

To Whom It May Concern,

I'd like to first speak to the showmanship of the Calamity Cowgirls. I came across a social media post that prompted me to look further into this outstanding group of girls. Within seconds of watching a youtube video, I had to call over another member of my Sports team here at CTV Regina. We agreed they were impressive, not even knowing their ages yet, and that we needed to feature them on our newscasts.

A few days later, I had the privilege of seeing them perform in person. That level of dedication and showmanship is rare, but especially profound in a group of girls who are in their early teens and have only been performing for a short amount of time. The piece that we aired on our sportscasts was widely shared and remarked on, for their ability and their character.

I then saw them perform at the 2015 Canadian Western Agribition. As soon as the music started and that first girl rode out on her horse, I got chills. It was immediately energizing, thrilling, and had me on the edge of my seat. From the music to the costumes to the way each one carried herself, it was the definition of a *performance*. Others around me were commenting, ooh-ing and ah-ing at the tricks they were performing, and were equally amazed as I was....and I had seen the routine before! Again, their showmanship is remarkable. If I could suggest anything to improve their performance, it would be that I wanted to see more! For hours! Forget their poor tiny bodies, we all loved the show!

Now, while the show itself is so important to drawing crowds, I can't say enough about the character of each of these young women. Cashlyn, Cassidy, and Marci are a dynamic group, each bringing a very distinct personality to their tightly knit friendship. Each of them is kind and energetic, yet bring something different to the table that makes the Calamity Cowgirls so easy to love. Their love for what they do is evident, and their motto – "If a girl wants to be a legend, she should just go ahead and be one," is relatable, and I believe shows just what makes these young ladies true role models.

In conclusion, I would be thrilled to watch the Calamity Cowgirls perform at every rodeo event I attended. They're fun, they're talented, and they're genuinely wonderful people that everyone should have the privilege of meeting.

Thank you,

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