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The Bighorn Rodeo has redefined the traditional rodeo for over 30 years by embracing and celebrating the LGBTQ+ community. Doug Graff, this year's NGRA Bighorn Rodeo director, shares insights on its vibrant history, enduring challenges, and exciting future in an exclusive interview.

Memorial Day Weekend kicks off summer in Las Vegas and Henderson Pride Festival gears up to kick off Pride Month on June 1st in downtown Henderson.



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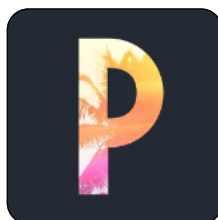
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SHOW OF THE WEEK

CHASE BROWN

Chase Brown, known as Sin City's "rhinestone cowboy," captivates audiences with his unique fusion of country flair and unexpected glamour. Performing at NOTORIETY Live in downtown Las Vegas, this Texas native brings an eclectic mix of muscles, mascara, cowboy hats, and nail polish to his one-man show. Over twenty years, Brown has cultivated a diverse fan base that spans various musical genres and demographics. His performances, characterized by a setlist that defies conventional categorization, attract both young and old, gay and straight audiences. Combining raw male sensuality and gentle sensitivity, Chase's striking presence is highlighted by his chiseled physique and flamboyant attire, making his shows a standout in Sin City's entertainment scene.



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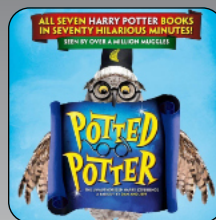
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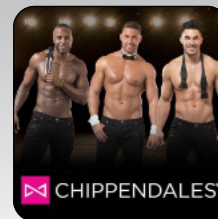
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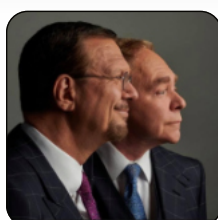
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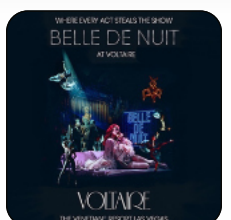
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Doug Graff
Big Horn Rodeo 2024
Rodeo Director

Saddle Up!

Big Horn Rodeo Unites the LGBTQ+ Community Through Western Tradition and the Gay Rodeo Circuit

When one thinks of rodeo, images of bull riding, calf roping, and epic displays of horsemanship might come to mind. But for over 30 years, the Bighorn Rodeo has brought a unique twist to this beloved tradition, celebrating the LGBTQ+ community's place in this rugged sport. We sat down with Doug Graff, this year's NGRA (Nevada Gay Rodeo Association) Bighorn Rodeo director, to delve into the rodeo's vibrant history, challenges, and what the future holds.

The Origins and Evolution

Bighorn Rodeo's roots stretch back over three decades, emerging during what Doug affectionately refers to as the "heyday of gay rodeo." The mid-1990s saw a surge in the popularity and growth of gay rodeos across North America, fueled by a passionate community eager to carve out their space in this traditionally conservative sport.

"Our founders came together in the back room of what is now Badlands, with a vision to create the Nevada Gay Rodeo," Doug recounts. "Before we became part of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA), there were already attempts at organizing gay rodeos, starting with Reno in 1975."

As we rapidly approach 2025, the community is gearing up for a monumental milestone — 50 years of gay rodeo. To celebrate, a special marketing campaign called "Road to 50" is set to highlight this rich history. The festivities will culminate

with the World Gay Rodeo Finals, slated for October 2025, exactly half a century after the first event.

Doug emphasizes the significance of this milestone: "This is not just about celebrating our past, but also about energizing our future. Rodeo is an expensive and physically demanding sport. We need to get newer generations involved."

The Numbers Game

Currently, there are about 15 active gay rodeo associations across the U.S., down from the peak organizations that thrived during the golden years. Doug attributes part of the decline to the changing nature of social engagements. "Today's society is more engaged with screens and digital spaces. Getting people into the dirt, quite literally, is a challenge," he says, half-jokingly. Yet, he remains optimistic. "Once we get them into the arena, they typically stay. The hardest part is getting them there."

The Road to Rodeo: A Year-Round Engagement

A significant part of the strategy to engage the community involves organizing a series of events leading up to the big rodeo. One of the standout initiatives this year is the Bighorn Rodeo Idol. With 12 qualifying nights at various bars like the Phoenix, Quads, and Flex, the goal is to find a representative who embodies the spirit of the community in a fun, engaging way.

Bighorn Rodeo Idol has captured the community's imagination. "Some of these artists are just fantastic. They have incredible talent, and as we get closer to the final rounds, more people are showing up," Doug notes. The winner, besides bagging a coveted Bighorn rodeo buckle and a cash prize courtesy of a generous anonymous donor, will also have the honor of performing the national anthem.

Educational Opportunities

To make the rodeo accessible and engaging, the NGRA has introduced a rodeo school. Remarkably, it's free for any new participants who've never competed in an IGRA rodeo before. This includes an extensive pre-rodeo training program.

"We have amazing coaches like Bernice, who owns a real cattle ranch in Utah, and Randy Edlin from Texas," Doug shares. These seasoned professionals will teach crucial skills like steer wrestling and roping, ensuring newcomers have a safe and enjoyable introduction to the sport.

Community Involvement and Pre-Rodeo Festivities

NGRA keeps the excitement alive all year round with events like the annual Cow Patty competition, emphasizing camp drag and community fun. Other notable events include the Closet Ball competition and the Caliente Cowboy competition. Moreover, the annual royalty competition, set for Thanksgiving weekend, selects next year's royalty members who act as marketing





ambassadors for the rodeo.

Doug is especially proud of how inclusive these events are: "We recently introduced the MX category for our royalty competition to accommodate those who don't fit into traditional male or female roles but still want to be active in our community."

The Main Event: Highlights of the Rodeo

When Memorial Day weekend arrives, Horseman's Park will transform into a vibrant festival space. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Entertainment Director Stephanie Danderson and a supporting cast of performers like Steven Wayne, and Jimmy Emerson, the festival promises an unforgettable experience.

Adding an international flair, Kevin Ortiz will perform live on Saturday afternoon, further enhancing the multicultural appeal of the event. Sponsors have been instrumental in bringing such high-caliber talent to the stage.

As for the rodeo itself, attendees can expect to see a mix of traditional events like bull riding, steer riding, roping, and barrel racing, along with unique camp events such as goat dressing. "Goat dressing is always a crowd favorite," Doug says. Teams race to dress a goat in tight-whities, adding a humorous twist to the competition.

Moreover, thanks to community-driven initiatives, we now have "community goat



dressing," allowing spectators to participate on the spot. This year, a generous sponsor has even donated buckles for the community goat dressing winners, escalating the excitement.

This year, Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman will serve as the rodeo's Grand Marshal.

Fundraising and Community Support

It's worth noting that the NGRA operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Historically, the association has supported various causes, from Mustang rescues to local charities. However, since this year the rodeo takes place several months earlier in the year, the focus is on rebuilding. "It's a condensed year, and while we hope to have surplus funds to share with the community, our primary goal is sustainability," Doug states.

The Team Behind the Magic

Producing an event of this scale is no small feat. Doug is supported by a dedicated team of 13 individuals, including his trusted assistant and longtime collaborator, Rosemary Campos. "We're talking about people who know where all the bodies are buried," Doug laughs. "Their collective experience and unyielding passion make this possible."

A Legacy of Passion and Commitment

Doug's involvement in the rodeo spans 30 years, bringing a wealth of experience and a treasure trove of memories. From



organizing the first Michigan Gay Rodeo to serving as the president of the IGRA, his contributions have been monumental.

Taking the reins as the event director for the Bighorn Rodeo, Doug acknowledges the groundwork laid by previous directors like Brenda and Kathy Alday. "Their hard work and dedication have established strong relationships, making this condensed production year feasible."

Looking Forward

Doug's passion for rodeo is palpable, and his enthusiasm is infectious. As the Bighorn Rodeo prepares to usher in its 50th anniversary, the focus remains squarely on community, inclusivity, and preserving the rich tradition of gay rodeo.

Doug leaves us with a final call to action: "We're still looking for volunteers. If anyone wants to participate in making this event a success, please visit our website NGRA.com and fill out the volunteer form. We'd love to have you and share this incredible experience."

As we look forward to the upcoming Bighorn Rodeo and the monumental Road to 50 celebrations, one thing is clear — the spirit of gay rodeo is alive and kicking, embracing its past while galloping confidently into a bright future.

NGRA Big Horn Rodeo takes place at Horseman's Park at 5800 E Flamingo Road from May 23-26. Visit ngra.com for details.



A shirtless man with short dark hair and a serious expression is leaning against a textured, grey concrete wall. He has a large, colorful tattoo on his left arm. The text 'U UP? (TO VOTE)' is overlaid in large white letters.

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LEGACY COUNSELING
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