



## **CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL RODEO ASSOCIATION**

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### **2023 Canadian Finals Rodeo Personnel Announced**

We're quickly approaching the start to the 2023 Canadian Finals Rodeo. And it takes a big team of talented folks - some in the arena - and others working behind the scenes to bring the event to the public.

CFR 49's rodeo personnel for the November 1-5 event taking place at the Peavey Mart Centrium, Westerner Park in Red Deer, Alberta include:

**Announcers:** Making his tenth appearance behind the microphone for the CFR is 12 time Canadian Announcer of the Year, Brett Gardiner. Joining Brett for the third consecutive year is veteran Saskatchewan-based announcer, Doug Young.

**Pickup Men:** Back for a fourth time is Calgary Stampede Ranch Manager, Tyler Kraft. Joining Kraft will be former Canadian Bull Riding Champion, Tyler Thomson. Thomson picked up alongside Kraft at the 2021 and 2022 Finals.

**Bullfighters:** Returning for his 12<sup>th</sup> CFR is veteran bull fighter Brett Monea who will be joined by Ty Prescott, (making his sixth appearance). Rounding out the trio, and continuing a family bull-fighting dynasty, is CFR bullfighter, Tanner Byrne.

Event judges this year will be Larry Adams, Perry Gurski, Lane Peterson, Corey Prutton, Wayne Resch, Bernie Rivet, Cam Morris (Video replay)

Catherine Laycraft will return as CFR secretary; with Brenda Vold (18<sup>th</sup> year) taking on event timer duties alongside Karry Krystal (1st CFR).

Kynan Vine is back, once again, in the role of Production Manager while Tanner Girletz will handle Arena Director responsibilities once again. Duane Kesler returns as CFR Livestock Superintendent.

Bob Wilson will look after the Timed Event Chute Boss end while Kyle Daines will step back in as Riding Event Chute Boss.

Cowboy Channel Broadcast team announcers include the returning duo of Dustin Edwards and Dave Poulsen who will be joined by Katy Lucas from the Cowboy Channel.

Event producer and professional stunt-woman, Niki Flundra, is producing the CFR opening ceremonies; Feature Productions will head up Video Production and FOH Pro is on board for sound and lighting. Sam Winslow (Copper Top Live) is returning as the scoreboard specialist while Shaun Morton is the Music Director. Chantelle Bowman (Wildwood Imagery) has been selected as the CFR Photographer. This year's CFR Veterinarian is Dr Greg Evans from Moore Equine. The Canadian Pro Rodeo Sport Medicine Team will also be in attendance, along with CPRA and Westerner Park staff and many valued volunteers.

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With many other individuals filling in behind the scenes, we look forward to another exciting Canadian Finals Rodeo.

**The Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA)** with headquarters in Airdrie, Alberta is the official sanctioning body for Professional Rodeo in Canada. The CPRA approves 55 events annually with a total payout exceeding \$5.7 million. The organization oversees the SMS Equipment Pro Tour Finals each fall in Armstrong, BC, holds their premiere event - the Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) - at Westerner Park in Red Deer, AB November 1-5 and endorses the Maple Leaf Circuit Finals as part of Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, SK. Follow the CPRA on Twitter and Instagram @prorodeocanada, 'Like' Canadian Professional Rodeo Association on Facebook or online at [RodeoCanada.com](http://RodeoCanada.com).

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