



NEW SERIES *THE LAST COWBOY* FROM ACADEMY AWARD® NOMINEE TAYLOR SHERIDAN – PREMIERES WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 AT 11 P.M. ET/PT, FOLLOWING CABLE'S MOST-WATCHED SUMMER SERIES *YELLOWSTONE*, ON PARAMOUNT NETWORK

New Documentary-Competition Series Focuses on High-Stakes World of Elite Horsemanship with \$1 Million Purse on the Line

New York, NY, July 17, 2019 – [The Last Cowboy](#), a new unscripted series spotlighting the highly skilled horsemen and trainers that compete in the intense, high-stakes world of professional reining, premieres on Paramount Network Wednesday, July 24 at 11 p.m. ET/PT, immediately following [Yellowstone](#), cable's most-watched summer series currently airing its second season.

From Academy Award®-nominee Taylor Sheridan, writer of *Hell or High Water* and *Sicario*; writer/director of *Wind River*, and co-creator of the hit Paramount Network original scripted drama series *Yellowstone*; *The Last Cowboy* puts center stage the real-life men and women who compete on the professional reining circuit – a Western-based competition where riders guide horses through a precise pattern of circles, spins and stops – as they prepare for the biggest bout in the sport's history: "The Run for a Million." The series chronicles eight reiners determined to elevate and preserve the cowboy tradition as they train and engage in the exclusive, ultra-competitive athletic event.

In addition to executive producing the new unscripted series, Sheridan is also launching "The Run for a Million," reining's first-ever, arena-based competition with a \$1 million purse, marking the largest in its history. The upcoming experience will take place August 15-17, 2019 at the South Point Arena and Equestrian Center in Las Vegas, and the competition will come to life in the series finale of *The Last Cowboy*.

The Last Cowboy is produced by Truly Original and executive produced by 101 Studios. Watch the trailer *The Last Cowboy* [here](#).

The elite horsemen and women featured in *The Last Cowboy* are (in alphabetical order):

- Casey Deary (Weatherford, TX) – A Texas native, Deary won the coveted National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Futurity in 2012 and 2015. He's made the finals in countless major reining events and is the 2017 NHRA Derby Champion. This will be Deary's first season without his protégé, Abby Lengel, an up and coming female rider. He has NRHA lifetime earnings of more than \$1.7 million.
- Andre Fappani (Scottsdale, AZ) – Born and raised in Italy, Fappani followed his dream of becoming one of the all-time leading trainers of reining. For him, competition is a family affair – his wife Tish is also a champion reiner and his 14-year-old son Luca has recently

taken up the sport. Fappani is the #2 all-time NRHA rider in career winnings with approximately \$5.5 million.

- Abby Lengel (Gainesville, TX) – Lengel has recently branched out on her own professionally after spending five years as an assistant on the ranch of fellow rider (now competitor) Casey Deary. The Eastern Colorado native runs her own business on a ranch staffed entirely by women. She was named NRHA's Professional Horsewoman of the Year in 2018.
- Tom McCutcheon (Aubrey, TX) - McCutcheon is a million-dollar rider and gold medalist from the World Equestrian Games, with NRHA lifetime earnings of \$1.8 million. His father-in-law is Tim McQuay, a reining legend and a NRHA Hall of Famer. He is also the father of 18-year-old Cade McCutcheon who recently turned pro.
- Cade McCutcheon (Aubrey, TX) - Cade is the youngest rider ever to be named on Team USA for the World Equestrian Games. The son of million-dollar riders Tom and Mandy McCutcheon, Cade is following closely in their footsteps, launching his professional training business just out of high school.
- Matt Mills (Scottsdale, AZ) – This Southern California native won gold in the World Equestrian Games and is consistently ranked on the “NRHA Top Twenty Professional Riders” list. He’s won several titles including NRHA Intermediate Open Futurity Reserve Champion, as well as multiple titles at the National Reining Breeders Classic (NRBC).
- Craig Schmersal (Scottsdale, AZ) – Schmersal is ranked #3 professionally, with more than \$4 million in lifetime earnings. In 2017, he won the “NRHA Level 4 Open Futurity” and has won the “National Reining Breeders Level 4 Open Derby Classic.” He was a member of the US Team at the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky, winning Team Gold and Individual Silver medals. He is also a gold medal winner in the World Reining Masters.
- Jason Vanlandingham (Whitesboro, TX) – Vanlandingham began training professionally in the summer of 1998. He has accumulated many NRHA Futurity and Derby Championships and has lifetime earnings of more than \$1.7 million.

The Last Cowboy is produced for Paramount Network by Truly Original with Glenda Hersh, Steven Weinstock, Brian Catalina, Michelle Schiefen, Julie “Bob” Lombardi and Christy Wegener serving as executive producers. Taylor Sheridan, 101 Studios and David C. Glasser serve as executive producers. Tori Socha oversees the production for Paramount Network.

About Truly Original

Truly Original creates a broad range of scripted and unscripted programming for television and digital platforms. Run by Emmy® Award-winning producers Glenda Hersh and Steven Weinstock, who serve as Truly Original's co-presidents and CEOs, the company is a subsidiary of Endemol Shine North America. In addition to *The Last Cowboy*, Truly Original's series include *Ink Master* and *Ink Master: Grudge Match* for Paramount Network; *Deal or No Deal* for CNBC, hosted by Howie Mandel; *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*, *The Real Housewives of Potomac*, *Don't Be Tardy*, *Shahs of Sunset* and *Summer House* for Bravo; *Basketball Wives* for VH1; *To Have & To Hold: Charlotte* for OWN; *Swamp People* for History; *Teen Mom: Young Moms Club* for MTV; and many others.

About 101 Studios

101 Studios is a global entertainment company dedicated to the acquisition, financing, development, production and distribution of high-caliber, creator-driven storytelling. Formed by veteran film and television executives David Glasser and David Hutkin in 2019, the studio empowers content creators through first-class collaboration and innovation. Inaugural releases include Alfonso Gomez-Rejon's *The Current War*, featuring Benedict Cumberbatch and Michael Shannon, and the second season of Taylor Sheridan's modern-day western series *Yellowstone*, starring Kevin Costner.

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