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Avenue Q

The Musical

**(Mature audiences only,
Full Puppet Nudity and adult situations)**

Music and Lyrics
by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx

Book
by Jeff Whitty

Directed by
Eric Parker

OPENING JUNE 7 at 8:00 p.m.
Playing through JUNE 12 - ONE WEEK ONLY!

(Augusta, MI) Opening June 7th the Barn Theatre School presents AVENUE Q The Musical! The “Sesame Street meets South Park” riot of laughs, puppets, and potential political incorrectness playing through June 12. ONE WEEK ONLY!

Avenue Q is an "autobiographical and biographical" coming-of-age parable, addressing and satirizing the issues and anxieties associated with entering adulthood. Actors take on multiple roles in this colorful comedy which features Sam Balzac as Princeton/Rod, Melissa Cotton Hunter as Kate Monster/Lucy, Patrick Hunter as Nicky/Trekkie and Charlie King as Brian with

Hans Friedrichs, Brooke Evans, Samantha Rickard, and Cody Theodore Stiglich in the ensemble. Joining the cast are guest artists Shinnerrie Jackson as Gary Coleman and Jasmine Ejan as Christmas Eve. This side-splitting score includes titles such as “It Sucks to Be Me,” “If You Were Gay,” “Everyone’s a Little Bit Racist,” and “I’m Not Wearing Underwear Today.”

The show draws considerable inspiration from Sesame Street and substantially imitates its format. However Avenue Q has not been authorized or approved by the Jim Henson Company or Sesame Workshop, which have no responsibility for its content. Writer Jeff Marx interned at the program early in his career, and all four of the original cast's principal puppeteers were Sesame Street performers.

Avenue Q, originally created as a TV series, opened on Broadway in 2003 and ran for a grand total of 2,534 performances. When it closed on Broadway in 2009, it reopened not even a month later Off-Broadway at New World Stages, and is still running. It also won three Tony Awards: Best Musical, Best Book, and Best Original Score.

Performances for AVENUE Q are Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m. June 7 through 12. ONE WEEK ONLY!

The Barn Theatre is located on M-96, west of Augusta. Tickets are \$37 for all performances. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted. Group rates available. The Box Office is open daily 10:00 am-10:00 pm. Click on the Box Office link - Tickets may now be purchased on the internet or on your smart phone via PayPal. ~ To reserve tickets at the Box Office - Call today: (269) 731-4121 or visit www.barntheatreschool.org

Cast List

Princeton/Rod Sam Balzac
Kate Monster/Lucy the Slut Melissa Cotton Hunter*
Trekkie Monster/Nicky Patrick Hunter*
Brian Charlie King*
Christmas Eve Jasmine Ejan*
Gary Coleman Shinnerrie Jackson*
Mrs. Thistlewat Brooke Evans*
The Bad Idea Bears Hans Friedrichs* & Brooke Evans*
Ricky Hans Friedrichs*
Newcomer/Ensemble Cody Stiglich
Ensemble Samantha Rickard*

*Denotes member of Actors Equity Association