

## **Q&A to feature 'One Tree Hill' actor Austin Nichols to appear at Cal Lutheran on Oct. 8**

(THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. – Sept. 18, 2014) Actor and director Austin Nichols will be the first guest in California Lutheran University's 2014-2015 "Conversations With ..." series.

The former "One Tree Hill" actor will answer questions starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, in Preus-Brandt Forum on the Thousand Oaks campus. Actor, writer and director Markus Flanagan, who teaches at Cal Lutheran, will moderate the informal one-hour discussion on the craft of acting followed by a question-and-answer session with the audience.

Nichols grew up in Austin, Texas, and graduated from the University of Southern California with a degree in creative writing in 2002. In 2004, he portrayed Jake Hammond in the film "Wimbledon" and J.D. in "The Day After Tomorrow." He played the title role of a surfer in the 2007 HBO series "John from Cincinnati." He portrayed Julian Baker and directed two episodes of the "One Tree Hill" television series from 2008 to 2012. His many other acting credits include appearances on the TV series "Ray Donovan," "The Mob Doctor" and "Friday Night Lights."

The "Conversations With ..." talks provide theater arts students and other aspiring actors with advice from professionals. They take the approach laid out in Flanagan's book, "One Less Bitter Actor: The Actor's Survival Guide," which explains how to make it in the business of acting while staying sane and focused.

Preus-Brandt Forum is located at 135 Chapel Lane on the Thousand Oaks campus. For more information, call 805-493-3415 or email [info@westlakeactingstudio.com](mailto:info@westlakeactingstudio.com).

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