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RENOWNED ACTORS TOM WOPAT AND FAITH PRINCE TO
STAR IN OLD GLOBE'S WORLD-PREMIERE MUSICAL,
A CATERED AFFAIR

San Diego –The Tony Award-winning Old Globe is thrilled to announce that **Tom Wopat** and **Faith Prince** will star in the Theatre's 2007/08 season opener: *A Catered Affair*, a delightful world-premiere musical with book by four-time Tony Award-winner **Harvey Fierstein**, music and lyrics by **John Buchino**, and directed by 2006 Tony winner **John Doyle** (*Sweeney Todd, Company*). Prince will create the role of "Aggie Hurley," the mother of the bride, and Wopat will play "Tom Hurley," father-of-the-bride. The production will run in the Old Globe Theatre September 20 – October 28, 2007, with a press opening on Sunday, September 30. Following its run at the Globe, *A Catered Affair* will open on Broadway in Spring, 2008.

Tom Wopat returns to Broadway after starring in the Tony Award-winning revival of *Glengarry Glen Ross*. Mr. Wopat also starred in the Tony Award-winning revival of *42nd Street*. This marked his return to Broadway after a nearly two-year run as Frank Butler opposite Bernadette Peters in *Annie Get Your Gun*, for which he received a Tony Award nomination. Off Broadway he starred with Amy Irving in *The Guys*. He is well-known to television audiences for his seven-season run in the TV phenomenon "The Dukes of Hazzard" and from his work on the hit CBS sitcom "Cybill." He began singing and dancing at 12 and began his theatre career in college productions of *West Side Story*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *South Pacific*. His New York debut was in the Off Broadway musical *A Bistro Car on the CNR*. He then signed on for the title role of *The Robber Bridegroom* at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. His Broadway debut followed in Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart's *I Love My Wife*. Mr. Wopat has released several successful albums with CBS and Capitol Records, yielding several top 20 hits. His solo career has him touring extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe. His most recent album, *Tom Wopat Sings Harold Arlen* joins *The Still of the Night* as another highly regarded standards compilation.

Faith Prince returns to Broadway where she gained stardom, the Tony Award and some of the most rhapsodic reviews in recent memory for her legendary performance as perennially unwed Adelaide in the blockbuster 1992 revival of *Guys and Dolls*. Through her career, her other memorable and acclaimed New York musical performances have included star turns in *Bells Are Ringing* (Tony nomination), *Little Me*, *The King and I*, *Falsettoland* and *Jerome Robbins' Broadway* (her Broadway debut, for which she received her first Tony Award nomination).

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A Catered Affair is set in the Bronx of 1953. Funny, heartbreaking and oh so human, this musical play reveals relationships strained to their limits when a couple must decide whether to spend their life savings on a family business or to launch their only daughter's marriage with a lavish *catered affair*. Harvey Fierstein's book and John Bucchino's score seize the opportunity to explore the meaning of family and the need for love, both new and reawakened. Mr. Fierstein will also be featured in the cast as the uncle of the bride. Other casting news will be announced shortly.

Harvey Fierstein is the author of *Torch Song Trilogy*, for which he received Tony Awards for Best Play and Best Actor. He is also the recipient of the Tony Award for his book of the musical *La Cage Aux Folles*. His other plays include *Safe Sex*, *Spookhouse* and *Forget Him*. Harvey's most recent Broadway credits include starring as Tevye in the record-breaking revival of *Fiddler on the Roof*, and as Edna Turnblad in *Hairspray*, for which he won his fourth Tony Award (Best Actor in a Musical). Other honors include three Drama Desk Awards, the Drama League Award, the *New York Magazine* Award, a special Obie, Theater World and L.A. Drama Critics Circle Award. He has also been nominated for an Emmy ("Cheers" guest star), American Comedy Award (*Mrs. Doubtfire*) and London's Olivier Award (*Torch Song Trilogy*). Harvey won the Humanitas Award in 2000 for writing the HBO animated special "The Sissy Duckling," which is also published as a children's book. Fierstein has also appeared in numerous film and television productions.

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The internationally-acclaimed, Tony® Award-winning Old Globe is one of the most renowned regional theatres in the country and has stood as San Diego's flagship arts institution for over 70 years. The Old Globe produces a year-round season of 15 plays and musicals on its three stages, including its highly-regarded Shakespeare festival. The Globe has become a gathering place for leading theatre artists from around the world, such as Tom Stoppard, Daniel Sullivan and, Chita Rivera, among many others. Numerous Broadway-bound premieres and revivals, such as Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, The Full Monty and Damn Yankees, have been developed at The Old Globe and have gone on to enjoy highly successful runs in New York and at regional theatres across the country.

Highlights of the Globe's 2007 Summer Season include the acclaimed Summer Shakespeare Festival featuring Hamlet, The Two Gentlemen of Verona and Measure for Measure playing in nightly rotation, Noel Coward's Hay Fever, John Van Druten's Bell, Book and Candle, and a special presentation of the hit Broadway musical Avenue Q at the Spreckels Theatre. Under the leadership of Executive Director Louis G. Spisto, Artistic Director Jack O'Brien and Resident Artistic Director Jerry Patch, the Globe is at the forefront of the nation's leading performing arts organizations, setting a standard for excellence in American theatre.