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FSCJ ARTIST SERIES PRESENTS

PAUL ANKA



When: Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 7:30PM

Where: Times-Union Center's Moran Theater, 300 Water St, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Details: **Paul Anka**, one of the biggest teen idols of the late '50s, with songs that shaped a generation, such as *Diana*, *Lonely Boy* and *Put Your Head on My Shoulder*, moved into the adult sphere as a successful performer, songwriter and recording artist. He's written well-known music including the theme for *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* and one of Tom Jones' biggest hits, *She's A Lady*. Paul also wrote the English lyrics for Frank Sinatra's signature song *My Way*. He was nominated for an Academy Award® for the theme of the 1962 film *The Longest Day* (which he also starred in), and if that wasn't enough, it was revealed upon its release in 2009, that **Anka** co-wrote Michael Jackson's posthumous #1 worldwide hit, *This Is It*, which has further cemented his place as one of the most prolific and versatile songwriters of any generation.

Not one to rest on his laurels, **Anka** released two critically acclaimed albums, *Rock Swings* and *Classic Songs, My Way*. Both ingeniously featured songs originally created by some of the biggest rock performers of the day; **Anka**, of course, did the songs "his way." *Rock Swings* hit #2 on *Billboard's* Top Jazz Albums chart and went on to sell half a million copies worldwide. Last year, **Anka** released his *New York Times* bestselling autobiography published by St. Martin's Press, *My Way* and a new 14-song album entitled *Duets* released by Sony Music Entertainment which features artists including Tom Jones, Dolly Parton, Leon Russell, Willie Nelson and Celine Dion. With the release of *Duets*, he set a milestone by becoming the only artist in history to have a record on the *Billboard's* Top 100 chart for 7 consecutive decades.

Tickets for **Paul Anka** in Jacksonville start at \$58.50 and are available at (904) 442-BWAY (2929) and online at www.artistseriesjax.org. Here's a video sneak peek of the show: <http://bit.ly/AnkaVideo>

Please contact Sarah Roy at saroy@fscj.edu or (904) 442-2933 ASAP for interview opportunities and show materials.

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