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EISEMANN CENTER'S SPOTLIGHT SERIES PRESENTS
THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS NOVEMBER 22, 2008

RICHARDSON, TX – The Eisemann Center's **Spotlight Series** continues with **The Smothers Brothers** appearing one night only Saturday, November 22, 2008 at 8:00 pm. As they mark over 49 years in show business, the **Smothers Brothers** are being saluted as time-honored legends whose lengthy career has surpassed all other comedy teams in history. With their singular blend of comedic and musical talents, the irrepressible brothers have made a sweeping impact on diverse generations of fans. Such lasting power is a testimonial to their intuitive humor, natural warmth, superlative showmanship and the pure unadulterated joy they bring to audiences of all ages.

Tom and Dick's first professional appearance as a duo called the **Smothers Brothers** was at the Purple Onion in San Francisco in February, 1959. They had previously appeared professionally as a trio with Bobby Blackmore at the Kerosene Club in San Jose in late 1958. **The Smothers Brothers'** first national television appearance was on *The Jack Paar Show* on January 28, 1961. Tom and Dick had been singing together as high school and college students since 1954.

Over four decades of audiences have seen the **Smothers Brothers** in their own primetime comedy series in the 1960's, 1970's and 1980's, guest appearances on numerous television programs, countless engagements as headliners in Las Vegas, Reno and Lake Tahoe, a hot-selling video, twelve top-selling albums, as well as continuous coast-to-coast concert tours and performances with symphony orchestras. The YoYo Man (Tom) and the Voice of Yo (Dick) travel and appear with the **Smothers Brothers** in concert.

The contributions Tom and Dick 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; an honor not lightly accorded. The entertainment industry honored them with one of its most valuable awards: a star on the historic Hollywood Walk of Fame. *Smothered*, a film by award-winning director, Maureen Muldaur, documents the Brothers' struggle against censorship and their subsequent firing by the CBS Television Network. **The Smothers Brothers** have been described as one of the most successful teams in history, comedic treasures, comic geniuses, rare, original and peerless.

Tickets range from \$32-\$65 and are available online at eisemanncenter.com, or by calling **the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650**. The Ticket Office is open from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm Monday – Saturday and one hour before performances. Group discounts for 10 or more are available by calling 972-744-4657.

The Eisemann Center's **Prelude Café** is open for casual pre-show dining for all **Eisemann Center Presents** performances except Saturday matinees. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 972-367-2000.

The Charles W. Eisemann Center is located at 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas. The Eisemann Center is accessible from Highway 75 North taking the Galatyn Parkway/Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit going south or from the DART light rail station at Galatyn Park. Season sponsors include DART, WFAA-TV and *The Dallas Morning News*.

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