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23 November – 16 December 2006

Details will be announced shortly

“Smokey Joe’s Café” is an effervescent musical revue celebrating the prolific song writing team of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller. Their classic tunes defined the golden age of Rock ‘n’ Roll with hits for Elvis, the Drifters, Dion, the Coasters, Ben E. King and many other pop legends. With a Grammy Award-winning score, “Smokey Joe’s Café” is the longest running musical revue in Broadway history, weaving an extraordinary string of Leiber and Stoller’s hits into a powerful piece of musical theatre. But you don’t have to remember these songs originally blaring from the radio of a ‘57 Chevy coupe to enjoy this production. The musical numbers featured are familiar - these are the songs that launched many a career and influenced numerous writers and performers in the decades to follow. The rollicking night at “Smokey Joe’s Café” showcases over 40 classic tunes including Jailhouse Rock, Hound Dog, Love Potion #9, On Broadway, Kansas City, Spanish Harlem, Poison Ivy, Yakkety Yak and Stand By Me.

Booking Office

Early bookings are being accepted for our Christmas show, “Smokey Joe’s Café”, at the Abbey Booking Office – telephone 355 0499. Don’t miss out on the date you would like – many missed out on “Platinum Vinyl” because they delayed booking.

Something to Ponder ...

For those who thought they knew everything, here’s a refresher course ...

- Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.
- You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.
- Walt Disney was afraid of mice.
- It’s possible to lead a cow upstairs, but not downstairs.

And the best for last;

- Turtles can breathe through their butts.

NOW YOU KNOW EVERYTHING!!!

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Editorial

Well, as stated last time, it’s been quite chaotic around the Abbey lately. There have been rehearsals/performances of “Platinum Vinyl”, and rehearsals for both “Oliver!” and “Jungle Fantasy”. However, things are easing up just a little now that “Platinum Vinyl” has finished.

Bookings for “Oliver!” are now open and can be made at Ticket Direct outlets (at the Regent Theatre and Arena Manawatu).



“Platinum Vinyl” was a HUGE success and opened to full houses before opening night. Thank you to everyone who was involved with this spectacular production, and also to those people who booked tickets to see this show.

“Jungle Fantasy” (CATS)

This year’s CATS’ show – “Jungle Fantasy” – has been cast and will be on stage at the Abbey Theatre in the first week of the September school holidays (**25-30 September 2006**) with about 80 students in the cast.

Director: Kathleen McAlinden
Musical Director: Janine Bonny
Choreographer: Glenn London

Any assistance with the technical side of the production would be appreciated.

Also, if you have any ‘hula skirts’ (either grass or coloured), fur (old fur coats) or fur fabric pieces we could use in costumes, this would also be appreciated.

If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Carol on 355 4165.

Costume Hire

Due to a recent ‘loss’ of a costume whilst on hire, the costume hire department are looking for a Darth Vader helmet and laser ray sword. If anyone has either of these items, please negotiate with Ruth Borlase (telephone 357 7977 – Thursday, Friday or Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Also, when clearing out your wardrobe at home, please remember that the costume hire/wardrobe could maybe use your cast offs.



3 – 12 August 2006
Regent on Broadway

Cast

Fagin:	Steve Sayer	Nancy:	Carrie Green
Bill Sykes:	Richard Mays	Bullseye:	Opal
Oliver:	Tyler Neumann	Mr Bumble:	David Lea
Bet:	Meri Haami	Artful Dodger:	Stephen Dando
Mrs Bedwin:	Mavis Fisher	Dr Grimwig:	John Gregory
Mr Sowerberry:	Allan Williams	Mrs Sowerberry:	Gail Lucinsky
Charlotte:	Marnie Thompson	Noah Claypole:	Billy Richardson
Mr Brownlow:	Malcolm Hopwood	Widow Corney:	Helyn Hughes

Workhouse Boys/Fagin’s Gang:

Dylan Reid, Toby Lockhart, Michael Yuan, Daniel Yuan, Nicholas Marshall, Andy Mimmack, Alex Sinclair, Fergus Allan, Joe Bishop-Matthews, David Mock, Pierce Barber, Christian Wych, Conil Tod, Richard Pearson, Read Wheeler, Taylor Hansen, Thomas Signal, Kieran Monk

Male Chorus:

Anaru Davis, Doug Cardiff, Jeff Paewai, Gerry Evernden, Hayden Giles, Scott Andrew, Grant Joyes, Jared Gardner, Andrew Jamieson

Female Chorus:

Andrea Cawood, Katrina Benjamin, Gayle Shirley, Zoe George, Catherine Thompson, Christine Booker, Wendy Day, Jude Weavers, Katte Johnston, Paula Fredericks, Anna Mildon, Chanel Saunders, Elyse Moore; Hannah Day; Phoebe Allan

Bookings now open at TicketDirect
Don’t delay – book today!

Ticket Prices:

\$39.00 Adults
\$19.00 Children
\$99.00 Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children)
\$34.00 Seniors