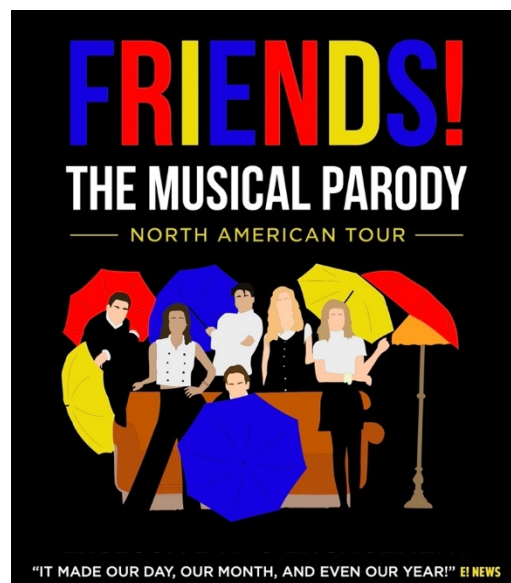


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FRIENDS! THE MUSICAL PARODY

RACHEL, ROSS, CHANDLER, MONICA, JOEY & PHOEBE ARE BACK AND PIVOT-ING TO HOUSTON'S HOBBY CENTER OCTOBER 1-3.

Houston, Texas (June 7, 2021) – The Hobby Center Foundation is delighted to announce tickets for *FRIENDS! The Musical Parody* will go on sale on June 25 at 10 a.m. *FRIENDS! The Musical Parody*, the New York City Off-Broadway hit, will play the Hobby Center's Zilkha Hall October 1-3.

FRIENDS! The Musical Parody is the unauthorized comedic musical that lovingly pokes fun at TV's *Friends*, celebrating the adventures of your favorite group of 20-something friends as they navigate the pitfalls of work, life and love in 1990s Manhattan.

It's a typical day at New York's only coffee shop, Central Perk, until an unexpected runaway bride enters the picture and kicks the whole gang out of second gear! The musical recreates our favorite moments from all 10

years of *Friends* through an uncensored, fast-paced, music-filled romp. *FRIENDS! THE MUSICAL PARODY* was created by Bob and Tobly McSmith.

Recommended for audiences aged 13+.

Songs from *FRIENDS! The Musical Parody* include:

- “495 Grove Street – How Can We Afford This Place?”
- “How You Doin’?” – Joey
- “We Were On A Break!” – Ross
- “Oh. My. God. It’s Janice!” – Janice
- “Will They or Won’t They?” – Ross and Rachel
- “The Ballad of Fat Monica”
- “Could I BE Anymore...In Love with You” – Chandler
- “The One Where We Make a Million Dollars an Episode”
- “We’ll Always Be There For You”

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets start at \$44 (including all fees) and can be purchased:

- Online at www.thehobbycenter.org
- By phone: 713-315-2525 (option 4)
- ***The value of your ticket is safe:*** if a performance is cancelled or rescheduled, patrons will have the ability to receive a refund or exchange for a rescheduled *Friends!* performance date.

Show Performance Schedule:

- October 1, 8:00 p.m.
- October 2, 2:00 p.m.
- October 2, 8:00 p.m.
- October 3, 2:00 p.m.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

The Hobby Center continues to consult with our health care advisor, Houston Methodist, in all decisions related to welcoming our valued patrons, staff, volunteers, cast and crew back to the theater. We are actively working on a plan to re-open following appropriate public health guidelines. The current Hobby Center health and safety policies can be found at www.thehobbycenter.org/COVID. These policies will surely evolve as reopening approaches and prior to the October 1-3 performances of *FRIENDS! THE MUSICAL PARODY*. We encourage ticket buyers to check this page for updates and make note of a “know-before-you-go” email sent several days prior to performances. Emails will be sent to the address provided at the time of purchase via the Hobby Center Box Office.

Presented by the Hobby Center Foundation.



The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts is operated by the Hobby Center Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Its mission is to expand Houston's reputation as a world-class cultural center by providing a premier performing arts facility, fostering accessibility to the performing arts and promoting arts education, with an emphasis on musical theater. The complex houses two performance chambers, an on-site restaurant, Diana American Grill, and an 800-car capacity on-premise parking garage. Please visit TheHobbyCenter.org.

Bob and Tobly McSmith are best friends who have created too many parody musicals over the last 15 years including: *FRIENDS! The Musical Parody* (New York, Las Vegas, US and UK tour); *The Office! An Unauthorized Musical Parody* (New York and US Tour); *Bayside! The Saved by the Bell Musical* (NYTimes Critics Pick), *Katdashiens! The Musical*, *90210! The Parody Musical!* (New York and Chicago); *Showgirls! The Musical Parody* (New York, San Francisco); *Full House! The Musical Parody* (Starring Perez Hilton), *Love Actually! The Unauthorized Parody Musical* (New York, upcoming US tour), and *The Office! A Murder Mystery Parody: Who is the Scranton Strangler?* They are hard at work on their next musical: *Sopranos: On Ice! A Figure Skating Parody*.

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