



ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

HALL OF FAME



Jim Curtis

“The Voice of Rodeo”



I am Jim Curtis - Rodeo Announcer - born and raised in a small rural town of Basile, LA. Was a three year letterman in 3 sports & choir. Won State football championship in 1954. Attended McNeese State Collge in Lake Charles, LA.

I was always around cattle and horse people. I also wanted to be rodeo cowboy. Worked for Kinney Bros. Rodeo Co. as a general hand and tried a hand in 3 rodeo events and wasn't good at any of them.

Decided I maybe could be a rodeo announcer so I could stay involved in rodeo. Started out in 1960 on small rodeos. I moved to Pearland, TX in 1962 to be around more rodeos, and managed to work over 100 performances a year ever since. I have managed to work over 30 or 40 rodeos a year ever since. I have worked rodeos in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. I have worked for 24 stock contractors, 18 great contractors in Texas, 4 in Louisiana, 1 in Oklahoma and 1 in Mississippi. I was chosen announcer of the year for the SRA & TRA in 1968, 1972, 1973 & 1974. I was chosen four times to announce the finals for SRA & TRA. I have announced for youth, high school college and several other associations. I have been a member of the SRA, TRA, IRA, LRA, CPRA and PRCA. Some rodeos I have worked for over 25 years in a row. I have always believed in good stock and lots of color. I performed in live rodeo bands, so I put together some tapes and cassettes to use at my rodeos I worked. Contractors, Com-



mitteemen and Contestants seem to really enjoy the atmosphere. During this time I was also a committeeman with the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo working with the Kids Calf Scramble for over 30 years donating my time and trophies to winners who returned to show their animals.

I have been in the Western Industry selling boots, saddles and tack. Started out working for Tandy Corporation and Bona Allen Boot & Saddle Co. as a salesman and was promoted to National Sales Manager. I am still in the business today as a salesman for Fabtron, Inc. out of Tennessee.

Having chosen to be a rodeo announcer and moving to Texas was the best decision I have made in my life. I have to thank my family and all the stock contractors, committees, secretaries, clowns and great specialty acts and all great cowboys and cowgirls I have been around during my career for all the great success I have enjoyed.

After over 45 years 'behind the mike' it would be the greatest honor to be even considered to be in the Cowboy and Arena Champions Hall of Fame.

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