

2007 I GRA Finals & Royalty Competition National Western Event Center The Warwick Hotel Denver Colorado October 11 - 14, 2007

Colorado Gay Rodeo Association, your proud host for 2007 I GRA Finals, is pleased to provide you with an update of activities:

Rodeo Facility: We are thrilled to have placed deposits and signed contracts for one of the premier rodeo venues in the West, The National Western Events Center, 4655 Humboldt Street. The Events Center offers a first class rodeo arena, abundant stalls, warm up arena, concessions, restrooms with showers, and convenient vendor spaces...all in one climate controlled building. Over 50 RV electrical hookups are convenient to the stall area and within the contestant/officials parking area. Marquee signage beside Interstate 70 as well as 9 available flagpoles along the roof of the Event Center will provide both I GRA & our Sponsors major visibility.

Host Hotel: Final contracts have been signed and deposits placed, assuring standard rooms at a \$99.00/night and corner suites for \$170.00/night at the beautiful Warwick Hotel, 1776 Grant Street. This property is convenient to the rodeo grounds as well as dining & nightlife. The second floor of the Warwick will be the location for all segments of the 2008 I 6RA Royalty Competition, Contestant Registration as well as the Awards Ceremony for I GRA Finals Rodeo.

**Rodeo Poster**: CGRA received 11 diverse entries from across the IGRA circuit. The winner was unveiled during the IGRA Board Meeting in Denver; we look forward to beginning our advertising campaign and bringing spectators from around the globe to enjoy our exciting rodeo family.

**Officials**: A ballot mailing will be sent by CGRA during spring 2007 to collect contestant's input for '07 Finals Officials.

Many members of CGRA recently participated in a Benefit Barrel Race for Breast Cancer in the National Western Events Center Arena. During this event, we were able to experience how easy it is to run a large event

smoothly in this facility. Discussions for security, ease of contestant & livestock movement, vendor placement and a wide range of other issues allow for careful and detailed planning. We also took the opportunity to make contacts with potential vendors & sponsors. CGRA members will also be making our annual group visit during the National Western Stock Show & Rodeo in January. By visiting the venue during other producers' rodeo events, we will continue to gain information to ensure an exciting, well-run I 6RA Finals.

The Colorado Gay Rodeo Association is looking forward to working closely with the I GRA Board, Finals Committee, Contestant Liaisons and drawing on the experience of our C6RA members to produce a world class event.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of CGRA, Roger Japp & Ken Pool

