



INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED CHARRO WOWS WITH DARING DISPLAYS OF HORSEMANSHIP AND ROPE ARTISTRY

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Surrey, British Columbia – Internationally renowned *Charro* (Mexican horseman) **Tomas Garcilazo** will dazzle crowds at this year's Cloverdale Rodeo with his skilled horsemanship and rope artistry, both of which have defined him as one of the world's top *Charros* presenting *La Charrería*.

The Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition Association is proud to announce that Garcilazo, a third-generation *Charro*, is the specialty act for all five Cloverdale Rodeo events happening this May Long Weekend, May 15-18, 2009.

Five Rodeo Performances with Finals:

Friday, May 15: 7:30 pm
Saturday, May 16: 2 pm and 7:30 pm
Sunday, May 17: 2 pm
Monday, May 18: 2 pm

Charrería, the national sport of Mexico, originated with the Spanish conquistadors in the 16th Century. *Charros*, or Mexican horsemen, adapted the equestrian contests of the Spaniards to produce a uniquely Mexican sport. By the 19th Century, these contests were essential elements of celebrations and gatherings. People came from miles around to take part and to watch *Charros* exhibit their skills and compete against each other in daring competitions of horsemanship.

Garcilazo performs throughout Europe, Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. He is a featured performer with Disney Productions in Paris and Buffalo Bill Wild West Show in Holland and Germany. He has also toured with the Will Rogers Follies and has performed numerous times for Mexico's presidents, U.S. White House engagements and New York's Kennedy Center. Visit www.tomasgarcilazo.com for more information.

The 2009 Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair will take place May 15th – 18th at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds, for more information visit www.cloverdalerodeo.com.

About:

The Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition Association is the non-profit organization that manages the world famous Cloverdale Rodeo & Country Fair held every year on the May long weekend (May 15th – 18th, 2009) 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 1000 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 63rd annual Cloverdale Rodeo and the 120th Country Fair visit: www.cloverdalerodeo.com.

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