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“WEIRD AL” YANKOVIC BRINGS MANDATORY WORLD TOUR TO THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

FORT LAUDERDALE – Fresh off the biggest year of his storied career, **“Weird Al” Yankovic** is bringing his 2015 Mandatory World Tour to the Au-Rene Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts **on August 15 at 8 p.m.**

Slated to visit over 100 cities throughout North America, Europe and Australia, the tour follows the release of Weird Al’s #1 album, *Mandatory Fun* (RCA Records), which won the Grammy Award for Best Comedy Album. Released on July 15, 2014, the album immediately shot to #1 on Billboard’s Top 200 Album Chart marking the first time a comedy album debuted in the top position and the first time in more than 50 years that a comedy album has topped the charts.

“Weird Al” Yankovic is the biggest-selling comedy recording artist in history. Now in his fourth career decade, he has won four Grammys (with 15 nominations) and countless accolades for classics like “Eat It,” “Like a Surgeon,” “Yoda,” “Smells Like Nirvana,” “Amish Paradise” and “White & Nerdy.”

For the rollout of his 14th studio album, *Mandatory Fun*, Weird Al world-premiered eight videos in eight days, taking the Internet by storm. The videos, including parodies of Pharrell Williams’ “Happy” (“Tacky”), Robin Thicke’s “Blurred Lines” (“Word Crimes”), Lorde’s “Royals” (“Foil”), and Iggy Azalea’s “Fancy” (“Handy”), garnered more than 46 million views in the first week.

Weird Al also set the U.S. record for having the most tracks from one album on Spotify’s viral top 10 at one time, taking the first four spots. In addition, “Word Crimes” debuted in the Billboard Top 40, making Weird Al one of only three people to have had Top 40 singles in each of the last four decades (the other two are Michael Jackson and Madonna).

Tickets are \$30 to \$60 with \$105 LAN & TAM Airlines Club Level seats available. VIP packages are also available that include priority seating, exclusive merchandise and a pre-show party. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or, Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954.462.0222 or TTD/TTY at 800.359.2525; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center’s AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers.

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CALENDAR BRIEF: On the heels of his history-making #1 Billboard album *Mandatory Fun*, **“Weird Al” Yankovic**, the biggest-selling comedy recording artist of all time, brings his incredible multimedia experience to the Au-Rene Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts **on August 15 at 8 p.m.** Smashing all generational and cultural boundaries, **“Weird Al” Yankovic: The Mandatory World Tour** will feature his newest hit parodies, such as "Tacky" (Pharrell Williams' "Happy"), "Foil" (Lorde's "Royals") and "Word Crimes" (Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines"), plus a major dose of the classics you love, such as "White & Nerdy," "Fat," "Amish Paradise," "Smells Like Nirvana" and "Eat It." Tickets are \$30 to \$60 with \$105 LAN & TAM Airlines Club Level seats available. VIP packages are also available that include priority seating, exclusive merchandise and a pre-show party. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954.462.0222 or TTD/TTY at 800.359.2525; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is one of America's premier performing arts venues. Presenting more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, the Center showcases a wide range of exciting cultural programming and 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.

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.