Tickets Still Available for Twyla Tharp/Billy Joel Broadway Smash 'Movin Out' Nov. 6 at the Cohan Center

SAN LUIS OBISPO — MOVIN' OUT, the Broadway Tony Award-winning musical conceived, choreographed and directed by Twyla Tharp and based on 24 classic songs by Billy Joel, plays Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at 8 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Center.

Cal Poly Arts presents this special Center Stage engagement of a show critics say revolutionized musical theatre.

"So exhilarating and soul-stirring, it practically bursts out of the theatre," said Time Magazine.

"Movin' Out is electrifying! The union of Tharp and Joel is one made in heaven," raved the Chicago Tribune.

Told through the choreography of Twyla Tharp and more than two dozen of Billy Joel's songs, MOVIN' OUT is the story of five lifelong friends moving through two turbulent decades that change them, and the world around them, forever.

Billy Joel songs – like “It's Still Rock and Roll to Me,” “We Didn't Start the Fire,” and “She's Got A Way” -- all come together to weave a musical backdrop which beautifully complements Tharp's innovative choreography. There is no dialogue spoken.

"MOVIN' OUT is a story told without language," Tharp says. "The movement and the action tell the story—the experience, the emotional resonance, comes from action rather than language."

Songs and dance take audiences through a poignant narrative comprised of three main elements: post-World War II idealism, the Vietnam War and its subsequent unrest, and finally, survival.

Fans will recognize MOVIN OUT’s main characters from Joel’s lyrics: Brenda and Eddie from "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant," Tony and Sergeant O'Leary from "Movin’ Out," Judy from "Why, Judy, Why," and James from "James."

MOVIN' OUT received two 2003 Tony Awards – one for Tharp (Best Choreography) and one for Joel (Best Orchestrations).

Tickets for the performance range from $56 to $68 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.


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