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# TOWN HALL ARTS CENTER

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### Town Hall Arts Center Presents *Avenue Q*

**BY POPULAR DEMAND: Performance added Sunday 1/29/17 at 6:30pm**

**LITTLETON, CO** - Original music and lyrics by Jeff Marx and Robert Lopez, book by Jeff Whitty and based on an original concept by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx. The Tony Award “Triple Crown” winner for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book, is part flesh, part felt, packed with heart and coming to the Town Hall Arts Center (THAC) stage!

This laugh-out-loud comedy follows recent college grad, Princeton, who moves to a shabby New York apartment on Avenue Q. Princeton and his new-found friends struggle to find jobs, dates, and their ever-elusive purpose in life. Filled with gut-busting humor and a delightfully catchy score, live band, and not to mention puppets; *Avenue Q* is a truly unique musical and audience favorite everywhere. We have already added a performance Sunday 1/29/2017 at 6:30 pm due to popular demand and increased ticket sales! **This production is Rated R for language, mature themes and strong sexual content.**

THAC favorites **Robert Wells**, **Nick Sugar** and **Donna Debrececi** work together in a rare collaboration! Directed by Robert Wells, recent THAC credits include *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, *Once upon a Mattress* and *Shrek*. Wells has been directing across Denver for many years and for many theaters including the Bonfils/Lowenstein Theater (DCPA), Aurora Fox, University of Denver, Loretto Heights, and his own Avenue Theater. Musical direction is by Donna Kolpan Debrececi; last seen directing music for *A Christmas Story, the Musical* and *Smokey Joe's Cafe*. Donna is a Henry Award Winner for THAC's 2012 production of *The Who's Tommy*. Finally, choreographer Nick Sugar most recently directed THAC's nearly sold out production of *A Christmas Story, the Musical*.

Featured in this production is **Charlie Schmidt** as *Princeton/Rod*. Charlie is returning to THAC after a long hiatus, he was last seen in 2007's *Footloose*. Also, returning to Town Hall is **Carolyn Lohr** as *Kate Monster/Lucy the Slut*. Carolyn was last at Town Hall in the 2016 production of *West Side Story* as *Maria*. The balance of the puppet characters are returning Town Hall favorites: **Mark Shonsey** as *Nicky*, **TJ Hogle** as *Trekkie Monster/Bad Idea Bear*, **Leslie Randle** as *Mrs. T/Bad Idea Bear*. Returning actors playing human characters are **Patrick Brownson** as *Brian*, **Arlene Rapal** as *Christmas Eve* and **Anna Maria High** as *Gary Coleman*. For a complete listing of cast and production crew go to: [townhallartscenter.org/avenue-q](http://townhallartscenter.org/avenue-q)

Town Hall's production of *Avenue Q*, opens **Friday, January 13** and runs through **Saturday, February 4, 2017**. Showtimes are **Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. (and 2 p.m. on 1/28 & 2/4) and Sundays at 2 p.m. (and 6:30 p.m. on 1/22 & 1/29)**.

#### **Ticket Information:**

Reserved seat tickets are currently on sale, priced \$20.00-\$42.00 at the Town Hall Arts Center box office, 303-794-2787 ext. 5 (**Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1 Hour prior to Shows**) or on-line at [townhallartscenter.org/avenue-q](http://townhallartscenter.org/avenue-q). Group

discounts available for purchasing ten or more tickets, please contact Corey Brown at [cbrown@townhallartscenter.org](mailto:cbrown@townhallartscenter.org) or 303.794.2787 x 213. In a continuing effort to make plays at Town Hall Arts Center accessible to all, ten value seats at \$10 each will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis one-hour prior to each published curtain time.

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