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"The New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association (NMGRA) hosts the" 27th Annual Zia Regional Rodeo and Country Dances" to be Held in Santa Fe, NM at the Rodeo de Santa Fe Rodeo Grounds August 10-12, 2018

The New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association (NMGRA) announces that the Zia Regional Rodeo will be held on August 10, 11 & 12 2018 at the Rodeo de Santa Fe Grounds, 3237 Rodeo Road (at Richards Ave and at Ave Pueblos)

The 2018 Grand Marshal from Albuquerque, NM is Tony D. Carson whom has been a valued contributor and supporter of the NMGRA for over 15 years.

The Zia Rodeo competition is one stop along the way of a season-long series of rodeo competition across the US and Canada and will bring the top 20 cowboys and cowgirls, in each of the 13 rodeo events, to qualify for the World Gay Rodeo Finals, to be held in Mesquite TX in October 2018 (**more info at: igra.com**)

All events are at the Rodeo De Santa Fe Grounds (more info at NMGRA.org)

- **Friday, August 10**
 - 6:00pm - Midnight: "**Santa Fe Country Dance**"
 - 6:00pm - 9:00pm: Cash bar, Food, Royalty entertainment
- **Saturday, August 11**
 - 8:00 am: Rodeo Events begin
 - 12:00 am: Grand Entry/Rodeo Competition, all day
 - 7:00pm - Midnight: **Zia "All New Mexico Dance"**, Cash bar, Food, Royalty Entertainment
- **Sunday, August 12**
 - 9:00 am: Rodeo Events begin
 - 12:00 am: **Rodeo Competition** all day until the dance begins
 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm: Cash bar, Food Vendors
 - 8:00pm - 10:00pm: Awards Ceremony (Free, Public Welcome)

Rodeo fans can watch the action for a \$15.00 entry fee (children under 12, free with adult admission). [Tickets are available at the gate](#)

Grand Entry starts at approximately 12:00 pm for the Saturday and Sunday

Rodeo performances.

Saturday and Sunday Rodeo performances will run all day, both days from 8 am-5 pm.

There will be food, drink, light alcohol, and western retail vendors in addition to the exciting rodeo action.

Gay Rodeo events include animal friendly calf and team roping, barrel racing and pole bending, and the rough stock events bull riding and steer riding.

There are three special “camp” events that are sure to entertain the crowd, including the amazing and fun Wild Drag Race. A team of three tries to get a fully costumed “drag” contestant mounted on the back of a bucking steer. If you have never seen the hilarious and unpredictable Wild Drag Race...now is your chance!

A significant portion of the Net Proceeds support New Mexico Charities.

Additional information including how to attend, participate and volunteer for the Zia Regional Rodeo is available as it develops on NMGRA.org

Here's what you need to know:

- ✓ Skilled cowboys, competitive cowgirls, fast horses and rodeo action
- ✓ Rodeo De Santa Fe Rodeo Grounds, Santa Fe, NM, 3237 Rodeo Road (at Richards Ave and at Ave Pueblos)
- ✓ \$15 daily entry allows you to come and go as you please, Children under 12 free with adult. \$25 gets entry to Rodeo and Entertainment/ Dance
- ✓ We are a very Family friendly event....suitable for children and adults of ALL AGES...the Wild drag race may include some funny wigs and dresses

For all the details go to: **NMGRA.org**