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Rodeo Historical Society releases Hall of Fame and Board Member Nominees

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – The Rodeo Historical Society (RHS) needs you! Join the RHS today for an opportunity to make your vote count on the newly announced Hall of Fame and Board Member Nominees. RHS members will receive their ballots by mail and will need them postmarked by August 1, 2020, to be counted.

The RHS is an organization under the auspices of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum and supports the rodeo programs of the Museum, including research, an ongoing oral history project, acquisition of collection materials for the American Rodeo Gallery and the prestigious Rodeo Hall of Fame.

The Cowboy and the RHS both share a mission to preserve the history of rodeo. Since 1955 the Rodeo Hall of Fame has been dedicated to honoring and memorializing the legacy of great performers in rodeo and its related professions. Induction into this prestigious hall of fame is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on an honoree. The RHS Board of Directors reviews each nominee thoroughly and annually selects a slate of nominees.

All RHS members are able to select a membership level that best suits their interest and will receive free Museum admission, two issues of *The Ketchpen* Magazine annually, and the privilege to vote for Rodeo Hall of Fame Inductees.

The Rodeo Hall of Fame Living Nominees include Mike Bandy, Jerry Beagley, Ricky Bolin, Bobby “Hooter” Brown, Richard “Tuff” Hedeman, Cody Lambert, Bob Marshall, Bill Nelson, Tommy Puryear, Jerome Robinson, Bobby and Sid Steiner, and Chip Whitaker.

The Rodeo Hall of Fame Deceased Nominees include Ben H. Bates (1933 – 2017), John Rhodes (1887 – 1973) and Thomas Rhodes (1915 – 1981), Jim Snively (1911 – 1998) and Gary Tucker (1945 – 2019).

Rodeo Historical Society Board Member Nominees include Tommy Combs, Don Graham, Gary Parli, Rob Smets, Jim Sutton and Jack Ward.

By becoming a member of RHS before July 10, 2020 new members will be eligible to vote on this year’s nominees. For more information on joining RHS, please visit <https://nationalcowboymuseum.org/rodeo-historical-society/>.

Inductees will be honored during the annual Rodeo Hall of Fame Weekend, November 13 – 14, 2020, with induction into the renowned Rodeo Hall of Fame. For more information, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org/event/rodeo-hall-of-fame-weekend/ for sponsorship information, please contact Trent Riley at (405) 478-2250 ext. 251 or triley@nationalcowboymuseum.org.

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The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City is America's premier institution of Western history, art and culture. Founded in 1955, the Museum collects, preserves and exhibits an internationally renowned collection of Western art and artifacts while sponsoring dynamic educational programs to stimulate interest in the enduring legacy of the American West. For more information, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org.