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Elizabeth Stampede Honored with PRCA Best Small Rodeo 2011

The Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) awarded the Elizabeth Stampede with the prestigious national award, 2011 Small Rodeo of the Year. Winning the award at the PRCA national banquet, November 30, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV was a true accomplishment that reflects the dedication and commitment of over 200 plus volunteers.

Annually, the PRCA sanctions about 600 of the most elite multiple-event rodeos on the continent, in 37 states and three Canadian provinces – the cream of the crop among thousands of rodeo-related events that take place each year in North America. As a membership-driven organization, the PRCA works to ensure that every event it sanctions is managed with fairness and competence and that the livestock used are healthy and cared for to the highest standards.

The 2011 Small Rodeo of the Year award is voted on by the PRCA's contestants, contract members, stock contractors and other rodeo committees. With over 500 small rodeos across the United States and Canada, the Elizabeth Stampede was honored to win and be recognized with four other small rodeos including Clear Lake, South Dakota; Athens, Texas; Mesquite, Texas and Goliad, Texas.

“We are honored to win the national Best Small Rodeo 2011 award. We are proud to be part of the PRCA and this award is a culmination of our volunteers' dedication to excellence for our contestants and fans. Our goal is to create a rodeo where contestants are welcome and want to compete. We are part of our community and work together all year long to being the best small rodeo in Colorado and the nation,” said Norm Almquist, 2003-2011 President of Elizabeth Stampede.

A Colorado Rodeo Legend for nearly 50 years, Elizabeth Stampede has been an Elbert County tradition. Celebrating the 25th Anniversary as a PRCA sanctioned rodeo this coming June 1, 2 and 3, the Elizabeth Stampede is proud to announce it will join the PRCA's rapidly growing “Xtreme Bulls” bull riding tour to jump-start the weekend on Friday evening.

“With the winning of this honored national award Elizabeth Stampede has now gone beyond just a local and circuit favorite but has now climbed to a national level. While all of the many local and Circuit awards have been very special this award takes our organization to a new level of recognition. As a result the bar has been elevated. We have achieved something that only one rodeo per year can accomplish. Congratulations to our Board, Chairpersons, Volunteers, Sponsors, Contractors and Partners on a once-in-a-lifetime accomplishment. This is a challenge for us to achieve it again. As we prepare for next year's 25th celebration this award should inspire us all to continue to elevate our event to higher goals.,” Bill Snead, 2012 President of Elizabeth Stampede.

The Elizabeth Stampede is a member of the PRCA and Mountain States Circuit. The

Mountain States Circuit represents the states of Colorado and Wyoming, and all PRCA rodeos in those states are members. The Elizabeth Stampede has previously been awarded the Mountain States Circuit title, “Best Small Rodeo of the Year,” eight times. They have received this award more times than any other Mountain States Rodeo since the award was created. The title pays tribute to the Stampede’s reputation for quality and commitment.

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All the details about the Elizabeth Stampede, including schedules and ticket information, are available around the clock at www.elizabethstampede.com. The invitation to volunteer with the Elizabeth Stampede is an open one. Anyone interested in helping the Elizabeth Stampede is welcome to contact the Stampede office, [303-646-0308](tel:303-646-0308), or get in touch with any of the dozens of current volunteers. Prospective volunteers can always visit the Stampede web site, www.elizabethstampede.com, for more information. Find us on: Facebook/elizabethstampede