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TICKETS GO ON SALE FOR CARROT TOP

Tickets go on sale September 23 for the one-time FAU student's comedy concert at Parker Playhouse on March 23

FORT LAUDERDALE – Named "Entertainer of the Year" and "Comedian of the Year," Scott "Carrot Top" Thompson keeps his audience in stitches as he unpacks trunk loads of crazy props and wacky inventions. Tickets go on sale Friday, September 23 at 10 a.m. for the comic's appearance at Parker Playhouse on Thursday, March 23 in an evening presented by AEG Live and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

A spectacle worthy of most rock bands, Carrot Top's show is filled with lights, music, fog machines and confetti cannons. Fans flock to see his show that pokes fun at pop culture, politics, music and whatever else is currently in the headlines.

The comic with the trademark mop of red hair describes himself as a combination of George Carlin ("observational humor"), Steven Wright ("dark, sick humor") and Gallagher ("the props"). Carrot Top's start came when he was a student at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton where, in his freshman year, he saw live stand-up comedy for the first time and began appearing at an open-mic night. The rest is comedy history.

Carrot Top went from working small clubs in the late 1980's to becoming the highest grossing touring comedian in America by the late 1990's. With three decades of comedic performance in his rear view mirror, Carrot Top is one of the most popular, recognizable and successful comedians in America. His hundreds of TV appearances includes the distinct honor of appearing on the very last episode of *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* after an impressive 31 appearances on *The Tonight Show*.

After years of playing to sold-out shows throughout the country, Carrot Top has now become a Las Vegas icon, who recently celebrated his 10th anniversary with the Luxor Resort and Casino and signed a contract to keep appearing there through 2020.

Tickets are \$27.50–\$53. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at www.BrowardCenter.org, www.Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954-462-0222; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Tickets are also available for purchase at the Parker Playhouse box office Tuesday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Parker Playhouse, located in Holiday Park at 707 N.E. Eighth Street in Fort Lauderdale, is an affiliated venue of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, which provides programming and management of the facility. All dates, times, programs, artists and ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

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ABOUT PARKER PLAYHOUSE

Celebrating its 50th anniversary season, the neo-classical Playhouse Parker is one of Fort Lauderdale's first venues. Built by Dr. Louis Parker, the playhouse opened its doors on February 6, 1967 and is managed now by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. This 1,168-seat, fully equipped theater plays an important role in the community by fueling economic development, while also bringing the community together with performances, activities and educational programming.