

FRANK RUNYEON BIO

Frank Runyeon has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts. For more than 25 years, Frank has performed the gospel for hundreds of thousands of people in almost every state in America, earning rave reviews from critics, scholars, and church leaders of every denomination. He is regularly reviewed as “the best speaker we have ever heard” by students and faculty at private and public schools across the nation.

He is perhaps still best known, however, for his many roles on television. He starred for seven years as Steve Andropoulos on *As the World Turns* opposite Meg Ryan, a storyline that garnered the second highest ratings in the history of daytime television. He next appeared for four years as Father Michael Donnelly on the Emmy award-winning *Santa Barbara*, and as tycoon Simon Romero on *General Hospital*, opposite Emma Samms. Frank has also guest-starred in recurring roles on *Falcon Crest* as chess genius Jovan Dmytryk, on *Melrose Place* as Father Tom, on *All My Children* as Forrest Williams, and on *L.A. LAW* as talk-show host Brooks Tapman.

Frank was nominated for a Daytime Emmy in 2016 for his guest-starring role as Angel on *The Young & the Restless*. Frank starred as Detective Marty Lowery in the feature film *Sudden Death* and as Pierre Lyon in *Bolero*. He appeared to rave reviews on the New York stage as Hercules in Aristophanes’ *The Birds*, and in regional theater as Clifford in *Deathtrap* and Oliver Costello in *The Spider’s Web*.

On the radio, he has hosted his own comedy talk show on the top-rated L.A. station, KFI, and on WCNN in Atlanta. He co-hosted Charles McPhee’s nationally syndicated radio show, *The Dream Doctor*. (And he continues to appear as a recurring guest expert on radio and TV.)

Frank is a graduate of Princeton University with a degree in Religion. After studying acting in New York and Los Angeles for 15 years, he attended Fuller Seminary in preparation for the writing and performance of his first one-man play, *AFRAID!: The Gospel of Mark*. He continued his studies at Yale Divinity School and General Theological Seminary, from which he received his Masters, with honors, in 1994. He workshopped his first productions in cooperation with the faculty of Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA, and the University of Dayton (Catholic).

Frank has now translated and adapted seven Biblical texts for performance as one-man dramas:

- AFRAID: The Gospel of Mark
- SERMON ON THE MOUNT
- THE 3 1/2 STORIES OF CHRISTMAS: A Comedy with Carols
- SIGNS: The Gospel of John
- SALT & LIGHT: A Comedy for Kids
- THE LETTER OF JAMES: “What Are You Doing?”
- LUKE: Stories on the Road

Frank is also a popular youth speaker on the subject of the mass media, using humor to reveal the shortcomings of the media's world view. His subjects include:

- HOLLYWOOD vs. FAITH: The Struggle to Live Faithfully in the Media Age
- THE MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN (media literacy, for public schools or civic groups)
- TREASURE (or Life After High School—What They Don't Tell You)

He has been a featured speaker at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, the commencement speaker at several prep schools, and the keynoter at numerous state and national youth conventions.

Frank is busy writing an autobiographical book: *ESCAPE FROM HOLLYWOOD: A TV Actor's Unlikely Journey to Faith*, due out next year.

He and his wife Annie live in Los Angeles. They have three children—and a dachshund puppy, who runs the house.