

Q&A with Adrian Brannan

Adrian is a singer-songwriter and blogger from California. Most know this beautiful bombshell as the [Buckaroo Girl](#) from her previous days of competing in ranch bronc riding. This is Adrian's first year attending the WNFR, but this girl has many miles under the soles of her boots from rodeo travels and concerts she has preformed at. Her style is nothing short of cowboy meets Barbie!

I think a lot of what makes my style unique is that I come from a very traditional background of cowboys who dressed like, well...COWBOYS! When I started really experimenting with fashion and going outside the boundaries of what people expected, I was 14 and was just starting my music career. I knew I liked being different, but I really always like having at least one piece or element in my outfit that is semi-traditional, or reminiscent of the buckaroo's style.

How would you describe your style?

CRAZY. Cowboy. Cavalli. Sometimes traditional (think flat hat, under slung Paul Bonds and a wild rag) I always have to have a lot of leopard print, some tall boots or heels, and a flashy belt. Those are my "bare essentials"!

What staple pieces will you be packing along to the WNFR?

I swear by a comfortable pair of boots. I LOVE Corrals, they have so many great styles and are super comfortable. Another staple piece for me is a flashy belt. I will sometimes wear a little black dress and heels out, but I always throw on a big flashy belt like one of [Quincy Freeman's designs](#), or a [Ranch Royalty Concho belt](#). Also, two words...Squash. Blossom.

What about these pieces make your outfits feel complete?

Boots make me feel really confident, I love rocking heels...but I feel like if I need to do something horseback in a split second, or help someone with something...I would be more efficient in my boots! My belts always just make me feel like the outfit has that “finishing touch” to it, and is complete. It’s usually one of the last things I put on. As for my squash blossom, honestly I always feel like I am wearing a piece of history! And I love the craftsmanship and time that goes into building a single piece.

What are five essentials you will be taking to the WNFR that you think every girl should have in her suitcase?

Since this is my first time (EEK! I AM FREAKING OUT!) I am going pretty prepared, but because I travel a lot anyway for my music career, I have a pretty good idea on what I’ll need.

- *Sewing kit. You never know what is going to happen. Seriously.*
- *Pocketknife. Because every girl needs one.*
- *Lipstick and powder for touchups.*
- *Business cards or some kind of media sharing hand-out...this is essential no matter where you are!*
- *A small brush, toothbrush and moisturizer. I always keep a little bag with these in case I end up staying out late or staying with friends*
- *A nice fur coat.*

What will you be incorporating into your night performance outfits?

I have always thought, and still believe that confidence is literally the most important part of an outfit. I like to try on my outfit, see if I feel comfortable, how I am able to move around – and if I would be confident meeting someone who intimidates me in that outfit...if I do, it’s a go!

Since it does get pretty cold in Vegas during the WNFR, how are you going to layer accordingly?

I am all about vests, long cardigans and ponchos. One of my favorites is a button up, and a fur vest over that. Something plaid, or something sequins always works!

Staying in Vegas for over two weeks can take a toll on a gals body! What are some tips you have on staying healthy during that time?

I plan on being there the whole time this year! I am so excited and can't wait to experience the WNFR. After a really bad horse accident, and subsequently not being able to work out – I have turned to Yoga and Love it! I will try and do at least 30-45 minutes in the morning, and drink a lot of water. It is hard to eat healthy on the road, but if you are prepared with healthy snacks and stay hydrated, I think it's easier!