

Charlotte stage

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notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: how much of her father's madness — or genius — did she inherit? Carolina Actors Studio Theatre. nccast.com.

5/17-6/2 // CHARLOTTE 'Avenue Q'

"Avenue Q" is a laugh-out-loud musical that tells the timeless story of a recent college graduate named Princeton who moves into a shabby New York apartment all the way

out on Avenue Q. He soon discovers that although the residents seem nice, it's clear that this is not your ordinary neighborhood. Together, Princeton and his new-found friends struggle to find jobs, dates and their ever-elusive purpose in life. Theatre Charlotte. theatrechCharlotte.org.

6/5-22 // CHARLOTTE 'The Divine Sister'

An outrageous comic homage to all nun films,

"The Divine Sister" is a gleefully twisted tale about a resolute Mother Superior. While trying to build a new school for her convent, she must cope with a young postulant who experiences "visions," a sensitive schoolboy in need of mentoring, a mysterious nun from Berlin and a former suitor intent on luring her from her vows. Actor's Theatre of Charlotte. actorstheatrechCharlotte.org.

7/10-14 // CHARLOTTE 'Willy Wonka Jr.'

For three weeks this summer, approximately 30 participants, age 9-14, will work with pro-

fessional directors, choreographers, designers, technicians and performers experiencing and creating musical theatre. This summer intensive will culminate in public performances of Roald Dahl's "Willy Wonka Jr." Theatre Charlotte. theatrechCharlotte.org.

— Show and performance descriptions and synopses courtesy various marketing materials.

See page 23 for student performances from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and Central Piedmont Community College.

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