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State Theatre New Jersey presents comedian

# **RON WHITE**

Thursday, January 17, 2019, 8pm / \$45-\$85

**New Brunswick, NJ** (December 17, 2018)—State Theatre New Jersey presents comedian **Ron White** on **Thursday, January 17, 2019** at **8pm.** *Tickets range from \$45-\$85*.

**Ron White** also known as Ron "Tater Salad" White first rose to fame as the cigar-smoking, scotch-drinking funnyman from the "Blue Collar Comedy Tour" phenomenon, and has long since established himself as a star in his own right. Over the past 15 years, White has been one of the top grossing stand-up comedians on tour in the country. His comedy recordings have sold over 14 million units (solo and with the "Blue Collar Comedy Tour"), he's been nominated for two Grammys®, he was featured in the Cameron Crowe Showtime Series *Roadies*, and he even authored a book that appeared on the *New York Times* Best Seller List.

His stories relay tales from his real life, ranging from growing up in a small town in Texas to sharing stories of his daily life to becoming one of the most successful comedians in America. After eventually becoming a comedy club headliner, in 2000 White was asked to join the "Blue Collar Comedy Tour" alongside Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall, and Larry the Cable Guy. The show toured for over three years to sold-out audiences in over 270 cities and grossed more than \$35 million.

In November of 2003, White released his breakthrough comedy CD, *Drunk In Public*, followed by his first one-hour TV comedy special *They Call Me Tater Salad*. The DVD version was released in 2004 and reached #1 on the Billboard Comedy Chart. In 2005, White's second one-hour special *You Can't Fix Stupid* aired on Comedy Central to 4.5 million viewers, making it the third largest audience in Comedy Central's history and the #1 show on primetime basic cable. The CD reached #1 on the Billboard Comedy Charts and remained there for nine consecutive weeks. This success also earned White his first Grammy® nomination. White received his second Grammy® nod for the show "Blue Collar Comedy Tour" - One for The Road. In June 2006, Penguin Books released White's first book, *Ron "Tater Salad" White: I Had the Right to Remain Silent...But I Didn't Have the Ability*, which landed him on the *New York Times* Best Seller List. In 2009, White released his 3rd album *Behavioral Problems*, which reached #1 on the Billboard

Comedy Chart. In 2013, White's 4th album, *A Little Unprofessional*, also reached #1 on the Billboard Comedy Chart. All of White's DVDs are certified Platinum.

White has been a passionate supporter of the U.S. military troops for more than 20 years, donating his time and resources. In 2008, he created an annual charity show Ron White's Comedy Salute to the Troops. The profit from ticket/DVD sales is donated to the Armed Forces Foundation to assist troops and their families.

As an actor, Ron White had supporting roles acted in the major theatrical films *Horrible Bosses* and *Sex and the City 2*. He also had a principal role in *Jayne Mansfield's Car*. He is a co-Executive Producer of *Bridegroom*, which debuted at the 2013 NYC Tribeca Film Festival. In 2016, White's acting talents were showcased alongside Luke Wilson, Carla Gugino, and Imogen Poots, in music-industry veteran Cameron Crowe's Showtime series, *Roadies*.

For tickets, more information, or group discounts, call State Theatre Guest Services at 732-246-SHOW (7469), or visit us online at STNJ.org. State Theatre Guest Services, located at 15 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick NJ, is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 6pm; Saturday from 1pm to 5pm; and at least three hours prior to curtain on performance dates unless otherwise specified. *Additional ticket and transaction fees may apply*.

## About State Theatre New Jersey

The theater exists to enrich people's lives, contribute to a vital urban environment, and build future audiences by presenting the finest performing artists and entertainers and fostering lifetime appreciation for the performing arts through arts education. State Theatre New Jersey's programs are made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant award from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund. United is the official airline of the State Theatre.

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