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**“SMOKEY JOES’ CAFÉ” OPENS THE NEW MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR
COVINA CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

As the inaugural production at the new multi-million dollar Covina Center for the Performing Arts, resident performing group Stage Arts Repertory is pleased to announce their premiere production of the longest running musical revue in Broadway history, *Smokey Joe’s Café*. *Smokey’s Joes Café*, which features the songs of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, was nominated for 7 Tony Awards, 3 Olivier Awards and winner of the 1995 Grammy for best show album, and features 38 of their most memorable songs including “On Broadway”, “Yakety-Yak”, “Jailhouse Rock”, “Hound Dog”, “Love Potion #9”, and “Stand By Me”.

Smokey Joe’s Café is directed by Covina Center for the Performing Arts/StageARTS Repertory Artist Director, Alex Nigian. Musical Direction is provided by Garland Award Winning, Brian Murphy and Geoffrey Cascio, owner and artistic director of Covina-based Dancemaker Studios, provides the choreography. *Smokey Joe’s Café* is produced by Phil Miller. StageARTS Repertory is pleased to feature in *Smokey Joe’s Café* Patricia Brown, Kai Chubb, Melissa Harding, Kristina Keener, Aric Martin, Sherman McLaurin, Alon Williams, Nicholas Windley, and Matt Ervien.

Smokey Joe’s Café begins performances on November 16th and runs for five weeks through December 16th. Strictly Limited Run 18 Performances Only! Performances are Thursday’s and Friday’s at 8:00pm, Saturday’s at 7:00pm and Sunday’s at 3:00pm. **There is no performance on Thanksgiving.**

Tickets for *Smokey Joe’s Café* are available by calling 626) 331-8133 or visit either, www.covinacenter.com or www.stageartsrep.com. Tickets are \$30 General Admission and \$34 for premium seating. Senior/Student Rush Policy will be instituted offering available seats 15 minutes prior to curtain for \$20, and groups of 15 or more are at the reduced rate of \$25 per ticket.

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