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FUNNYMAN STEVEN WRIGHT BRINGS DEADPAN COMEDY TO THE CELEBRITY SHOWROOM AT JOHN ASCUAGA'S NUGGET

Reno/Sparks, NEV - Steven Wright's trademark is his deadpan style. His ironic, philosophical and sometimes nonsensical one-liners make him a must-see stand-up comic. See Wright one night only, October 15, in the Celebrity Showroom at John Ascuaga's Nugget.

An Academy Award Winner, Wright is a prototype comedian that many others continually try to follow. One of four children, Wright was raised in Burlington, MA. Upon graduating from Emerson College and holding a bevy of odd jobs, Wright attended an "open mike" audition and became a regular performer at Ding Ho's Comedy Club and Chinese Restaurant in Cambridge, MA.

It was during this time, in August of 1982, that Wright got his big break and was booked for his first "Tonight Show" appearance. The king of late night enjoyed the performance so much he invited Wright to appear again within a week, a rarity on "The Tonight Show." His back-to-back appearances helped put his fledgling career into high gear. The comic soon found himself performing his off-beat routines on "Saturday Night Live," "Late Night with David Letterman," and numerous trips back to "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson."

Wright expanded his comedy career to include comedy albums, film and television appearances. His 1986 debut album, "I Have A Pony," earned him a Grammy nomination. He also starred in his first HBO Special "A Steven Wright Special." In 1989, he was honored with an Academy Award for Best Short Film for his film entitled "The Appointments of Dennis Jennings" in which he starred and co-wrote. Other stars of the film included "Roseanne's" Laurie Metcalf and British comedian, Rowan Atkinson. In 1990, Wright starred in his second stand-up special for HBO called "Wicker Chairs and Gravity." The special included stand-up from The Winter Garden Theatre in Toronto and a short film shot on location in New York and New Jersey.

Wright has been seen in numerous films including "Desperately Seeking Susan," Mike Meyers' "So I Married An Axe Murderer", Oliver Stone's "Natural Born Killers," and Nora Ephron's "Mixed Nuts". He was the voice of the DJ, K-Billy in "Reservoir Dogs" and starred with John Cleese and Jack Palance in New Line's animated film, "The Swan Princess" as the voice of Speed, the turtle. Wright also appeared as a sitcom actor in MGM's "Speechless" with Harry Shearer, and as a Mountie in the MGM release "Canadian Bacon," opposite the late John Candy.

Steven wrote, directed and starred in the 1999 short film, "One Soldier," the story of a man obsessed with the unanswerable questions in life. The film was screened at numerous film festivals and can be seen on the Independent Film Channel.

Wright has been a regular guest on "The Late Show with David Letterman," "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien."

Steven Wright plays one night, October 15, in the Celebrity Showroom at John Ascuaga's Nugget. Show

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starts at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and are available by calling (800) 648-1177 or (775) 356-3300 or by visiting www.janugget.com. Dinner and show packages are available.

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Funny Extras:

I used to work in a fire hydrant factory. You couldn't park anywhere near the place.

-- Steven Wright

I stayed up all night playing poker with tarot cards. I got a full house and four people died.

-- Steven Wright

Right now I'm having amnesia and deja vu at the same time.

-- Steven Wright

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