

## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCER TAKES THE MIC AT RODEO AUSTIN**

Austin, Texas, March 19, 2016 – As Rodeo Austin continues to welcome new cowboys and cowgirls to compete at the Ride for the Brand Cowboy Tournament March 12-26, 2016, a familiar voice helps tell the story each night from the announcer stand. Joining Rodeo Austin for the duration of the Ride for the Brand Cowboy Tournament is 4-time ProRodeo Announcer of the Year and ProRodeo Hall of Famer Hadley Barrett.

Barrett has been the voice of Rodeo Austin for more than 20 years, but first got involved in the sport of rodeo as a contestant. In fact, Barrett may be the only person in history to ride a bull, announce at the rodeo and play in the band at an afterparty all in one night.

“Occasionally I would fill in for a friend on the announcer stand, and it gradually became something that I looked forward to,” said Barrett. “It was more of a transition in life, rather than a plan, but it all worked out the way it should be.”

For the past 55 years, Barrett has announced nearly every major rodeo in the country and is known for his knowledge of and passion for the sport of rodeo.

“I love communicating with people, and announcing to me feels like a one-sided conversation,” said Barrett. “If I can talk about the power of the American flag and see a father squeeze his son’s hand, or see people walk out of the arena with a smile, that means I’m doing my job. It’s the best feeling in the world.”

In 2015, Barrett was inducted into Rodeo Austin’s Hall of Fame, joining the select group of 14 distinguished leaders. The Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a member of Rodeo

Austin, and is given to those who have displayed many years of dedication to the organization's nonprofit mission, *Promoting Youth Education – Preserving Western Heritage*.

You can listen to Barrett each night in the arena at Rodeo Austin through March 26<sup>th</sup>.

See tonight's results below.

<b>Bareback Riding</b>	<b>Score</b>
1. Buck Lunak	77
2. Ethan Crouch	75
3. Cody Goodwin	No Score
4. Tyler Waltz	No Score
<b>Steer Wrestling</b>	<b>Time</b>
1. Tooter Silver	4.4
2. Chris Berry	4.7
3. Chance Campbell	5.1
4. Morgan Grant	5.4
5. Ryan Bothum	6.6
6. T.J. Hall	No Time
7. Dean Stermer	No Time
8. Ryan Swayze	No Time
<b>Team Roping</b>	<b>Time</b>
1. Drew Horner	4.7
Trey Johnson	4.7
2. Tyler Magnus	5.6
Shawn Turner	5.6
3. Jim Coffman	6.6
Will Gasperson	6.6
4. Jake Orman	9.7
Trace Porter	9.7
5. Austin Robertson	10.6
Jake Cobb	10.6
6. Chant DeForest	14.4
Bronc Boehnlein	14.4
7. Zayne Dishion	No Time
Chase Tryan	
8. Ty Blasingame	No Time
Josh Fillmore	
<b>Saddle Bronc</b>	<b>Score</b>
1. Kobyn Williams	78.5
2. Wacey Hathcock	73
3. Nick Laduke	67
4. Slatyr Hunnicutt	No Score
5. Cody Moody	No Score
6. Cody Rud	No Score
7. Cody Anthony	No Score

**Tie-Down Roping**

	<b>Time</b>
1. Morgan Grant	9.4
2. Dennis Luetge	10.7
3. Zane Blanford	11.7
4. Jud Nowotny	14.3
5. Tye Thompson	No Time
6. Justin Macha	No Time
7. Caleb Smidt	No Time

**Barrel Racing**

	<b>Time</b>
1. Kelly Tovar	15.02
2. Morgan Breaux	15.42
3. Laura Kennedy	15.49
4. Pamela Capper	20.47
5. Jana Griemsman	20.82
6. Trula Churchill	25.20
7. Liz Herrin	25.41
8. Brandee Hawkins	30.59

**Bull Riding**

	<b>Score</b>
1. Jeff Bertus	No Score
2. Wyatt Gregg	No Score
3. Ethan Lesiak	No Score
4. Ethan Lemmons	No Score
5. Jeffrey Ramagos	No Score
6. Garret Norby	No Score
7. Riker Carter	No Score

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*Hadley entertains the crowd at Rodeo Austin March 12-26, 2016.*