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“Frantic, sentimental, surreal and very funny.”—WIRED

“A damn fun time...vulgar, hilarious, and filled with nostalgia”

—AUSTIN (TX) CHRONICLE

*Beauty Is Embarrassing* is a funny, irreverent, joyful, and inspiring documentary featuring the life and current times of one of America’s most important artists, Wayne White.

Raised in the mountains of Tennessee, Wayne White started his career as a cartoonist in New York City. He quickly found success as one of the creators of the TV show, *Pee-wee’s Playhouse*, which led to more work designing some of the most arresting and iconic images in pop culture. Most recently, his word paintings, which feature pithy and often sarcastic text statements crafted onto vintage landscape paintings, have made him a darling of the fine art world.

Part biography, part live performance, *Beauty Is Embarrassing* chronicles the vaulted highs and the crushing lows of a commercial artist struggling to find peace and balance between his work and his art. Acting as his own narrator, Wayne guides us through his life using moments from his latest creation: a hilarious, biographical one-man show. The pieces are drawn from performances at venues in Tennessee, New York, and Los Angeles, including the famous Roseland Ballroom and the Largo Theater. The documentary, constructed from over 300 hours of film shot by Neil Berkeley and his team, also includes video shot by White throughout his career, including never-before-seen footage from behind the scenes of *Pee-wee’s Playhouse*.

At its core, *Beauty Is Embarrassing* is a reminder that we should all follow our passion. It is those creative impulses that will lead us to where we need to go.

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CREDITS

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