



ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

HALL OF FAME



Kelly Clark

2023 ACACHOF Inductee



63 Years in Rodeo

Ft. Worth native Kelly Clark's Rodeo career spans more than four decades. A second generation cowboy who's father John Clark was a three time World Champion, Kelly followed his dad's footsteps. Kelly competed in bareback, saddle bronc and bull riding and made several finals in all three events. In his early career he was a qualifier at the Texas State High School Finals and the National High School Finals Rodeo

in Huron, SD (1978).

Kelly attended Tarleton State University where he competed in all three rough stock events before graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree (1983).

Kelly continued his rodeo career in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and the International Pro Rodeo Association where he qualified for the Circuit Finals four times (1987,1991,1992,1993) and the National All Region Finals twice (1992,1993). While in the IPRA he served as Bull Riding Director for three terms before being elected President in 1999.

Kelly's rodeo career has taken him to all connected 48 states, Canada and Mexico. He has won rodeo's from Florida to California, South Texas into Canada. In Texas alone he competed, placed or won at a hundred forty nine cities, several cities multiple times.



He has won several Finals Championships, PRCA Pepsi .

Challenge Series Champion (1993) Texas State Champion (1996) and IPRA Reserve National Champion Bull Rider (1992) as well.

During his career of competition he has also been a bullfighter and rodeo clown. After retirement from competition Kelly began to focus on his clowning career. He has worked as a rodeo clown since 2010 and continues to hone his craft as a sought out funnyman. He works several County Fairs in Texas from the Coastal

Bend to the Red River. In 2022 Kelly was the Central Regional Rodeo Cowboys Association Finals Showcase winner and Funnyman at the World Senior Bull Riding Finals.

Kelly is the inventor of the Electronic Score Boards that the judges use in the PRCA, IPRA and the PBR. Kelly was instrumental in the Senior Pro Judges system in the IPRA where he also judged numerous rodeos across the country and was a PBR judge for several years. He continues his love for the sport by producing “stand alone” bull ridings in North Texas and the Coastal Bend areas of Texas as well. In 2016 Kelly was a nominee to the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame and in 2022 he was inducted into the Rodeo Legacy Hall of Fame.