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**Saturday 19 November – Claudelands Arena, HAMILTON**

Cowboys and cowgirls everywhere, buckle up and get ready because the *International Rodeo* is coming to Hamilton's Claudelands Arena this month!

One of the world's largest indoor rodeo events, this high energy extreme sporting event will see world renowned champion bull and bronco riders from North and South American, Canada and Australia battle against some of the best riders New Zealand has to offer.

The night will be presented by American announcer and rodeo star **Kedo Olson** and Australian *Pro Rodeo Association* General Manager **Steve Hilton** will act as Chute Boss. Audience participation events include mechanical bull riding and *Best Dressed* competitions and the show will feature entertainment from the half time dancers, comedy from Australia's top rodeo clown **Big Al** and music from NZ's own **Annabel Fay**.

Complete with full big-show production, sound, lighting and pyrotechnics this action packed event promises to be the best buck money can buy!

Tickets - [www.ticketek.co.nz](http://www.ticketek.co.nz) / 0800-Ticketek

<http://www.internationalrodeo.co.nz> / <http://claudelands.co.nz/>

## AN EVENT TO DRESS UP FOR!

Cowboys and Cowgirls don your favourite riding outfit and you could be in to win prizes for *the Best Dressed Rodeo King or Queen*. Prizes include.....

## MASTER OF CEREMONY

Riding in from a ranch outside of Terrebonne Oregon is cowboy and *International Rodeo* announcer **Kedo Olson**. Kedo's first rodeo saw him rope and ride bulls and bareback horses but, after almost 20 years competing in team and calf roping, a wrist injury left him unable to continue. Asked to join the *Roseburg Oregon PRCA Rodeo Board*, Kedo became the arena director for ten years and went on to produce rodeo TV specials - working with five time *World Champion Bullfighter Rob Smets*. He has since announced the *California Finals*, the *Oregon State High School Finals*, the *National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals*, the *Canadian Senior Pro Finals*, the *Northwest Pro Rodeo Finals* and the *NZ Pro Rodeo Association National Finals*. Kedo has won numerous awards including the *International Professional Rodeo Association Western Region Announcer of the Year Award*, *PRCA Committeeman of the Year Award* and in 2003 was inducted into the *National Senior Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame*.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Pop, soul and R&B singer **Annabel Faye** ([www.annabelfay.co.nz](http://www.annabelfay.co.nz)) will be performing live at this year's *International Rodeo*. EMI music released her second album *Show Me the Right Way* earlier this year and the single *River* was quickly certified gold. Australia's top rodeo clown **Big Al** (Al Wilson - [www.bigalrodeoclown.com](http://www.bigalrodeoclown.com)) has been voted 10 times rodeo comedy clown of the year and is listed on the *ABCRA Rodeo Hall of Fame* for his entertainment contributions to the sport of rodeo. Big Al was professional Bull Rider and the *APRA Australian Rookie Bull Riding Champion* in 1984. He was among the top five bull riders in Australia during the 80s and 15 years on, Big Al is still entertaining rodeo audiences with his authentic cowboy character and lovable antics.

## VENUE & SET-UP

Hamilton's brand new *Claudlands Arena* is set to be transformed! 300 cubic metres of dirt that will line the arena floor and portable chutes, a rodeo arena (which is the property of the *NZ Rodeo Cowboys Association* and fits inside two 20ft shipping containers!), large screens, sound, lighting and an outside broadcast van will transform this world class arena into a world class rodeo ring.

Technical staff and a small army of members from the *Outram* and *Kihikihi Rodeo Clubs* will set-up a day prior to the event while the other stars of the rodeo - the rodeo bulls (**Terminator, Blue Ray, Major, Grizzly Boogie Man, Forklift, Crankhandle, Apache, Charlies Revenge** and **Grey Dog**) and horses (**Jawbreaker, Jackie Chan, Agent Orange** and **Dinky**) - travel to Hamilton from Northland, Fielding, Wairoa and Gisborne.

## CONTESTANTS

Young up and coming Canadian cowboys **Rylie Gilbertson, Kerry LaValley** and **Mike Ryan**, award winning Australian rough stock riders, **Rhys** and **Cody Angland, Brad Pierce** and **Toby Collins** along with two USA contestants and the top three NZ contestants in each of the three bucking events, will be attending this year's *International Rodeo*. The Bareback event will feature current *Bareback* and *All-round NZ Champion* **Rex Church, Paul Robinson, Joe Fentiman** and *NZRCA All-Round* title holder **Darryl**

**Church.** South Islanders **Garrick Scally** and **Simon Roughan** will be riding the *Saddle Broncs* and **Adam** and **Andrew Jamison** (Adam is the current *2011 National Champion* while Andrew was the *2010 National Champion*), **Jono Reed** and **Jack Cleaver** will ride the *Bulls*.

Hamilton's *International Rodeo* is a world class show of, not to be missed talent. Grab your tickets now.... and hang on to your seats!

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\*Limited corporate dinner packages are still available but get in quick!

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