

THE AMERICAN RODEO

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COUNTRY POWERHOUSES MIDLAND & CHRIS YOUNG TO HEADLINE THE AMERICAN RODEO CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

Live performances fuel rodeo's biggest purse at Globe Life Field, May 22-23, 2026



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Arlington, TX, January 30, 2026 – The countdown is officially on. Teton Ridge, a premier force in Western sports and entertainment, today announced that country music stars Midland and Chris Young will take the stage during The American Rodeo Championship Weekend, returning May 22–23, 2026, to Globe Life Field. Now in its 13th year, The American Rodeo delivers the highest stakes in Western sports, showcasing elite competitors across all eight traditional rodeo disciplines. Fans will watch reigning champions, including eight-time World Champion Stetson Wright (all-around, saddle bronc, bull riding), 2025 Bareback World Champion Rocker Steiner, two-time Barrel Racing World Champion Kassie Mowry, three-time Tie-Down Roping World Champion Riley Webb, and 2024 Bull Riding World Champion Ky Hamilton, face off against underdog Qualifiers chasing life-changing payouts — and the chance to be part of a moment that could redefine the sport.

On Friday, May 22, GRAMMY-nominated hitmakers Midland, known for their signature blend of classic country swagger and modern polish, will light up opening night as the final Qualifier field is locked in. With chart-topping hits and a reputation for high-energy live shows, Midland sets the tone as the stakes rise and only the Top 5 Qualifiers in each discipline earn their shot at Saturday's \$2 million bonus — the final year the payout will roll over, turning Championship Weekend into a true last-chance moment fans won't want to miss.

On Saturday, May 23, championship night, one of Billboard's top country artists of the decade, Chris Young — celebrated for his powerhouse vocals and a catalog of No. 1 hits that balance country roots with a modern edge — will take the stage ahead of the final round. As one of country music's most consistent chart-toppers, Young's performance fuels the atmosphere for rodeo's biggest night, when champions are crowned and history is made.

Single tickets go on sale to the general public Tuesday, January 26 at 10:00 a.m. CST.

Two-day ticket packages are available now, offering fans 25% savings on the full weekend experience. All tickets include access to both the rodeo competition and live performances.

For fans looking to elevate their weekend, VIP Experiences are available now. For the latest updates, visit americanrodeo.com or follow @TheAmericanRodeo on TikTok, Facebook, and @TheAmerican.TR on Instagram.

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