



## 2009 Live Horse Racing Announcer

Meet the man that gives a voice to the hoof-pounding excitement!

The Big Fresno Fair Executive Staff, Live Horse Racing and Satellite Facility management are pleased to announce Frank Mirahmadi as the official race track announcer for the 2009 live racing season. This year will mark Mirahmadi's fourth year announcing at The Big Fresno Fair.

Hired by the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) in 2008, Mirahmadi previously served as Track Announcer and Racing Publicity Manager at Louisiana Downs from 2000 to 2005. From 1996 to 2001, he served as the track announcer and television host at Hialeah Park. Known for his impressions, Mirahmadi has called races using more than 30 different voices, and won the Television Games Network, Viewer's Choice Race Call of the Year award in 2000 and 2001. Making it to the big screen, Mirahmadi portrayed the Santa Anita track announcer in the movie "Seabiscuit" and the Monmouth Park Track Announcer in the movie "Ruffian." "I have always wanted to call races in California," said Mirahmadi. "This is an exciting opportunity."

Some might say that Mirahmadi was born with horse racing in his blood. "As a kid, the only thing I wanted to do on the weekends was go to the track," Mirahmadi recalls. "My job was to convince my dad to take me, and he obliged regularly. We were racetrack buddies." Now a seasoned professional, Mirahmadi calls the races at a variety of fairs including Ferndale, Pleasanton, Stockton and Vallejo. As a returning announcer for The Big Fresno Fair, Mirahmadi enjoys the dedicated and enthusiastic horse racing fans at the Fair. "The City is passionate about The Big Fresno Fair and they show up every racing day!"

Horse racing has been the backbone of The Big Fresno Fair ever since the Fair's debut in 1883. As the last California Racing Fair of the season, The Big Fresno Fair prides itself on providing one of the best live horse racing experiences around. "We appreciate the continued support of each of the horse owners, trainers and jockeys that make The Big Fresno Fair horse racing event so successful," said John C. Alkire, CEO, The Big Fresno Fair. "Fresno loves live racing, which makes our track the exciting place to be in October!"

**Interviews Available: Frank Mirahmadi, Announcer**

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