



70 Years of Rodeo Excitement Returns to Cloverdale this May Long Weekend

The 70TH annual Cloverdale Rodeo and 128th annual Country Fair runs May 20 - 23, 2016

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Surrey, BC – One of North America's longest running and most entertaining rodeos returns for its 70th year this May Long Weekend with more competitions, live entertainment food and fun for fans of all ages.

The **Cloverdale Invitational Rodeo** will once again feature the World's best Cowboys and Cowgirls as they compete for cash prizes in roughstock rodeo events like Saddle Bronc Riding, Bareback Riding and Bull Riding, as well as Ladies Barrel Racing. Kids also get their turn in the spotlight with the always-entertaining **Mutton Bustin'** competition.

The **BC Country Music Association (BCCMA)** will be hosting a meet-and-greet in their impressive pavilion this year with over 50 of your favourite BCCMA Artists performing throughout the May Long Weekend. This pavilion, called **Boots and Buckles**, is open to all ages and is free until 8 pm when it will transform into a dance hall with live music for 19+ Fair attendees.

BCCMA nine-time nominees and familiar West Coast music duo **Carli and Julie Kennedy, otherwise known as Twin Kennedy**, will be performing the National Anthem all weekend long in the Stetson Bowl and will welcomed to the [Live Outdoor Entertainment Stage](#) for a couple of shows as well. **Robyn and Ryleigh, Appaloosa, and the Chris Buck Band** will also be performing throughout the weekend on the same stage.

Another popular area returning to the event is the **Western Fine Arts Show**, one of BC's largest and most prestigious art shows. Featuring between 15 and 20 artists, a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to C.H.I.L.D. Foundation and the Cloverdale Youth Initiative. Artists will also be in attendance to discuss and show their work.

The 70th Annual Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair are extremely proud to announce that for one night only, Sunday, May 22nd, 2016- **Chad Brownlee**, Pro Hockey Player turned Country Singer will be performing at the **Longhorn Saloon**. Beat-the-line tickets will be available until 9 pm only so get there early.

Other special performances featured this year are the breathtaking **Express Clydesdales** and professional trick rider and liberty horse entertainer, **Niki Cammaert Flundra**. These performances will happen alongside **Twin Kennedy** at the Rodeo's halftime show.

The **Longhorn Saloon** is one of the Rodeo's most anticipated features and will once again be providing entertainment and activities. The fun starts at 4:00pm and goes until 2:00am with daily performances by **Ettinger & Big 50** and the **Ken McCoy Band**.

On top of all these exciting events at the Rodeo, families will have a great time enjoying the Country Fair with the **Agri Zone** and **Cone Zone**, and the **Envision Kidz Zone**. Here, kids work through various training challenges to become to ultimate Cowboy or Cowgirl.

The Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair is also very proud to showcase **The 5th annual World Freestyle Round-Up**. Each day there will be several shows featuring freestyle top skateboard athletes from around the world.

The event is also home to **BC's largest traveling midway**, with dozens of rides for thrill seekers of all ages.

Another returning favourite is the **West Coast Lumberjack Show** – a jam-packed show full with tons of action such as the chair carve, hot saw race, axe throwing, log rolling, standing block chop and more.

Of course, don't miss out on any of the delicious food options with the return of the **Rib Zone!**

Event: 2016 Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair
Dates: May 20-23, 2016
Location: Cloverdale Fairgrounds in Surrey, BC
Tickets: Admission for all Rodeo Performances is \$25; (12 and under free)
Country Fair admission is \$10. (12 and under free).
Pre-Purchase Gate Admission at selected London Drugs Stores and save \$2.00, available now for purchase. Click here for a list of the London Drug Stores participating:
<http://www.cloverdalerodeo.com/country-fair/event-and-ticket-information/>
Pre-Purchase Midway All-Day Ride Passes at select Marketplace IGA stores for one \$29. For more information on this visit:
<http://www.cloverdalerodeo.com/country-fair/midway-and-rides/>

For a detailed schedule of event, performances, competitors list, and to purchase tickets, please visit www.CloverdaleRodeo.com.

About the Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair:

The Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition Association is the non-profit organization that manages the world famous Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair, held every year on the May long weekend at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds in Surrey, British Columbia.

The Association is also responsible for the year-round management of the eight facilities on the Cloverdale Fairgrounds that host over 1,000 events annually, including trade shows, concerts, festivals, sporting events, horse and dog shows, swap meets, flea markets, weddings and meetings.

For more information on the Association and the 70th annual Cloverdale Rodeo and the 128th annual Country Fair, visit www.CloverdaleRodeo.com.

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