

RON WHITE – *Biography*

Comedian Ron “Tater Salad” White first rose to fame as the cigar-smoking, scotch-drinking funnyman from the Blue Collar Comedy Tour phenomenon, but now as a chart-topping Grammy-nominated comedian and a feature film actor, Ron White has established himself as a star in his own right. White has always been a classic storyteller. 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. He has sold over 14 million albums (solo and with the Blue Collar Comedy Tour), been nominated for two Grammys, and has consistently been one of the top grossing stand up comedians on tour in America.

Ron White began performing comedy in 1986 and was quickly opening for legendary comedians Sam Kinison and Jeff Foxworthy. While eventually making the rounds as 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 2003, Warner Brothers filmed the show, *Blue Collar Comedy Tour: The Movie* for a theatrical/TV/DVD/CD release. The film premiered as the most-watched movie in Comedy Central’s history. In 2005, the video *Blue Collar Comedy Tour Rides Again* was filmed and released on TV and DVD/CD.

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 special had the highest viewership for a Sunday program in Comedy Central history. The DVD version reached #1 on the Billboard™ Comedy Chart. 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 9 consecutive weeks. This success also earned White his first Grammy nomination. Ron received his second Grammy nod for the show *Blue Collar Comedy Tour - One for The Road*. In June 2006, Penguin Books released Ron’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, Ron released his 3rd album *Behavioral Problems*, which reached #1 on the Billboard™ Comedy Chart. In 2013 Ron’s 4th album, *A Little Unprofessional*, also reached #1 on the Billboard™ Comedy Chart. Never one to rest on his laurels, Ron White partnered with Netflix to release his most recent effort- the highly successful comedy special, *“If You’d Quit Listening, I’d Shut Up.”*

As an actor, Ron White has had supporting roles in the major theatrical films *Horrible Bosses* and *Sex and the City 2*. He also had a principal role in *Jayne Mansfield’s Car* (written/directed by Billy Bob Thornton), He was a co-Executive Producer of *Bridegroom*, a Linda Bloodworth–Thomason documentary, which debuted at the 2013 NYC Tribeca Film Festival and won the Audience Award. In 2016, Ron White’s acting talents were showcased alongside Luke Wilson, Carla Gugino, and Imogen Poots, in music-industry veteran Cameron Crowe’s Showtime series, *Roadies*. White played road-tested tour manager Phil in a critically praised performance.