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Funny Man Martin Short Plays the PAC

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA – Celebrated comedian and actor Martin Short has won legions of fans and garnered accolades in television, film, and theater since his breakout season on Saturday Night Live almost 30 years ago.

On Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Cohan Center, Cal Poly Arts is pleased to present MARTIN SHORT in a hilarious one-man tour-de-force. The versatile comic has created a variety show based on his Broadway show, Fame Becomes Me, and is performing some of his most beloved characters (think "Ed Grimley!"). This family show comes alive with sketches, songs, and special guest interviews with "celebrities" from the community.

Short won his first Emmy in 1982 while working on Canada's "SCTV Comedy Network," which brought him to the attention of the producers of "Saturday Night Live." He became a fan-favorite for his portrayal of characters such as Grimley, lawyer Nathan Thurm, and "legendary songwriter" Irving Cohen.

His popularity and exposure on "Saturday Night Live" led Short to cross over quickly into feature films. He made his film debut in Three Amigos (with Chevy Chase and Steve Martin) and followed with Inner Space, Three Fugitives, Clifford, Pure Luck, and Tim Burton's Mars Attacks.

One of Short's most memorable roles was in the Steve Martin remake of Father of the Bride, as Franck the wedding planner – a role he reprised a few years later in Father of the Bride, Part II. Short will also be featured in the upcoming animated film Madagascar 3 and the Tim Burton film, Frankenweenie.

An accomplished stage actor, Short won a Tony and an Outer Critics Circle Award for his role in the revival of Little Me. He was also nominated for a Tony and took home an Outer Critics Circle Award for the musical version of Neil Simon's The Goodbye Girl. Short then co-wrote and starred in the solo comedy show, Fame Becomes Me, prompting The New York Times to describe Short as "a natural for live musicals, a limber singer and dancer who exudes a fiery energy that makes you want to reach for your sunglasses."

Short returned to television in an Emmy-nominated role for the mini-series "Merlin" and host of "The Martin Short Show," which garnered him seven Emmy nominations. Short also wrote, produced, and starred in three comedy specials, winning two Cable ACE awards and an Emmy.

In 2001, he launched the critically-acclaimed “Primetime Glick” – which featured his memorable, fiercely-rotund celebrity interviewer, Jiminy Glick – garnering another five Emmy nominations. Short was nominated for his 19th Emmy award in 2010 for his strong dramatic work as the lawyer Leonard Winstone on the edgy FX series, “Damages.”

Currently, Short can be seen on the CBS hit comedy series, “How I Met Your Mother,” in the recurring role of Garrison Cootes. His voice can be heard as the Cat in the popular PBS series, “Cat In The Hat Knows A Lot About That.”

In 1994, Short was awarded the Order of Canada, the Canadian equivalent to British Knighthood. He was also inducted into the Canadian Walk of Fame in June 2000.

Student and adult tickets for the performance range from \$24 to \$68 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.

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