# FREESTYLE BULLFIGHTERS

In a freestyle bullfight, the bullfighter goes one-on-one against a rider-less bull for 70 seconds. The bullfighter is judged on his willingness to expose himself to risk and on his aggressiveness. His objective is to stay as close as he can to the bull throughout the fight. Bullfighters have elevated the sport by employing spectacular maneuvers, such as jumping over a charging bull. Like the riders, the bullfighters score higher when the bull is more aggressive.

Bullfight bulls are bred to be smaller, quicker and more agile than those used in bull riding. They can compete for years and, like their human counterparts, learn from their mistakes and improve with experience. Bullfighters Only, the BFO, is sanctioning our 2021 bullfights and they are presented by ATS Transportation Services, Inc.

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PRESENTED BY

#### **AUSTIN ASHLEY**

- 2019 BFO Kent, WA Finalist
- 2019 BFO Finals Las Vegas, NV Qualifier
- 2020 One Hot Bullfight, Waco TX Champion
- 2020 BFO Finals FT Worth, TX Top 10
- 2021 Rapid City, SD Finalist
- 2021 BFO Reno, NV Champion
- 2021 BFO Cody, WY Runner Up
- 2021 BFO Burlington, Co-Champion

Austin Ashley grew up in Oklahoma and was raised amongst the cutting horse industry and later around rodeo. At the age of 12 and with the help of Cody & Ashley Webster, Austin began to pursue freestyle bullfighting while attending school and playing school sports.

At the end of his junior year in high school, Austin made the decision to finish high school through home school in order to pursue his dream of freestyle bullfighting as well as cowboy protection.

**ALEX MCWILLIAMS** 

- 2018 Ardmore World Championship Bullfights Champion
- 2018 PBR Beast Pit Champion
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- 2019 American Freestyle **Bullfighting World Champion**
- 2 time qualifier for the BFO World Finals



Alex McWilliams was born and raised in Paso Robles, CA. Alex wasn't brought up around rodeo but at the age of 14 his parents started buying bucking bulls and he decided he wanted to be a part of rodeo. At 14 he was introduced to Frank Newsome and attended his schools. He started doing little rodeos and at the age of 17 he started his freestyle career. In 2018 he went to the Rex Dunn world championship bullfights and pulled out the win. In 2019 he won the world title with the American Freestyle Bullfighters. Alex qualified for the Bullfighters Only (BFO) world finals 2 years in a row in 2017-2018.

# WESTON RUTKOWSKI

- 3X BFO World Champion
- 2019 RFDTV The American Bullfighter
- 2016 PBR Velocity Finals
- 2016 Prairie Circuit Finals
- 2013 NFR Bucking Stock Sale Champion
- 45 + Event Wins in Freestyle Bullfighting

but he never felt up to par. When Weston's friend Clint Hopping asked him to protect him in practice, Weston went for it. What happened next he said, "Just felt natural". Weston's hard work and dedication has led him to 3 Bullfighter's Only World Titles and numerous other accomplishments. Weston credits his commitment to working out every day and staying physically fit that allows him to get around bulls the way he does. Weston says bullfighting is a mental challenge. "You've gotta be strong enough mentally to overcome your fear of what could happen and get out there and just do your job."

Weston's fascination with bulls led him to try bull riding in college,

## ΤΟΒΥ ΙΝΜΑΝ

- 2016 BFO Champion Sioux Falls, SD
- 2017 California Rodeo Salinas **BFO Champion**

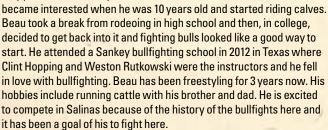
Toby is no stranger to the sport of

rodeo. He has been around it most of his life. He started out riding bulls and bucking horses, but soon turned to the cowboy protection side of the sport. He has competed in Salinas for several years and we look forward to having him back in 2021.

### ..... **BEAU SCHUETH**

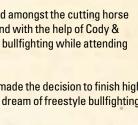
- BFO Arlington Champ 2016
- BFO Sioux Falls Champ 2016
- BFO Sikeston, MO Champ 2016

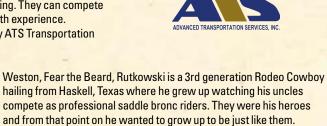
Beau Schueth is 25 years old and lives in O'Neill, Nebraska. He is the only person in his family to rodeo; he





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2018 Ada, OK BFO Champion

• 2018 San Antonio, TX **BFO Champion** 

