



baggie pair of Wranglers," Thompson explained. "The ideas for my acts tend to materialize while driving. You have a lot of time to think when you're putting on miles. I also network with other clowns, and I like to catch a theatrical show from time to time and see what others are doing."

The first thing Thompson does when he checks into his barrel is scope out the view. The view from the arena is one of his favorite views, and there is nothing he'd rather be doing with his time than entertaining crowds all across the country.

"It is a great view! You get to see people of all ages and cultures, the patriotic colors, the western heritage, the grill smoke from the vendors, and on top of that, I get to work with some of the world's top athletes and world champion bucking stock, and the best part is that I have the best seat in the house right in the middle of it all," Thompson exclaimed.

Thompson's smart mouth might have gotten him into the rodeo clown business, but it was his love of laughter and the western heritage that turned it into a lifelong career.

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