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## **METROPOLIS VISITS THE HILARIOUS MUSICAL PUPPETS WHO RESIDE ON AVENUE Q**

**Arlington Heights, Ill., March 21, 2018** – Metropolis presents the Tony Award-winning musical comedy *Avenue Q* May 17 – June 30, 2018.

What exactly does a recent college graduate do with a BA in English? Well, if that graduate also happens to be a puppet they move to *Avenue Q*, of course. There he'll find others like him trying to make sense of their "purpose" in life dealing with careers and relationships. Tony winner for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book, this musical is stuffed with an up-beat and incredibly witty score. *Avenue Q* does not intersect with that other famous Street where puppets live, as this show is entertaining, touching, and hilarious, but definitely not one for the kids. *\*Mature Audiences Only - Explicit Lyrics & Content - Rated R.*

Resident Director Lauren Rawitz of Buffalo Grove is working with an extraordinarily talented cast, including local cast members Joe Farrell of Arlington Heights and Michelle Tibble of Des Plaines.

Preview performances of *Avenue Q* at Metropolis are May 17-20, 2018. Regular run performances are May 24 – June 30, 2018. Specific dates and times are listed below. Tickets are \$35 for previews and \$40 for regular run shows and can be purchased online at [MetropolisArts.com](http://MetropolisArts.com) or by calling the Box Office at 847.577.2121.

Metropolis' cast for *Avenue Q* includes **Emily Bailey** (*Christmas Eve*), **Emilie Rose Danno** (*Kate Monster*), **Jordan DeBose** (*Brian*), **Joe Farrell** (*Bad Idea Bear/Ricky/Ensemble*), **Colin Funk** (*Newcomer/Ensemble*), **Josh Kemper** (*Rod*), **Aaron Lockman** (*Nicky*), **Aziza Macklin** (*Gary Coleman*), **William Marquez** (*Trekkie Monster*), **Alex Newkirk** (*Princeton*), **Emma Rathe** (*Bad Idea Bear/Ensemble*), and **Michelle Tibble** (*Lucy/Mrs. T*). Understudies include **Daniel Dempsey** and **Gavin Pak**.

*Avenue Q* has Music and Lyrics by Robert Lopez & Jeff Marx, with a Book by Jeff Whitty. Directed by Metropolis Resident Director **Lauren Rawitz**, Music Directed by **Kailey Rockwell**, Choreographed by **Kristine Burdi-Stickney**. Designers are **Michael Patrick** (*Sound Designer*), **Robert Pinta** (*Scenic Designer/Technical Director*), **Linda Scheufler & Neil Scheufler** (*Props Designers*), **Cathy Tantillo** (*Costume Designer*), and **Matt Winstead** (*Lighting Designer*). Metropolis Executive/Artistic Director is **Joe Keefe**. Metropolis Production Manager is **William A. Franz**, Assistant Production Manager is **Sara Elizabeth Buto**.

*Avenue Q* is the third show of the 2017-2018 Main Stage Subscription Series at Metropolis, bringing first class entertainment to the northwest suburbs. The final show of the Subscription Series at Metropolis is the colorful decade revue *Beehive: The 60's Musical* (July 12 – August 25, 2018).

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Supporting Sponsor for *Avenue Q* is DoubleTree by Hilton, Chicago - Arlington Heights; Puppet Sponsor is Carol Cohen. Metropolis thanks its media partner Tribune Media Group. Metropolis is partially supported by grants from the Illinois Arts Council Agency, Ecolab Foundation, and the Aileen S. Andrew Foundation.

Metropolis is located in the heart of Chicago's northwest suburbs in downtown Arlington Heights at the intersection of Campbell and Vail Avenue (111 West Campbell Street). Street parking is available. Free parking is available in the public garage behind the theatre. For more information about Metropolis and a complete performance schedule, visit **MetropolisArts.com** or call the Box Office at 847.577.2121.

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Thursday, May 17, 2018	7:30 P.M.	Friday, June 8, 2018	7:30 P.M.
Friday, May 18, 2018	7:30 P.M.	Saturday, June 9, 2018	3:00 & 7:30 P.M.
Saturday, May 19, 2018	3:00 & 7:30 P.M.	Sunday, June 10, 2018	3:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 20, 2018	3:00 P.M.	Thursday, June 14, 2018	7:30 P.M.
Thursday, May 24, 2018	7:30 P.M.	Friday, June 15, 2018	7:30 P.M.
Friday, May 25, 2018	7:30 P.M.	Saturday, June 16, 2018	3:00 & 7:30 P.M.
Saturday, May 26, 2018	3:00 & 7:30 P.M.	Sunday, June 17, 2018	3:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 27, 2018	3:00 P.M.	Thursday, June 21, 2018	7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, May 30, 2018	1:00 P.M.	Friday, June 22, 2018	7:30 P.M.
Thursday, May 31, 2018	7:30 P.M.	Saturday, June 23, 2018	3:00 & 7:30 P.M.
Friday, June 1, 2018	7:30 P.M.	Sunday, June 24, 2018	3:00 P.M.
Saturday, June 2, 2018	3:00 & 7:30 P.M.	Thursday, June 28, 2018	7:30 P.M.
Sunday, June 3, 2018	3:00 P.M.	Friday, June 29, 2018	7:30 P.M.
Thursday, June 7, 2018	7:30 P.M.	Saturday, June 30, 2018	7:30 P.M.

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