 40-plus professional rodeos across the state, sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). Beginning with the NILE PRCA Rodeo in October, the season runs into the next September. This is the 43rd annual Circuit Finals, with some of the largest cashpayouts of all 14 circuits across the nation.