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Rose Parade Registers Unique & Original Entries

Santa Rosa, CA (April 30, 2009) – The 2009 edition of the Rose Parade brings some very unique, never before seen entries to Santa Rosa this year. Experience a part of the 2008 Beijing Olympics by witnessing one of the Mono-wheel “bikes” brought straight from the closing ceremonies. The Vista Vehicle is the world’s first human powered mono-wheel. The rider sits within a single wheel, you have to witness it to believe it! The mono-wheel comes from a recent event in history, join us as we explore “Through the Decades” to showcase the music and events that have shaped our lives during the past 12 decades since the Parade began in 1894.

A 1930’s fairytale brought to life in downtown Santa Rosa. A breath-taking Cinderella Carriage drawn by 2 white Arabian horses will bring magic to the parade this year. Carriage Occasions showcases every child’s fantasy with a replica of the Disney classic.

Recycled and pedal powered. This eco-friendly vehicle participating in the upcoming parade is called the Hennepin Crawler. This entry highlights historic railway travel and current earth friendly ideas. KrankBoomClank, a local kinetic sculpture group, debuted this vehicle in last year’s West End Handcar Regatta. The Hennepin Crawler raced against other kinetic sculptures on Santa Rosa’s dormant railway. Check out this unique vehicle and spark an interest in this year’s Regatta.

Experience these memorable floats in addition to over 150 more as we travel “Through the Decades.” Keeping with tradition, the parade will include clowns, marching bands, cars, floats and equestrians. The parade will begin at E Street and Sonoma Avenue and turn down 4th Street ending at Courthouse Square, on Saturday, May 16, 2009.

For more information and to volunteer or sponsor contact the Rose Parade office at (707) 542-7673 or online at www.roseparadefestival.com