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***Avenue Q* and *White Christmas* to open 44th Season at BDT Stage**

Boulder, Colorado (July 21, 2021) – BDT Stage will start its first full post-quarantine season in creative opposition. BDT Stage Producing Artistic Director Seamus McDonough says it best, “We turned inward and decided what we truly wanted as individual theatre-goers is both an opportunity to laugh so hard we momentarily forget the trauma, but also have an easy time recapturing the traditions we’ve missed – so we’re doing both!” BDT Stage opens its 44th Main Stage season with a break from the straight and narrow path of the Broadway classics, with the incredibly off-kilter, laugh-out-loud musical comedy, *Avenue Q* August 13 – October 17, 2021. Irving Berlin’s *White Christmas* offers us all a chance to rediscover the holiday magic when it plays November 13, 2021 through January 8, 2022.

Avenue Q is part flesh, part felt and packed with heart - all the ingredients needed to create a laugh out loud musical comedy featuring puppets! Yes, PUPPETS! Bring your husband, bring your wife, bring your parents, bring your sister and your friends - but leave your younger kids at home with a sitter because this show is full of adult content. Winner of the Tony "Triple Crown" for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book, *Avenue Q* tells the timeless story of a recent college grad named Princeton who moves into a shabby New York apartment all the way out on Avenue Q. There, he meets Kate (the girl next door), Rod (the Republican), Trekkie (the internet sexpert), Lucy the Slut (need we say more?), and other colorful types who help Princeton finally discover his purpose in life.. "We've all struggled and stumbled and learned to cope as we find our place in the world. It's just funnier when puppets do it!" explains BDT Executive Producer Michael J. Duran. *Avenue Q* has been described as a very twisted *Sesame Street*. The characters are rather warped, but realistic at the same time, and even though most of the cast is made of puppets, you feel for them as if they were human by the end of the show.

White Christmas is the heartwarming musical adaptation based on the beloved, timeless film of the same name, featuring 17 Irving Berlin songs and a book by David Ives and Paul Blake. Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. With a dazzling score featuring well-known standards including “Blue Skies,” “I Love A Piano,” “How Deep Is the Ocean” and the perennial title song, *White Christmas* is an uplifting musical ready to immerse audiences in the glow of holiday magic.

Tickets for all performances at BDT Stage, including the Main Stage performances mentioned in this release, as well as BDT’s Concert Cabaret Series, are on sale now. Call (303) 449-6000 or visit www.bdtstage.com for reservations.

BDT Stage has been recognized locally and nationally for commitment to theatrical excellence. Boulder's *Daily Camera* praises BDT’s “consistency in technical achievement, performance and overall production level as it sets a high standard for theatrical professionalism.”

CABARET CONCERT SERIES

On The Rocks -- July 22, 2021 -- On the Rocks is Denver's very own Modern Rat Pack Quartet! These four handsome gents bring you the best of the Rat Pack sound in only the finest harmonic and polished package. With vocal stylings spanning decades, including music from Frank Sinatra, The Four Seasons, The Beach Boys and everything in between, On the Rocks delivers sounds as classic as your favorite gin martini...and just as spirited.

Denver Dolls feat. Bianca and the Fly Boys -- July 23, 2021 -- PERFORMING WITH A LIVE BAND! Inspired by beloved WWII Era Shows of the past, this sassy, all-female darling doll trio root their musical style, beautiful look, and light-hearted performance in the tradition of the beloved female groups of the Thirties, Forties and Fifties (with just a smattering of music from today).

Chris Collins with Alex Mitchell: A TRIBUTE TO JOHN DENVER -- July 29, 30, 31, 2021 -- The best John Denver tribute show on any side of the Rocky Mountains is bringing us all home to the place we belong. With similarities between Chris' and John's voices, award-winning singer-songwriter, Chris Collins brings the unmistakable energy and enthusiasm to the stage that was the hallmark of John Denver's performance. Featuring Boulder Canyon's Alex Mitchell on guitar, fiddle, and mandolin.

Around the Campfire with Leo, Chas & Jack: Live Podcast @ BDT Stage -- August 5 and 6, 2021 -- Join us around the campfire with Leo, Chas & Jack for a musical exploration of life through the soundtrack of the lives of local artists. A weekly podcast recorded live at BDT Stage, but inviting an audience in for only two nights! Each night will feature different artists for separate podcast recordings. Listen to Around the Campfire wherever you access your favorite podcasts. ***Please note, Around the Campfire will have a special menu!***

BDT MAIN STAGE

Avenue Q -- August 13 - October 17, 2021 -- Looking for a break from the straight and narrow path of the Broadway classics? Need to reboot your theatre habit slightly off-kilter? Well, look no further! *Avenue Q* is part flesh, part felt and packed with heart – all the ingredients needed to create a laugh out loud musical comedy featuring puppets! Yes, PUPPETS! Bring your husband, bring your wife, bring your sister, bring your friends – but leave your younger kids at home with a sitter because this show is full of mature content.

White Christmas -- November 13, 2021 - January 8, 2022 -- Recapture the holiday magic with White Christmas at BDT this holiday season! This smash Broadway musical based on the Irving Berlin film starring Danny Kaye and Bing Crosby will definitely make your holidays merry and bright. Singers Bob Wallace and Phil Davis join sister act Betty and Judy Haynes to perform a Christmas show in rural Vermont. There, they run into Gen. Waverly, the boys' commander in World War II, who, they learn, is having financial difficulties — his quaint country inn is failing. So what's the foursome to do but plan a yuletide miracle: a fun-filled musical extravaganza that's sure to put Waverly and his business in the black! Nominated for 2 Tonys and 6 Drama Desk awards! Music by Irving Berlin and book by David Ives and Paul Blake.

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