



## **Sophia Tilley Named as Finalist to Sing National Anthem at National Finals Rodeo**

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ELLENSBURG, Wash. — The Ellensburg Rodeo has had the pleasure of hosting Sophia Tilley, a 16-year old young lady from Yakima, WA, as a singer of the national anthem at our rodeo on more than one occasion. Now through hard work and, of course, being a gifted singer, Sophia has been named as a finalist to sing the National Anthem at the Wrangler NFR on December 5th. The winner will be decided by fan votes.

Sophia first sang publicly when she was 6 years old at the nationally acclaimed Leavenworth, WA, Christmas Lighting Festival. At age 12 Sophia opened the 2010 Ellensburg Rodeo, with the singing of the National Anthem. She was the youngest singer to open the rodeo in its 83-year history and has returned every year to sing the National Anthem. She regularly performs at regional area wineries, western and rodeo events, community non-profit events, restaurants, weddings, and many other private social events. Sophia enjoys singing a variety of musical styles, although her favorite style of music is country and blues. She plays the acoustical guitar, arch top electric, ukulele, and piano. Currently, Sophia is in the process of recording some of her original music.

We would like to ask that you vote for Sophia Tilley and give a very talent young lady, who represents the best of the Western Way of Life, an opportunity to sing at the NFR and receive the additional exposure that her hard work and talent deserve.

Please click the following link to vote for Sophia Tilley:

[http://www.nfrexperience.com/home/nfr\\_anthem\\_contest\\_votes](http://www.nfrexperience.com/home/nfr_anthem_contest_votes).

Sophia is in the Large Rodeo (red section) category. You need to enter your email and vote for one in each category in order for your vote to count.

Voting ends October 30th at midnight. Thank you in advance for your support of our young and talented singer who embodies rodeo, the Western Way of life and the best of the Northwest.

This year's rodeo runs from August 30 – September 2, 2013. More information about its many competitions and events can be found online at [www.ellensburgrodeo.com](http://www.ellensburgrodeo.com).

*The Ellensburg Rodeo is one of the "old rodeos" and has earned its place as one of America's Top 10 professional rodeos. The Ellensburg Rodeo is the final stop of the Wrangler Million Dollar Gold Tour and hosts the World Finale of PRCA's Extreme Bulls Tour. Started in 1923 with the same volunteer spirit that still "fuels the fire" of today's volunteers, the rodeo has grown from a local competition among ranch hands to the Professional event of today with over 600 contestants and prize money in excess of \$400,000!*

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