

***Smokey Joe’s Cafe - The Songs of Leiber and Stoller***

**Rocks Gulf Shores, Alabama in June 2012**

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SummerTide Theatre, the professional summer theatre of The University of Alabama, returns for its ninth year to the George C. Meyer Performing Arts Center (home of the South Baldwin Community Theatre) with an electrifying entertainment revue that illuminates the golden age of American culture…***Smokey Joe’s Café - the Songs of Leiber and Stoller***. Running Friday, June 1through Friday, June 29, 2012, performances are Tuesday to Sunday evenings at 8:00PM.

Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, as much as anyone, virtually invented rock ‘n’ roll, and now their songs come alive on stage in this Tony Award-nominated production. In an idealized 50’s setting, the classic themes of love won and love lost blend with nostalgia and emotions. Featuring nearly 40 of the greatest songs ever recorded, including “Hound Dog”, “On Broadway”, “Charlie Brown”, “Love Potion #9”, “Jailhouse Rock”, “There Goes My Baby”, “Yakety Yak”, “Spanish Harlem”, “Poison Ivy” and “Stand By Me”, ***Smokey Joe’s Café*** isn’t just great pop music - it’s compelling musical theatre.

***Smokey Joe’s Café***,produced through special arrangement with R&H Theatricals, will run Friday, June 1 to Friday, June 29, 2012, with performances every Tuesday through Sunday evening at 8:00PM. Tickets may be purchased, starting in April 2012, by visiting [summertide.org](http://summertide.org) or by calling The University of Alabama Box Office at 205/348-3400. Tickets prices are $18.00 for adults, $12.00 for children under 12. More information on group rates, theatre location and on-site theatre box office hours will be available later in 2012.

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