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2020 Santa Barbara Old Spanish Days

96th Annual Fiesta Stock Horse Show and Rodeo Cancelled

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The 96th Annual Old Spanish Days Fiesta Stock Horse Show & Rodeo, scheduled for August 6 through 9, has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

“This was not an easy decision to come to”, Rodeo Chair Josiah Jenkins said in a statement. “I know that the impacts are far-reaching for our community, our sponsors, our contestants, and our hundreds of volunteers that all come together to continue the time-honored tradition of the Rodeo.”

As we were looking forward to a successful 2020 Fiesta Stock Horse Show & Rodeo, the Rodeo Committee invested \$25,000 in the rebuild of Earl Warren Showgrounds, the arenas and footing. We are very proud of the voluntary contributions from the community that came together with the aid of the Santa Barbara Equine Assistance & Evac Team who have done a tremendous job rebuilding portions of Earl Warren for the safe use by large animals.

Each and every year, hundreds of spectators come to the Earl Warren Show Grounds for a fun filled weekend, starting off with an evening Professional Bull Riding (PBR), three performances of The Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA), and throughout the weekend local competition and a variety of events showcasing the talents of our amazing junior cowgirls and cowboys. Additionally, Friday’s event pays tribute to Wrangler’s “*Tough Enough To Wear Pink*” cause, raising both awareness and funds for Breast Cancer research.

On behalf of the hundreds of volunteers that put countless hours of hard work each year to keep the spirit of the Santa Barbara Vaquero alive, we want to thank our community and sponsors for their support and look forward to working with them all again in 2021.

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