



"A splendid ensemble made up of four women and five men all in great voices performing together and separately performing about 38 of the Leiber/Stoller repertoire both popular and not so popular."

San Diego Theater Examiner

"The "Café that San Diego Musical Theatre is staging at the Lyceum downtown proves a rousin jolt of good-time rock 'n' roll. Credit director-choreographer Ron Kellum and his versatile, well-balanced cast of four women and five men. And give music director and conductor Don LeMaster his due, too, for leading the seven-piece band through the show's 38 songs with plenty of pop and texture." **James Hebert - Sign On San Diego.**

"Gary and Erin Lewis, the driving force behind the San Diego Musical Theatre, have mounted a first-class production to open the company's 2010-11 season at Horton Plaza's Lyceum Theatre. In particular, they've brought back director and choreographer Ron Kellum, who masterminded last season's hit production of Dreamgirls. Aided by Don Le Master's music direction, Mr. Kellum's fluid staging and exciting dance moves energize every number in the show. The cast proved to be uniformly excellent, and each member took full advantage of chances to shine, both as singers and as dancers."

Bill Eadie - SanDiego.com

"Take the inspiration, a passionate love of musical theatre in producers Erin & Gary Lewis...the sharp staging and choreography of one Ron Kellum...the full-face vocal talents of nine young musical stars...and what do you have? You have the block-buster SD Musical Theatre 2nd Season, opening production - Smokey Joe's Café."

Rob Appel - SDTheatrescene.

"San Diego Musical Theatre, which has an excellent track record thus far, opens its 2010-2011 season with "Smokey Joe's Cafe."... the virtues of this production are the talented actor/singers in the cast and director/choreographer Ron Kellum's ability to create dramatic arcs and moments of visual interest from what could be a long evening if lesser lights were employed. Great assists are provided by musical director/conductor/keyboardist Don Le Master at the helm of a fine eight-member band."

Charlene Baldrige - North County Times

