



Ellensburg Rodeo Announces Availability of the 2016 Rodeo Poster

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Ellensburg, Wash. (April 25, 2016) — The Ellensburg Rodeo is happy to announce this year's Ellensburg Rodeo poster is now available at the ticket office.

A public voting process led to the selection of Marty Stingley's photo titled "Introducing the Rising Stars". The photo depicts bucking horse mares running across the Ellensburg arena at the 2014 rodeo, their colts close to their sides following their every movement. Stingley explains her excitement, the meaning behind her title and the piece as a whole by saying, "To have my submission selected for the 2016 Ellensburg Rodeo poster is a thrill. I have been a huge fan since attending my first performance. The title 'Introducing the Rising Stars,' play homage to the greats of Rodeo, as well as the 'up and comers'. It also pays tribute to motherhood and the pride we feel when we can boast and show our own 'rising stars.'"



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Stingley was raised in Kirkland, WA and in High School she started to take photography seriously. After being appointed photographer for her high school newspaper and one of four photographers on the yearbook staff, Stingley's passion for photography and western life continued to flourish. In 1975 Stingley moved to the Kittitas Valley to study art and technical drawing at CWSC, now known as CWU, it wasn't long before Stingley was calling Kittitas valley home.

To date, Marty Stingley Photography can be found gracing the pages of magazines, newspapers and highlighting the websites of many businesses. Combining artistic photographic techniques with our valley's unique agriculture and small town features, her transformed pieces will be found hanging on the walls of businesses and homes alike. Stingley continues to be inspired by creating art and she tries to incorporate that into what she sees through her lens. Her love for photography, western life, and family continues to be a driving force as she pursues her passions.

Next year's rodeo runs from Sept. 2-5, 2016. More information about its many competitions and events can be found online at www.ellensburgrodeo.com.

The Ellensburg Rodeo was founded in 1923. Held every Labor Day weekend, it is one of the top 10 professional rodeos worldwide. It features more than 500 competitors and a pay out of over \$540,000. Ellensburg, Wash., is located in the heart of Washington State, approximately 90 minutes east of Seattle.

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