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Comedian Steven Wright Joins Weinberg Center Lineup

FREDERICK, Md., Thursday, September 28, 2017 — Comedian, actor, writer, and Oscar®-winning film producer Steven Wright will take the stage at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on January 14, 2018 at 7:30pm. Named one of Comedy Central's 100 greatest stand-up comedians, Wright's career has taken him from appearances on "Saturday Night Live," "The Tonight Show," and "Letterman" to albums, film, and stand-up specials.

Tickets for this performance begin at \$38.50. Tickets are now on sale to Weinberg Center members and will become available to the general public on October 5 at 10am. Tickets and memberships may be purchased online at WeinbergCenter.org, by calling the Box Office at 301.600.2828, or in person at 20 West Patrick St.

Steven Wright was raised in Burlington, MA. Upon graduating from Emerson College, Wright attended an "open mike" audition and became a regular performer at Ding Ho's Comedy Club and Chinese Restaurant. It was during this time that Wright got his big break and was booked for his first "Tonight Show" appearance. The comic soon found himself performing on "Saturday Night Live," "Late Night with David Letterman," and numerous trips back to "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson." Wright later expanded his comedy career to include comedy albums, film and television appearances. His 1985 debut album "I Have a Pony" earned him a Grammy nomination. In 1989, Wright was honored with an Academy Award for Best Short Film for his film entitled "The Appointments of Dennis Jennings." He has been seen in numerous films including "Desperately Seeking Susan," "So I Married an Axe Murderer," "Natural Born Killers," and "Mixed Nuts."

His second CD, "I Still Have a Pony," was released by Comedy Central Records on September 25, 2007. The CD earned Wright his second Grammy Award nomination for Best Comedy Album. Wright was honored as the first inductee into The Boston Comedy Hall of Fame in 2008. In 2013, Wright received The Johnny Carson Comedy Legend Award. Wright was nominated for an Emmy as a producer on the 2014 season of the hit FX series "Louie." He is a regular guest with Conan O'Brien, Jimmy Kimmel and Seth Meyers and continues touring the U.S., Canada and overseas.

This engagement of Steven Wright is presented by Upfront, Inc. A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled for the 2017-2018 season can be found at WeinbergCenter.org.

ABOUT THE WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Weinberg Center for the Arts is one of the region's premier performing arts presenters, offering film, music, dance, theater, and family-focused programming. Located in the historic Tivoli movie theater in downtown Frederick, Md., the Weinberg Center strives to ensure that the arts remain accessible and affordable to local and regional audiences alike. Weinberg Center events are made

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