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# Frank Abagnale – 'Catch Me If You Can' at the PAC

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA – Frank W. Abagnale is one of the world's most respected authorities on forgery, embezzlement, and secure documents. For over 30 years, he has consulted and worked with hundreds of financial institutions, corporations, and government agencies around the world – most notably, the FBI.

On Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Cohan Center, Cal Poly Arts presents the compelling speaking engagement: Frank Abagnale: Catch Me If You Can.

Abagnale's rare blend of knowledge and expertise began more than 40 years ago when he was known as one of the world's most famous con men.

This was depicted most graphically in his best-selling book, "Catch Me If You Can," a film of which was directed by Steven Spielberg, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks and nominated for an Academy Award. The Tony Award-winning musical of Catch Me if You Can opened to great acclaim last spring.

Between the ages of 16 and 21, Abagnale successfully posed as an airline pilot, an attorney, a college professor, and a pediatrician. He also cashed $2.5 million in fraudulent checks in every state and 26 foreign countries. Apprehended by the French police when he was 21 years old, he served time in the French, Swedish, and U. S. prison systems.

After five years, Abagnale was released on the condition that he would help the federal government – without remuneration – by teaching and assisting federal law enforcement agencies.

In 1998, he was selected as a distinguished member of "Pinnacle 400" by CNN Financial News – a select group of people chosen for great accomplishment and success in their fields.

Abagnale has also written numerous articles and books, including "The Art of the Steal," "The Real U Guide to Identity Theft," and "Stealing Your Life."

Student and adult tickets for the performance range from $16 to $36 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088.

24-hour on-line ordering is available at www.calpolyarts.org.

10% discount offered to groups of 10 or more. (Not applicable to student rates)

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