

Boyd Polhamus

PRCA Rodeo Announcer & Master of Ceremonies

Twenty-five years ago, Boyd Polhamus announced a college rodeo in Uvalde, Texas. He got the gig by pretending to be a rodeo announcer in his college's practice arena at the same time he was competing as a cowboy. The pretending ended in October of 1985; and a career was born.

No one, not even Polhamus, could have imagined what the next two decades would bring. His resume now includes fifteen selections as an announcer for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada, and five more as the Alternate Announcer. Only Hall-of-Fame Announcer Bob Tallman has been chosen more often. He's been selected twice to work the Dodge National Circuit Finals in Pocatello, Idaho. In addition, he's announced the Montana, Turquoise, Badlands, and Southeastern Circuit Finals, as well as the Texas Circuit Finals ten different times.

In addition, Polhamus was voted the PRCA's Announcer of the Year for 2007 and again in 2008. In 2000, 2003 and again in 2005, he was honored as the WPRA Announcer of the Year, and he's been a Top-Five Finalist for the same honor in the PRCA on eleven different occasions.

In 2009, Polhamus announced the sports most prestigious events, from Denver to San Angelo and Houston. In June, he announced the College National Finals for the seventh time, and his itinerary included stops in Colorado Springs, Nampa, and Dodge City. He also recorded hundreds of commercials in his home studio in Brenham, Texas.

"Better than I deserve..." is Polhamus' most common response to the question "How are you?" He says that comment most accurately describes both his professional and family life. His career demands nearly 300 travel days a year, and his wife, Sandee, is both his best friend and best advisor.

"There's too much in my life that is right, that I have no control over, so it's got to be God." Polhamus said. "Everything good that's happened in my life can be traced back to a friend or family member who went out of their way to help me. Well, you don't buy your friends at a department store; God puts them in your life. I can only hope I've treated them as well as they've treated me."

On those rare occasions when he can be found at home, Polhamus enjoys Team Roping, the Green Bay Packers, and working with his bucking-bred cattle on the Band-Aid Ranch in Brenham, TX.