



SUPREME

Playing with your puppets

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MANILA, Philippines - Watching Avenue Q is like watching Glee meets Sesame Street meets Rent the Musical—an oddball mix of humans and puppets that bring you life lessons that is both hilarious and heartfelt.

It seems that Manila cannot get enough of Avenue Q. Now on its fourth installment (three sold out runs and then now) after it first premiered in Manila in 2007, plus a hit run in Singapore's Esplanade Theatre in 2008.

I have seen the show both in New York and in Manila — I think I may have seen this show three times already — each time funnier and more touching than the first time I've seen it. The cast of humans is spectacular — all seasoned stars of the stage and screen. **Rachel Alejandro**, in particular, will amaze you with her performance — simple yet sizzling. **Thea Tadiar** and **Joel Trinidad** add puppetry into their diverse theatrical portfolio and **Calvin Millado** adds much humanity to the show. Visual and auditory delight is brought in by **Frenchie Dy**. **Aiza Seguerra** delivers the punch lines while **Felix Rivera** hits all the high notes.

"Due to full puppet nudity, parental discretion is advised," says the show's press release. Here at Supreme, we like to take it further — we asked the cast to take it all off, because in this show, puppets and humans are considered equal.

RACHEL ALEANDRO

My purpose is: To enjoy my life with someone I love

The Internet is for: Piracy! Haha!

Everything in life is only for: Fun

If you were: Brad

Then I would: Be your Angelina. Or the other way around. I love them both!

My favorite childhood fantasy is: To fly

I'm not wearing: A bra. I wear nipple tape.

Everyone's a little bit: Dazed

The more you rub someone: The harder it gets

I can make you feel: Giddy



JOEL TRINIDAD

My purpose is: To be immortal through my work

The internet is for: Many things besides porn, but for the life of me I can't think of a single one

Everything in life is only for: Quantum Physics to decipher

If you were: Merciful

Then I would: Not have to answer questionnaires like this

My favorite childhood fantasy is: That Farrah Fawcett would come over to my house and jump and down repeatedly

I'm not wearing: A toupee, obviously

Everyone's a little bit: Pressured to be funny in these damn things.

The more you rub someone: The more good luck you have, but only if they happen to be Buddha

I can make you feel: Happy to have hair

AIZA SEGUERRA

My purpose is: Hmmm...

The internet is for: Facebook

Everything in life is only for: You

If you were: Straight

Then I would: Be gay

My favorite childhood fantasy is: Wala ako nyan. Wala akong time mag-fantasize.

I'm not wearing: High-heels.

Everyone's a little bit: Horny

The more you rub someone: The more lalabas ang mga libag nila

I can make you feel: Very tall



FRENCHIE DY

My purpose is: To help those who are in need, to resonate love and care, to leave this world in peace.

The Internet is for: Everybody

Everything in life is only for: The Lord

If you were: A banana tree

Then I would: Be a monkey who would eat your banana

My favorite childhood fantasy is: Gabby Concepcion

I'm not wearing: Bra today

Everyone's a little bit: OC about something

The more you rub someone: The more it gets angry

I can make you feel: Insecure!

THEA TADIAR-EVERLEY

My purpose is: To be a good wife and mother

The internet is for: BBC Cheebies

Everything in life is only for: Now!

If you were: A puppet

Then I would: Pull your strings

My favorite childhood fantasy was: To be bionic woman

I'm not wearing: A T-back panty

Everyone's a little bit: Bad

The more you rub someone: The more static you generate

I can make you feel: Better

FELIX RIVERA

My purpose is: To make people feel more alive through my story and music

The internet is for: Farmville

Everything in life is only for: Food

If you were: Hungry

Then I would: Join you in a food trip

My favorite childhood fantasy is: Left-over food cry because you didn't eat them

I'm not wearing: Briefs today

Everyone's a little bit: Hungry

The more you rub someone's: Belly, the more it means they're hungry

I can make you feel: Hungry

CALVIN MILLADO

My purpose is: To finish a marathon

The Internet is for: Quick information to anything you want to know

Everything in life is only for: Japanese food

If you were: To ask me a question

Then I would: Answer

My favorite childhood fantasy is: To travel around the world

I'm not wearing: A wig

Everyone's a little bit: Crazy

The more you rub someone: The more they get irritated

I can make you feel: Good

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Atlantis Productions brings back Broadway's hit Tony Award- winning musical AVENUE Q to Manila from March 12 – 27 at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza, Makati. For tickets, call Atlantis Productions at 892-7078 or 840-1187.

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