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The third jewel in the Triple Crown of cutting horse events starts July 14 with the 2008 NCHA Summer Cutting Spectacular presented by Great American Insurance

(Fort Worth, TX)— History could be made at this year's NCHA Summer Spectacular. It has been five years since a Triple Crown winner walked out of the Will Rogers Memorial Arena in Fort Worth, Texas. This year High Brow CD shown by Austin Shepard, Summerdale, Ala., is in contention for that coveted award. The Triple Crown has only been won by three other horses, Chiquita Pistol in 2002-03, ridden by Tag Rice, Smart Little Lena in 1982-83, ridden by Bill Freeman and Docs Okie Quixote in 1983-84, ridden by Joe Heim.

High Brow CD, is a stallion by High Brow Cat, the leading NCHA money earning stallion with offspring earning more than \$5.2 million, and is out of Sweet Little CD, by CD Olena. High Brow CD is owned by Grace Ranches, Jennings, La., he has NCHA earnings of more than \$410,000 just since the 2007 NCHA Futurity.

The Summer Cutting Spectacular is the "third jewel" of the Triple Crown of Cutting. The first two legs are the NCI Building Systems / NCHA World Championship Futurity and the Ford Super Stakes and Super Stakes Classic.

The National Cutting Horse Association Summer Cutting Spectacular presented by Great American Insurance will be held at the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum July 14 – August 3, 2008. With an increase in entries from last year, the event lists 1,500 entries vying for the \$2.1 million in prize money.

The Great American Insurance Company sponsors this prestigious cutting horse event. Each day the cutting begins at 8 a.m. with free admission to the public. Admission cost will begin at \$8 on August 2-3. A complete daily schedule and list of classes are available on the NCHA website at <http://www.nchacutting.com>.

Horses to watch this year will be High Brow CD, ridden by Austin Shepard. High Brow CD won the 2007 NCI/NCHA World Championship Futurity Open and was the Co-Champion of the 2008 Ford Super Stakes Open. Also competing will be the 2007 Ford Super Stakes Open Co-Champion, Playin N Fancy Smart, ridden by Kory Pounds, Millsap, Texas owned by Slate River Ranch, Weatherford, Texas and Desires Little Rex, the 2007 NCI/NCHA World Championship Futurity Reserve Champion, owned by Jerry and Vickie Durant, Weatherford, Texas.

The Western Mercantile presented by Coors Light will be open to the public from 9 am to 6 pm beginning on Wednesday, July 16, and will remain open throughout the remainder of the show. The Western Mercantile will feature many exhibits with Western clothing, tack, jewelry, art, Ford vehicles and much more in the Amon G. Carter Exhibit Hall.

The 2008 Buffalo Ranch NYCHA Scholarship Cutting will be July 14-18. More than \$28,000 in college scholarships will be awarded in the Junior and Senior Youth classes. The five day event will also include the annual NYCHA Convention featuring the NYCHA awards banquet, family fun night and the general membership meeting.

For more information about the National Cutting Horse Association, the 2008 NCHA Summer Spectacular presented by Great American Insurance, or the long list of events and activities associated with this 21-day show, please call the NCHA office at 817-244-6188 or visit www.nchacutting.com.

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The National Cutting Horse Association is made up of 17,500 members across the United States with a wide range of backgrounds. The sport of cutting has roots in Western ranching traditions, where good horses were a necessity for everyday ranch work and cattle handling. From cowgirls to CEOs, from firefighters to professional football players, the common ground is often in the cutting arena. Each year more than 2,200 NCHA-approved events are held throughout the country with more than \$43 million in prize money awarded. For more information about the NCHA or the sport of cutting, please call 817-244-6188 or log on to www.nchacutting.com.