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Speaker Series Comes to Barbara B Mann Theater

September 22, 2014 Ft. Myers, FL – Headspace Promotions, LLC is excited to announce its first annual, *Speaking of...South Florida* speaker series to be held at the Barbara B Mann Theater in Ft. Myers, FL. The theme for this series is ‘Meet the Real’, and will host three speakers who have inspired books and movies. The series is offered at one price for all three speakers, and tickets go on sale September 26, 2014 at the Barbara B Mann box office.

The Speaking of South Florida series will start with Frank Abagnale on January 13, 2015. His exploits became the story for the book, Broadway musical, and movie, *Catch Me if You Can*, that starred Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks. Abagnale will fascinate the audience as he talks about how he successfully posed as an airline pilot, an attorney, a college professor, and a pediatrician between the ages of 16 and 21, in addition to cashing \$2.5 million in fraudulent checks in every state and 26 foreign countries. For 36 years he has been associated with the FBI and will share his expertise on preventing identity theft.

“Abagnale’s lecture may be the best one-man show you will ever see.” – Tom Hanks

The second speaker appearing is J. B. Bernstein on March 4, 2015. He is the subject of the Disney motion picture, *Million Dollar Arm*, starring Jon Hamm. Bernstein was the mastermind behind The Million Dollar Arm contest. This revolutionary reality TV show and talent search for baseball players in India yielded the first two Indian-born men, Rinku Singh and Dinesh Patel, to ever sign pro sports contracts in the United States, both signing with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Bernstein’s successful company, Seven Figures Management, has represented some of the greatest athletes of all time including Barry Bonds and Emmitt Smith.

The last speaker of the series is Aron Ralston appearing on April 15, 2015. His story of survival became his bestselling book, *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, and was made into the motion picture, *127 Hours*, starring James Franco. Aron will tell how he freed himself from being trapped by an 800 lb. boulder, and how he summoned the courage to do the unthinkable. He has spoken to hundreds of audiences around the world, and interviewed with Tom Brokaw, David Letterman, and Jay Leno.

“We wanted to bring entertainment to South Florida that is thought-provoking and get people talking,” said Rob Maier, Partner of Headspace Promotions, LLC. “There are many speakers available and we agonized over our theme and speakers for our first annual series. With the help of my partner, Michelle Kenyon, we eventually settled on ‘Meet the Real’ as our theme to bring Hollywood to life in South Florida. We chose these speakers because their real-life stories inspired these Hollywood adventures.”

About Headspace Promotions, LLC

Headspace Promotions, LLC (www.speakingofsouthflorida.com) created the Speaking of South Florida speaker series to bring speaker events annually to South Florida for the purpose of exchanging ideas, opinions, and perspective for the enrichment of the community it serves. Our Speaking of South Florida series is themed-based such as 2015's 'Meet the Real', however inspiration may be drawn from world affairs, reluctant heroes, life-time achievers, universal educators, and entertainers.

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