

## Press Release

### For Immediate Release

Joan Wells, Women's World Champion Trick Roper and inductee to the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas will present a dazzling and unique performance of Trick and Fancy Roping on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

Joan Wells wanted to be a cowgirl at an early age after learning about horses and trick roping from her cousin Almon Bates, a rodeo cowboy and trick roper. She started roping at the age of four and then took further instruction from Jim Eskew Jr., World Champion Trick Roper from Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Joan's mastery of both the Mexican and American styles of roping is an exotically beautiful art. Her routine is choreographed to western music and she spins the rope smoothly as she goes from one trick to the next. Her style is traditional and her tricks are those seen in the early years of the wild west shows and rodeos. She performs such tricks as the intricate butterfly combinations to multiple rope spins, double tricks, the Big Loop, Ocean Wave and Texas Skip. Her routine requires dexterity, agility, precision and skill reflecting the roping style during the wild west era. Joan is the only woman in the world to perform the difficult horse catch. This involves roping a horse and rider from a spinning loop as they run full speed across the arena.

In 1979 Joan won the title as Women's World Champion Trick Roper by winning the Women's Free Lance and Texas Skip competition at the Will Rogers Trick Roping Contest in Claremore, Oklahoma. In 2006 and 2007 she returned to Claremore to win first place honors at the Will Rogers Trick Roping Exposition.

Wells has made appearances through out the nation on television, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Kansas and Texas Cowboy Symposium, the Will Rogers Follies, Pawnee Bill and Buffalo Bill Wild West shows, western art museums, numerous western events, stage shows, rodeos, fairs and conventions. Through her dedication to her rope handling, Joan enhances the imagery of the American Cowgirl....needless to say, "Joan knows the ropes."