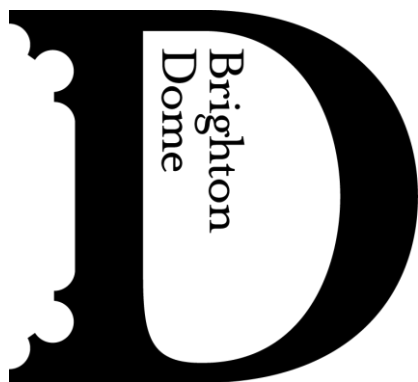


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Sell a Door Theatre Company and Richard Darbourne Ltd present

## **AVENUE Q**

Tuesday 22 – Saturday 26 September 2015

Brighton Dome Concert Hall

5pm (Fri & Sat), 7.30pm (Tues, Weds, Thurs), 8.30pm (Fri & Sat), tickets from £11.50

A smash hit on Broadway, in the West End and most recently in a critically-acclaimed 2014 UK Tour, award-winning comedy musical **Avenue Q** will bring a host of fuzzy friends to Brighton, playing at Brighton Dome from **Tuesday 22 to Saturday 26 September**.

Featuring the naughtiest puppets in town, brought hilariously to life by an ensemble cast of 11 performers, *Avenue Q* is a Tony Award-winning musical about growing up, dreaming big, and finding your purpose in life.

Meet Princeton, a bright-eyed graduate who comes to New York City with big dreams and a tiny bank account. Soon discovering that the only neighborhood in his price range is Avenue Q, he finds himself moving in with some truly quirky characters. There's Brian the out-of-work comedian and his therapist fiancée Christmas Eve; Nicky the good-hearted slacker and his closet gay Republican roommate Rod, an Internet 'sexpert' called Trekkie Monster and a very cute kindergarten teacher named Kate Monster. And would you believe the building's superintendent is Gary Coleman?! Featuring hysterically funny songs including *The Internet is for Porn* and *Everyone's A Little Bit Racist*, *Avenue Q* is a hilarious musical with a warm (and very fuzzy) heart.

'You'd be a muppet to miss it' - \*\*\*\*\* Edinburgh Evening News

*Avenue Q* first opened Off-Broadway at the Vineyard Theatre in 2003, before transferring to Broadway later that year where it won three Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book. In 2006 it transferred to the West End produced by **Cameron Mackintosh**, where it ran for five years before touring the UK. It has appeared in more than ten countries all over the world.

*Avenue Q* is co-created by Tony, Grammy and Emmy Award-winner **Robert Lopez**, who also co-created the smash-hit Broadway and West End musical *The Book of Mormon*. With his wife **Kristen Anderson-Lopez**, Robert also co-wrote the songs for Disney's recent animated feature *Frozen*, with his work also seen on television in *Scrubs*, *The Simpsons* and *South Park*.

*Avenue Q* is produced by Sell a Door Theatre Company, who first presented this new production in a 6 month tour in 2014. Formed in 2007, Sell a Door creates touring productions aimed at engaging young adults in live theatre. Recent productions include a forthcoming UK Tour of *The History Boys*, *Seussical* in the West End and the debut UK tour of *Spring Awakening*. Their co-producer is Richard Darbourne Ltd whose recent work includes *Pride and Prejudice* on UK Tour and the 25th Anniversary tour of *Return to the Forbidden Planet*.

*Avenue Q* has a book by **Jeff Whitty** and music and lyrics by **Robert Lopez** and **Jeff Marx**. It is directed and choreographed by **Cressida Carré**, with set design by **Richard Evans**, lighting design by **Charlie Morgan Jones** and sound design by **Chris Bogg** and **DBS Solutions**. Orchestrations and arrangements are by **Stephen Oremus**. It is produced by Sell a Door Theatre Co and Richard Darbourne Ltd. Puppets are designed by **Paul Jomain** for Q Puppets ([www.Qpuppets.co.uk](http://www.Qpuppets.co.uk)).

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