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Photo caption: Woodminster Summer Musicals presents the Bay Area premiere of the stage musical of *Catch Me If You Can*, based on the hit Dreamworks motion picture, August 8-17 in Oakland's historic Woodminster Amphitheater. Frank Abagnale, Jr., leads the glamorous life by conning his way into several professions. Here, he's posing as a pilot and charming all the stewardesses. L to R, Allison Naganuma, Elizabeth Peterson, Nikita Burshteyn as Frank, Ashley Cowl, Harmony Livingston. Photo by Kathy Kahn. woodminster.com

AUGUST 2014 -- CALENDAR INFORMATION

WHAT: *Catch Me If You Can*

PERFORMED BY: Woodminster Summer Musicals by Producers Associates, Inc.

WHERE: Woodminster Amphitheater in Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland

WHEN: August 8-17, 2014

PERFORMANCES: August 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17 - 8 p.m.

TICKETS: 510-531-9597, or www.woodminster.com, \$28-\$59 (Discounts for children, seniors, groups)

PREVIEW PERFORMANCE: August 7, 8 p.m., All tickets \$18 at the door. Open seating.

Book by Terrence McNally, Music by Marc Shaiman, Lyrics by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman, Based on the DreamWorks Motion Picture, Produced by arrangement with Music Theatre International.

PRESS RELEASE

Woodminster To Present Bay Area Premiere of *Catch Me If You Can*
High Energy Dance Musical is Based on Hit Dreamworks Movie

July 18, 2014, Oakland, CA -- Producers Associates, Inc. announces that the 48th season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals continues with *Catch Me If You Can*, a stage musical based on

the Dreamworks motion picture starring Tom Hanks and Leonardo DeCaprio. *Catch Me If You Can* will run August 8-17 at Woodminster Amphitheater in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park, located at 3300 Joaquin Miller Road in the Oakland hills. Woodminster's production will be the first in the Bay Area for this new musical, which opened on Broadway in 2011.

The story of *Catch Me If You Can* comes from the 1980 autobiography of Frank Abagnale, Jr., who as a teenager ran away from home in search of the glamorous life, and successfully posed as several different high-level professionals. The 2002 film version emphasizes the relationship between Abagnale (DeCaprio) and FBI agent Carl Hanratty (Hanks) who pursues him. The stage musical, which debuted in Seattle in 2009 and opened on Broadway in 2011, tells the story as a series of musical flashbacks as Abagnale tells his own story to Hanratty and a crowd of bystanders.

Says director Joel Schlader, "We're really excited to be the first Bay Area company to produce *Catch Me If You Can*. This show is just pure fun -- it's a splashy, high-energy trip back to the 60s. This is a full-on dance show, and we've got a cast that's definitely up to it."

Tickets are available by phone, at 510-531-9597, online at www.woodminster.com, or in person at Woodminster Amphitheater 11-4 daily or at the box office before any performance. Performances are August 8 (opening), 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, and 17, all at 8 p.m.

Tickets for summer musicals at Woodminster Amphitheater range from \$28 to \$59 with a \$2 discount for children and seniors. Groups of 25 and more can purchase blocks of seats for about half price, providing an affordable outing or fundraiser for a church or service group, neighborhood association, or any other group. For information about tickets, check www.woodminster.com or call 510-531-9597.

Woodminster continues its popular Kids Come Free program, where children and teens 16 or younger who are attending with paying adults can get free tickets on performance nights. Producers Associates is seeking sponsors for this longstanding program, which helps families introduce their kids to live theater in a relaxed and affordable environment.

The final dress rehearsal of *Catch Me If You Can* on August 7 will be open to the public as a "preview performance." It will start at 8 p.m., all tickets are \$18 at the door, and seating is open, first-come, first-choice. No group rates, Kids Come Free, or other further discounts apply for preview performances.

The production will be directed by Joel Schlader, with music direction by Ben Prince and choreography by Christina Lazo. Woodminster shows are performed with live orchestras, and musicians are members of Musicians Local No. 6.

After *Catch Me If You Can*, Woodminster Summer Musicals' 2014 season will conclude with *Flower Drum Song*, music by Rodgers and Hammerstein and book by David Henry Hwang, September 5-14.

Woodminster Summer Musicals are performed under the stars at Woodminster Amphitheater, an open-air performance facility in Joaquin Miller Park high in the Oakland Hills. The park's

spectacular views and serene woodsy environment made it the perfect setting for the amphitheater, cascades, reflecting pool, and paths that were originally built as a WPA project in 1939-40. For many East Bay families, it is a long-standing summer tradition to enjoy a picnic in the park and then see a musical at Woodminster.

Producers Associates, Inc. was founded in 1967 by the late James Schlader and his wife Harriet to provide affordable live summer family entertainment in the East Bay, and to foster a love of live theatre. For more than four decades, the organization, in partnership with the Oakland Parks and Rec Department, has been producing summer musicals at Woodminster Amphitheater, attracting more than 20,000 ticket holders each season to Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland. For more information about the 2014 season or history of the organization, visit www.woodminster.com.