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Smothers Brothers Return to Cohan Center Oct. 15

SAN LUIS OBISPO – On Saturday, October 15, 2005 at 8 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Center, Cal Poly Arts presents The Smothers Brothers, with special guest The Yo Yo Man. After 44 years in the comedy business, The Washington Post declares that a Smothers Brothers show is “Fresh and perfectly timed...hilarious as ever!”

Tom and Dick Smothers are comedians long considered ahead of their time and their Smothers Brothers act has enjoyed a lengthy career that has surpassed all other comedy teams in history. With consummate showmanship and their singular blend of comedic and musical talents, the irrepressible Brothers have made a sweeping impact on diverse generations of fans of all ages.

The Smothers Brothers' first professional appearance was at the Purple Onion in San Francisco in 1959; their first national television appearance was on “The Jack Paar Show” in 1961.

Decades of audiences have seen the Smothers Brothers in their own primetime comedy series in the 1960's, 1970's and again in the 1980's.

The Brothers made guest appearances on numerous television programs, headlined countless engagements in Las Vegas, Reno and Lake Tahoe, starred in a popular video, cut twelve top-selling albums, and have performed continuous nationwide concert tours.

The contributions Tom and Dick Smothers have made to the entertainment world throughout their careers were so highly respected that the Museum of Television and Radio in New York produced a retrospective and seminar on their work.

“The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour” television series is now studied at universities across the country, viewed as an important factor in the revolutionary changes that took place in the United States in the 1960's.

The millennium has brought new honors for the legendary duo, including induction into the illustrious Hollywood Bowl Hall of Fame, a 2003 Freedom of Expression Award presented in Las Vegas, and Honorary Doctorate degrees from their alma mater, San Jose State University.

The Smothers Brothers were recently named one of the 50 Icons at CBS-TV.

In January, 2004, Tom and Dick Smothers accepted the invitation to become Artist Members of the Board of Directors of the prestigious Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts.

The Smothers Brothers have been presenters at The American Music Awards and performed before a star-studded audience on CBS-TV's 75th Anniversary Special. They were roasted and toasted by an array of comedians at a Friar's Club gala in New York and guest-starred on ABC's “Life With Bonnie.”

In addition, comedian/producer Paul Reiser, director David Steinberg, and writer Roger Director are developing a TV movie highlighting Tom and Dick Smothers and their illustrious career and their notorious firing at CBS-TV, a result of their political stance during the Vietnam War.

Opening for the Cal Poly Arts engagement will be popular Los Angeles comedian Ron Pearson, whom comedian George Lopez calls “the best in the business” and Bob Newhart refers to as “the icing on the cake.”

Tickets for the Smothers Brothers performance range from \$36 - \$48, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order

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