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## LIVE, FROM NEW YORK...

# IT'S PENNY ARCADE

Penny Arcade lets her fans know what it's like to be in a pinball machine.

☞ *Penny Arcade's Sex and Censorship Show* bounces its audience off a wide range of emotions and pertinent topics.

In her 2½-hour show, this New York performer explores AIDS, dysfunctional families, prostitution, politics, pornography, feminism, censorship, sexuality, loneliness and artistic inspiration.

Penny Arcade addresses a wide range of topics in her courageous, thought-provoking show.



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humor, it's also brutally, courageously and sometimes painfully honest.

Arcade's honesty is not just projected from the stage; she also steps into the audience and talks with them and, in many cases, hugs them while introducing herself to each person.

One can't help but admire Arcade's effortless transformations through her many characters, who express themselves through monologue and dance.

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Arcade generally keeps her material accessible. And although one may feel uncomfortable, it's never frustrating. Even Arcade says, "Confusion is a good place to start."

But one must be warned: This show isn't for the prudish.

Not only are there exotic dancers, by the end of the show Arcade strips down to nothing but a sheer American flag.

Unfortunately, too much of a good thing can be bad.

At 2½ hours, this show begins to drag.

*Penny Arcade's Sex and Censorship Show*, which has been running for six months in New York and will return there after this run, is a unique and interactive experience which shouldn't be missed.



PENNY ARCADE'S SEX AND CENSORSHIP SHOW is playing at One Yellow Rabbit's Secret Theatre tonight and tomorrow.