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Estes Park Rodeo Continues to Rein in Top Honors

ESTES PARK -- Estes Park's Rooftop Rodeo once again was named "Best Small Rodeo" in the nation last week during the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) National Finals Rodeo and Convention in Las Vegas.

This is the third time in the past four years the event, which is held annually the second week in July, has received the honor. Estes Park's event competed with 300 other small rodeos in the nation for the award. The Rooftop Rodeo also received the prestigious award in 2003, 2006 and 2008.

Estes Park's Rooftop Rodeo is sponsored by the Town of Estes Park and coordinated by volunteers from across Northern Colorado. The event hosts some of the best cowboys and cowgirls in the world for events including bronc riding, steer wrestling, tie down roping, bare back riding, team roping, barrel racing and bull riding. Part of Estes Park's rich history, the roots of the Rooftop Rodeo date back to 1908.

"People in Estes Park are not afraid to get behind a great thing," Fairgrounds and Special Events Manager Bo Winslow said. "Rooftop Rodeo's continued success can be attributed to a rodeo committee that works 365 days a year and is dedicated to putting on the best rodeo possible – and the support of the community and the Town of Estes Park."

Rodeo Committee President Jo Adams said, "All the years of hard work and dedication that our volunteers have put forth has been recognized by the rodeo industry and those who love the sport and appreciate what we love to do." Adams, Winslow, ten members of the Rodeo Committee and 15 additional rodeo supporters attended the awards banquet.

As a representative of a 2008 winning rodeo, Winslow gave a presentation highlighting the Rooftop Rodeo to convention attendees and rodeo committees from across the nation. The presentation included a film by Estes Park Producer Nick Mollé on the Rooftop Rodeo.

For more information about the rodeo and other events in the mountain community at the eastern entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park, visit EstesParkCVB.com.

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