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## **Tickets available for horse clinician, Chris Cox, at 2009 NILE Horse Extravaganza**

BILLINGS, MONT.- Tickets are now available for horse clinician, Chris Cox, who will be featured as part of the 2009 Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) Horse Extravaganza. Cox's two-day clinic, part of his "Ride the Journey Tour", will be held October 10 and 11. As part of the clinic, Cox will work with the NILE raffle horse during portions of his clinic. This year's horse, donated by Chad and Erin Fink of Hysham, Montana, is a two-year-old sorrel.

"We are very excited to have such a well-known clinician coming to Billings," stated Heather Pfancook, NILE Assistant General Manager. "I encourage anyone interested in attending to purchase their tickets in advance."

Cox, who spent most of his childhood in Australia, began his dream of training horse at the age of eighteen when he returned to America. His program proved to be immensely popular with people of all ages and skill levels. Cox is not only a successful clinician; he trains and competes at the highest levels of cutting horse competition. At his ranch he often has over twenty horses in training even as he juggles his demanding clinic, touring and competition schedules. For more information about Cox visit [www.chris-cox.com](http://www.chris-cox.com).

Cox will begin his work with the filly on Saturday, October 10, and Sunday, October 11, in the Rimrock Auto Arena at the MetraPark in Billings. The NILE raffle horse will be drawn at the Gold Buckle Performance Horse Sale Saturday, October 17. Proceeds from the raffle horse will support promoting youth and educational programs. Tickets for a chance to win the can be purchased for \$5. For more information or to buy tickets contact the NILE at (406) 256-2495.

The NILE Horse Extravaganza will also include a NILE Ranch Rodeo Championship Rodeo, Ranch Horse Competition, Pee Wee Stampede and Stick Horse Rodeo, stock dog clinics, breed showcase, the Northern Ranch Roping Finals, Gold Buckle Horse Sales, and Mane Market Trade Show.

A weekend pass for Chris Cox can be purchased for \$25. Passes are buy one, get one free up to the day of the event. Passes purchased at the door will be \$40. All other NILE Horse Extravaganza events are free to the public.

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