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Emporium presents

Brad Williams "TOUR '24" with special guest J.B. Ball

Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 7 PM and 10:15 PM

Santa Barbara, December 26, 2023 – Comedian Brad Williams, who has been called "Prozac with a head" by Robin Williams, kicks off his latest tour, appropriately titled TOUR '24, when he performs at the Lobero Theatre on Saturday, January 6, 2024 for two shows at 7 PM and 10:15PM. This is a special homecoming for Brad, as he shot his first one-hour special, *Fun Size*, at the Lobero in 2014, which in turn became the highest rated special on Showtime. Pound for pound, Brad Williams is the funniest comedian in the country right now, and has become one of the most in-demand comedians working today. Williams started doing stand-up comedy as a teenager and has been touring successfully ever since, routinely selling out prestigious venues all over the country and world.

Williams' latest special *Brad Williams: Starfish* recently premiered on the streaming platform on VEEPS. Over the years, Williams has parlayed his live performances into a multitude of stand-up television appearances, including *The Tonight Show, Dave Attell's Comedy Underground*, and *Jimmy Kimmel Live*. His first one-hour special, *Fun Size*, was the highest rated special on Showtime, and a year later, he followed that up with his second one, *Daddy Issues*, which was even more successful than the first. His third special in three years was an uproarious one, hosting some of the edgiest comedians in the country from the prestigious Montreal Just For Laughs Festival. His last groundbreaking special on Netflix, *The Degenerates*, garnered more huge ratings and rave reviews.

Also an accomplished actor, Williams has appeared on numerous TV shows and feature films, including *FX's Legit, Sam and Cat, Mind of Mencia, Pitboss,* a recurring role on the Hulu original show *Deadbeat,* and memorable roles in a plethora of movies, including *Little Evil,* produced by Scott Stuber (*Ted*), as well as the Netflix original Christopher Guest film, *Mascots* and *Reno 911: It's A Wonderful Heist.* Recently, Brad became the first stand-up comedian to headline a Cirque de Soleil show in their 30year history, when he agreed to launch — and do a three-month run of — their newest show *Mad Apple,* at the magnificent 1200 seat New York-New York Theater in Las Vegas. The show became an immediate smash hit to rave revues, singling out Williams for his incredible ability to captivate his audiences with his extraordinary performances.

In addition to stand-up and acting, Williams co-created and co-hosted one of the most successful podcasts in the world, with friend and fellow comic Adam Ray, entitled *About Last Night*, which was always a mainstay on the iTunes charts during their five-year run. Additionally, he is also a regular contributor with a series of incredibly funny appearances on several national radio and podcast platforms, including KROQ's *Kevin & Bean Show* and *The Adam Carolla Show*. Williams' humorous and inspiring observations on disability, relationships, sex, and race consistently win over audiences; proving anyone can overcome their shortcomings.

For more information, please visit https://www.bradwilliamscomedy.com/

Tickets for <u>Brad Williams, with special guest J.B. Ball</u> are on sale now at <u>Lobero.org</u> and at the Lobero Box Office **805.963.0761.** \$52 - Section A, \$42 - Section B, \$32 - Section C. (*Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero <u>Facility Fee</u>; other fees may also apply.*)

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