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ACTORS THEATRE OF INDIANA PRESENTS

PETE 'N' KEELY

"A string of hits, a cast of two... Forever Plaid meets I Do, I Do!"

Carmel, IN, October 23, 2014– Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) — resident professional theatre company of The Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts—will present the hilarious musical comedy *Pete 'n' Keely*, (underwritten by Bose, McKinney and Evans, LLP) November 7 - 23, 2014 in The Studio Theater.

"...stylishness and charm few if any of today's big Broadway musicals can begin to match." - New York Magazine

Do you remember the Variety Shows of the 60's and 70's? Well, it's 1968 and tune in as America's *Swingin' Sweethearts* - "Pete Bartel" and "Keely Stevens" – reunite for a live television special re-living their illustrious musical career on TV, in Las Vegas showrooms, and at the top of the hit parade. The only catch – they haven't spoken since their big breakup at Caesar's Palace five years ago! Think Steve & Eydie meets Sonny & Cher....then add a dash of Carol Lawrence & Robert Goulet and...you have Pete 'n' Keely.

"Pete 'N' Keely is Broadway in a bottle--the brightest, happiest, and most entertaining little show in town." - Rex Reed

Directed by Ronn Johnstone with Musical Direction by Brent Marty, *Pete 'n' Keely* features the popular hits, "Fever," "Bésame Mucho," "This Could Be the Start of Something Big," and "Black Coffee."

Judy Fitzgerald, (ATI co-founder and Associate Artistic Director) plays the role of "Keely Stevens." Credits include: Radio City Music Hall with Glen Close and Madison Square Garden with Liza Minnelli & Marvin Hamlisch. Judy toured nationally with Debbie Reynolds, Shirley Jones and Omar Sharif. Off-Broadway: *Swingtime Canteen, VLAD, Dodsworth, Irene, Face The Music*, and *That's The Ticket!*

Michael Ehlers makes his ATI debut in the role of "Pete Bartel." Credits include: *CATS*. He has toured nationally and internationally in: *CATS, Evita, Chess, Joseph...Dreamcoat...* Michael has played such diverse roles as the "Emcee" in *Cabaret,* "Al Jolson" in *Jolson and Company* and "Don Lockwood" in *Singin' in the Rain*.

Pete 'n' Keely – November 7 – 23. Performances are Wednesdays at 7:30pm, Thursdays at 7:30pm, Fridays at 7:30pm Saturdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 2:00pm in The Studio Theater, 4 Center Green, Carmel, IN 46032. Join us on Sunday, November 16 immediately following the 2:00pm performance for our talkback, "Behind The Curtain" (sponsored by *Matt the Millers Tavern*), featuring the cast and crew of *Pete 'n' Keely*.

Ticket prices for all shows are \$40.00 for adult, \$36.50 for seniors, \$20.00 for students (18 and younger). NEW Wednesday 7:30pm adult ticket rate of **\$25.00**! Tickets may be purchased online, **actorstheatreofindiana.org** or by calling the box office, 317.843.3800. Group rates are available through the box office for groups of 15 or more.

Judy Fitzgerald and Michael Ehlers will provide a "sneak peek" of selections from *Pete 'n' Keely* on Sunday, October 26 (6:15pm) in the East Lobby of The Palladium at The Center for the Performing Arts prior to the *Ethan Bortnick* concert.

If you would like more information, please contact Kristen Merritt at 317.669.7983 ext.104 or by email, merritt@actorstheatreofindiana.org.

