

Frankie PUNKINTOWN Smith The Doctor of Comedy

TESTIMONIALS – FRANKIE “PUNKINTOWN” SMITH

CODY STAMPEDE RODEO TESTIMONIAL

The Cody Stampede in 2011 got one of the greatest compliments I think we've ever received. A freelance photographer representing a couple of western magazines told me that in his three years of covering rodeo, this was the first truly, thoroughly, 100% family show he's attended. There were none of the underlying political messages, social biases, sexual innuendo, or hidden biases that he's used to hearing. I see this as a great tribute to our barrelman, Frankie “Punkintown” Smith. There's not a mean bone in his body. I suspect that even his mother-in-law loves his mother-in-law jokes. And no parent has to be embarrassed when his kid says, “Tell me what that means, Daddy.” Punkintown is funny, energetic, unexpected, and always appropriate. He obviously loves people, and nobody has a better time at the rodeo than he does.

Punkintown goes beyond the call of duty for us as well – radio, parades, public appearances, autograph sessions. I'm sure he's sold a bunch of tickets for us. It didn't take long for Frankie and Laurie to become part of the Cody Stampede family, and we're looking forward to their continuing to be part of our tradition.

Paul Fees, Past President

Cody Stampede

Fiesta Days Rodeo in Spanish Fork Utah

As we finish up our 20th consecutive sold out performance at the Fiesta Days Rodeo in Spanish Fork Utah, a Wrangler Million Dollar Tour rodeo, I want to reflect on how our contract personnel help to make this truly the greatest show on dirt. We take pride in offering the best

value in entertainment and best produced show in the state of Utah. This is only possible due to the professionalism shown by every individual that takes part in the production.

We as a committee have been talking about Frankie "Punkintown" Smith for about 5 years now and finally had the opportunity to sign him. If you have ever talked with him, you know that he is never out of character, because "clownin" is not what he does but who he is. Punkintown was ready and willing to do anything he could to support and promote our rodeo. From the time we signed contracts with him (18 months prior to the performance) to the day after the last performance he was at task making the rodeo the best it could be. He fulfilled every measure of the contract 110%.

Besides his personal contribution, he brings a supporting staff that is second to none. His pony "Turbo: the smartest horse on earth" brought the crowd to their feet. And speaking of feet you should see what Punkintown can do with his! His tap shoes were smokin' (another crowd pleaser). But I would be amiss if I failed to mention the biggest contribution to his show, ever behind the scenes but always there is his beautiful wife Laurie. Don't tell Punkintown, but I believe that it might be her smile that keeps everyone coming back to their booth at the PRCA convention.

The committee at Fiesta Days Rodeo focuses on a family friendly event for all ages. When we first spoke with Punkintown he had all the right answers for us. He said that he would give a truly funny performance without crossing the line of family friendly. That is not easily done and as we have experienced in the past, can really cost us customers if the barrel man doesn't keep it clean for our community. Punkintown never missed a beat! He kept the crowd in stitches all four nights of the rodeo. Not one complaint came in about his humor or demeanor. Although we did receive countless emails that praised his acts and comedy! It is unusual to get the spectators to take time to send in something that is done right.

Punkintown will be invited back for a repeat performance in the future. He left the rodeo not only as a successful contract act, but as a personal friend to those who worked beside him during the week. I overheard a four year old young man ask him, "what in the hell are you

doin' Punkintown.?" In answer, I say he was helping to make 2011 the best Fiesta Days Rodeo yet!

Trent Anderson

Fiesta Days Rodeo Committee

Rooftop Rodeo in Estes Park Colorado

Rooftop Rodeo in Estes Park Colorado has many great things going for it. One of those great things is Frankie "Punkintown" Smith. Frankie starts out calling well before the rodeo starts asking what he can do for our show. He makes it very clear he is here to work for the committee. Frankie's friendly personality is the first thing you notice when he comes thru the gate.

I have taken the opportunity on several occasions to go out into the community with Frankie. When we are at a restaurant, it is always a sponsor, and Frankie makes the owner feel valued and appreciated. He says things like, "Sir, this is the best food I have eaten anywhere and believe me, I know food". He just has a very positive way about himself that makes you want to spend time with him.

Frankie's beliefs and values are high. He sets his expectations at the top. You can expect a clean fun show that is energetic and exciting. Frankie is just the kind of clown everyone needs. Someone you don't have to worry about what he is going to say or do.

Frankie is more than just a clown at the Rooftop. He is an ambassador of the sport of rodeo and the Town of Estes Park. We feel blessed to have him be a part of our show and look forward to many more in the future.

Hire Frankie just once and you will be hooked. He will be a friend for life and a great clown for your show.

Bo Winslow

Fairgrounds and Events Manager - Town of Estes Park