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LOS ALTOS STAGE COMPANY

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CAN YOU TELL ME HOW TO GET, HOW TO GET TO AVENUE Q?

Head south on Hillview Avenue from San Antonio Boulevard and you'll find Avenue Q just off to your left at the Los Altos' Bus Barn Theater. Winner of the Tony "Triple Crown" for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book in 2003, AVENUE Q is part flesh, part felt, and all heart. AVENUE Q opens on May 23 and runs through June 22, 2013.

With a cast of puppets and humans, AVENUE Q is like Sesame Street, only dirtier. It is a hilariously irreverent musical about Princeton, a bright-eyed college grad who moves to NYC with big dreams and a tiny bank account. The only apartment he can afford is way out on Avenue Q, where everyone's looking for the same things: a decent job, a stable relationship, a life purpose, and, of course, porn. Eventually, Princeton learns to embrace the ups and downs of city life and realizes that "the real world" isn't so bad, after all!

AVENUE Q features music and lyrics by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx, book by Jeff Whitty, and is based on an original concept by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx. The Los Altos Stage Company's production is directed by Michael Ryken, with music direction by Mark Hanson.

The New York Times hailed AVENUE Q as "a breakthrough musical of a very different stripe. Savvy, sassy and delicious!" and Entertainment Weekly claimed it was "one of the funniest shows you're ever likely to see!" Due to adult situations (like full-puppet nudity, sexual content, and swearing), AVENUE Q may be inappropriate for kids under 13 or people with strong morals.

Performances are Thursday through Saturday evening at 8 pm, with select Wednesday evening (7:30) and Sunday matinee (3 pm) performances. Ticket prices range from \$18 (student) to \$36. Tickets are available on-line at www.losaltosstage.org or by calling the Los Altos Stage Company Box Office at (650) 941-0551.

The Los Altos Stage Company (formerly the Bus Barn Stage Company) is a quintessential American neighborhood playhouse, serving Los Altos and the greater South Bay area, and paying tribute to the full cannon of American musicals, comedies, and dramas. This 17-year-old theater company strives to bring together a diversity of theater enthusiasts, practitioners, and supporters to create, explore and celebrate the rich tapestry of American culture and experience through live theater. The Los Altos Stage produces five to six shows annually at its intimate 99-seat theater located on the Los Altos Civic Center campus.

Production Team:

Michael Ryken, Director
Mark Hanson, Musical Director
Bryan Hornbeck, Scenic Designer
Carol Fischer, Lighting Designer
Mae Matos, Costume Design
Patrick Biggs, Sound Designer
Patricia Tyler, Properties Design
Ben Hemmen, Stage Manager
Jesse Vail, Puppet Master

Cast: (alphabetically)

Cassie Blake, Lucy
Anthony Chan, Princeton
Adam Cotugno, Brian
Kathryn Han, Christmas Eve
Nicole Julien, Gary Coleman
Mylissa Malley, Kate Monster
David Mister, Trekkie Monster
Mark Sanders, Bad Idea Bear Boy
Tomas Theriot, Rod
Warren Wernick, Nicky
Jen Wheatonfox, Bad Idea Bear Girl Mrs. T

If you'd like more information about Avenue Q or to schedule an interview, please call Gary Landis, Executive Director at Tel: 650-941-5070/Cell: 415-269-7349 or email Gary at [garylandis@losaltosstage.com](mailto:garylendis@losaltosstage.com).

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Calendar Listing

AVENUE Q

May 23 – June 22, 2013

Los Altos Stage Company

The Bus Barn Theater

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