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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, PLEASE:**

**NORTH COAST REP TAKES TUNEFUL TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE**

**WITH *THE GIRL SINGERS OF THE HIT PARADE***

**Performances Beginning Thursday, August 20**

**Playing Through Sunday, August 30**

**Created by Colleen Raye**

**Arrangements by Norton Lawellin**

**Choreography by Jennifer Grimm**

Rosemary Clooney, Patti Page, Doris Day, Connie Francis and Peggy Lee ruled the airwaves in the 1950s with such unforgettable songs as “Hey There,” “Tennessee Waltz,” “Who’s Sorry Now,” “Que Sera, Sera,” and “Fever.” Now North Coast Repertory Theatre brings back those musical memories with ***Girl Singers of the Hit Parade.*** Sit back and enjoy hit after hit in a truly entertaining show. Audiences will be treated to excellent vocals and musicianship, sing-a-longs and a lighthearted trip down memory lane. Tickets are selling fast for this limited engagement, so purchase now to avoid disappointment.

***Girl Singers of the Hit Parade*** was created by Colleen Ray. Arrangements are by Norton Lawellin and choreography by Jennifer Grimm.

Colleen Ray, Jennifer Grimm and Sophie Grim are the talented vocalists. Dominic Tarullo is on piano; Kevin Rowe on bass, and Reed Grimm is on drums.

Performances begin Thursday, August 20, and run through Sunday, August 30. (See Schedule below.) North Coast Repertory Theatre is located at 987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Ste D, Solana Beach, CA 92075. Tickets are $40 General Admission; $37 Seniors/Students/Military, and $35 Subscribers. Call 858-481-1055 or visit [www.northcoastrep.org](http://www.northcoastrep.org) to purchase tickets.

For background information and photos, go to [www.northcoastrep.org/press](http://www.northcoastrep.org/press).

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**WHAT: NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE presents**

 ***GIRL SINGERS OF THE HIT PARADE***

**Created by Colleen Raye**

 **Arrangements by Norton Lawellin**

 **Choreography by Jennifer Grimm**

**CAST**: Colleen Raye, Jennifer Grimm, Sophie Grimm

 Dominic Tarullo, Kevin Rowe, Reed Grimm,

**WHERE:** North Coast Repertory Theatre

987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Ste. D

 Solana Beach, CA 92075

**SCHEDULE**: **Opens: August 20, 2015 at 8 pm**

 **Closes: August 30, 2015 at 2 pm**

**PRICES:** General Admission $40.00

**DISCOUNTS:**  Seniors, Students, Military $37.00

 Subscribers $35.00

**BOX OFFICE** (858) 481-1055 or www.northcoastrep.org

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**About the North Coast Repertory Theatre**

North Coast Repertory Theatre is a professional Equity theatre founded in 1982 by Olive and Tom Blakistone. Currently celebrating its final show in its 33rd season, North Coast Rep has received critical acclaim from media and audiences alike, and has evolved into one of the area’s leading performing arts organizations. North Coast Rep prides itself on employing the majority of its actors from Actors’ Equity Association for its high quality, award-winning productions, and staging works by established and emerging playwrights. Throughout its history, North Coast Rep has created a platform where artist and audience thrive through the intimacy of live theatre, recognizing the power of theatre to challenge complacency, revitalize the imagination, nurture the unexpected and embrace the.

**BIOS:**

**COLLEEN RAYE** (Vocalist) Colleen began winning vocal awards in classical music as a teenager in Ellsworth, Wisconsin.  At age 15 she began performing professionally in musicals and nightclubs. Colleen majored in music with a vocal emphasis at University of WI River Falls and University of Wisconsin Green Bay.  At 19 she won The Horace Heidt Jr Talent Contest in Minnesota leading to several years touring across the country as a vocalist/entertainer in venues ranging from theaters and nightclubs to festivals and casinos.

An unusually versatile vocalist, Colleen performs pop, jazz, rock, show tunes, country and classical music. She has recorded several CDs and Albums over the years.  She currently has 8 different CDs available.

Not only a vocalist, Colleen Raye Productions creates theatrical shows she performs in. including; “The Girl Singers of The Hit Parade,”  “A Musical Tribute to Patsy Cline,” “The Girl Singers Christmas Show,"  "Belting Babes of Broadway." “Sirens of The 60s,”  “An Evening at The Cabaret” and “Sinatra and Company- Music From The Rat Pack Era.”  Many of these productions have toured with Allied Concert Services and have been in several other theatrical venues across the country. Colleen continues to produce shows, freelance as a vocalist, teach vocal performance and write and record new music as well as perform. [www.ColleenRaye.com](http://www.colleenraye.com/)

**JENNIFER GRIMM** (Vocalist) is delighted to be back for her second production at North Coast Repertory Theatre after appearing in ***Words By...Ira Gershwin and the Great American Songbook*** in summer 2014. Based in Minneapolis/St. Paul, she has enjoyed a career recording and writing music for NBC, Sony, USA, TLC and SHOWTIME as well as being the speaking voice for companies including Target, Caribou Coffee, Virtuwell, and OfficeMax. Jennifer performs regularly and her schedule along with her solo recordings can be found on her site, [www.jennifergrimm.com](http://www.jennifergrimm.com/). She would like to thank her two young daughters for their understanding and love while mommy is out "getting all fanced up" to do a show.

**SOPHIE GRIMM** (Vocalist) is a Chicago-based vocalist and actor, originally hailing from Ellsworth, Wisconsin, with her family, Colleen Raye, Trey, Jennifer, and Reed Grimm. Playing in Chicago houses, including Marriott Lincolnshire, Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Drury Lane, The Paramount and Broadway In Chicago, she continues working mostly on the musical theatre stage, while singing throughout the area with THE MATT REED BAND, as well as in religious settings, and of course, continues to sing with her family for GIRL SINGERS OF THE HIT PARADE and other shows for which she can return. Teaching, healing, and assisting are also passions to Sophie, and enjoys making each of them a part of daily life. [www.SophieGrimm.com](http://www.sophiegrimm.com/)

**DOMINIC TARULLO**  (Piano) At age 6 Dominic started accordion lessons at Carl Renella music school in Chicago and became  a member of the 200 strong accordion band. He studied Classical Piano with Lydia Smutney Sterba, who was a member, and a soloist with the Chicago Symphony under Fritz Reiner and later Sir Georg Solti. Dominic graduated from Morton College with a degree in Music Theory and Composition and studied Jazz Piano with Alan Swain in Chicago, and Jazz composition and improvisation under Jazz great Bunky Greene.  He later studied piano with Latin Jazz legend Manfredo Fest in Minneapolis and  Music Arranging with Jim Robak, who studied and performed with Stan Kenton. Mr. Robak was also an arranger with the Tonight Show Band with Johnny Carson. Dominic played with several musical groups for many years in the Chicago area and later nationwide, as arranger and keyboardist for The Steve Grimm and Colleen Raye Showas well as other well-known touring groups. Dominic now resides in the Minneapolis St. Paul area but frequents his home town of Chicago often.

**KEVIN ROWE** (Bass) is a freelance bassist, teacher, performer, and songwriter in the Twin Cities area.  A Wisconsin native, he completed his bachelor degree in music performance at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire in 2007, where he studied under Robert Anderson and Jim Clute.  He has shared the stage with great jazz artists such as Benny Green, Maria Schneider, Byron Stripling, Carl Allen, and Stanley Jordan, as well as the popular artists Futureman, Kofi Burbidge, and Ray White.  Kevin has also played with bluegrass greats Tony Trischka, Jacob Jolliff, Matt Combs, Paul Kovaks, Matt Flinner, and Ben Winship. He currently performs with a variety of ensembles including The Barley Jacks with Brian Wicklund, the Scottie Miller Band, and Honest Monday. An experienced educator, Kevin has been teaching privately since 2004 in a wide variety of styles and genres, specializing in upright bass.

**REED GRIMM** (Drums) A Wisconsin native, Reed began performing onstage at age 2, touring with his family’s show for several years.  In High School he was the recipient of a variety of Jazz Performance Awards from Wisconsin Music Educator’s Association, including The Louis Armstrong Award. He was a member of several successful groups during both high school and college. After graduating from University of Wisconsin LaCrosse with a Percussion Performance Degree, Reed became lead singer and drummer for “Shoeless Revolution,” both writing and recording.  Reed is a freelance solo performer, singing and playing as well with musical groups.  Recently Reed entertained the troops in Qatar and Kuwait with several other musicians.  Reed also teaches percussion, drumming and performance.

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