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## **RON WHITE “NUTCRACKER” COMES TO THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

*Comic known as “Tater Salad” also emcees “Ron White After Party with Margo Rey”*

**FORT LAUDERDALE** – Since his breakout stint with pals from “The Blue Collar Comedy Tour,” **Ron White** has performed his hit comedy shows, “Drunk in Public,” “They Call Me Tater Salad” and “You Can’t Fix Stupid” to packed houses. He brings his “Nutcracker” tour to the Au-Rene Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on **Sunday, March 15 at 7 p.m.**

Known to “party like a Kennedy,” White is the king of good times and an irreverent bad boy who makes hard laughs out of a life of hard knocks. With two Grammy nominations, a gold record, three of the top-rated one-hour TV specials in Comedy Central history, a book that appeared on the *New York Times* Best Seller List, and CD and DVD sales of more than 10 million, he has established himself as one of the most sought-after comedians on tour today.

Over the past five years, White has been one of the top three grossing comedians on tour in the United States. The insightful and hilarious White, who manages to be both razor-sharp and blunt, has always been a storyteller, relaying stories from the time he was a boy growing up in a small town in the middle of Texas oil country to selling windows for a living in Arlington to performing in sold-out theaters and arenas as a headlining comedian all across the country.

Known by his nickname “Tater Salad,” he is recognizable as the cigar smoking, scotch drinking funnyman performing with Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Larry the Cable Guy in the “Blue Collar Comedy” phenomenon. Their tour played to sold-out audiences in more than 90 cities and grossed more than \$15 million dollars. Warner Bros. filmed the tour and *Blue Collar Comedy Tour: The Movie* was released as a major motion picture in theaters in March 2003, later premiering on Comedy Central as the highest rated movie in the channel’s history.

White’s first solo comedy CD, *Drunk In Public*, was released in 2003, the same year his first one-hour comedy special, *They Call Me Tater Salad* earned Comedy Central the highest rated Sunday in its history. His second one-hour special, *You Can’t Fix Stupid* was filmed in January 2006 and aired on Comedy Central to 4.5 million viewers to make it the third-largest audience in Comedy Central’s history and the #1 show in prime time on basic cable. The CD ranked #1 on the *Billboard* comedy charts for 9 consecutive weeks and was nominated for a Grammy Award. White also received a second Grammy nomination that year for the CD, “Blue Collar Comedy Tour - One for The Road.”

In June 2006, Penguin Books released *Ron “Tater Salad” White: I Had the Right to Remain Silent...But I Didn’t Have the Ability*, which debuted on the *New York Times* Best Seller List.

White’s concert contains adult content. Tickets are \$35 - \$55 with Club Level tickets available at \$115. In addition the Ron White “200 Proof” VIP Experience is available for \$204, which includes seating in

the first five rows, a photo and question-and answer-session with White and autographed merchandise. The Ron White “100 Proof” VIP Experience is available for \$105, which includes premium seating and autographed merchandise.

Following his solo performance, he will emcee the “Ron White After Party with Margo Rey” featuring the Billboard chart-topping singer-songwriter who was brave enough to marry him. The after party gets started at 9 p.m. in the Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom at the Broward Center. Tickets to the after party are \$20.

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events, and offers one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, serving more than 150,000 students annually. The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit [BrowardCenter.org](http://BrowardCenter.org).

The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Programs are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.