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**MTAP – Musical Theatre Artists of Pittsburgh  
Announces first ever Hot Metal Musicals – a showcase of new musical theatre work  
in development**

**Pittsburgh, PA** – October 7, 2014. MTAP – Musical Theatre Artists of Pittsburgh is pleased to announce **Hot Metal Musicals**, the group's first ever showcase of new musical theatre work. **Hot Metal Musicals** will feature the work of member writers, composers and lyricists and will also include work by special guest artists with ties to Pittsburgh. Free and open to the public, the showcase will be presented in cooperation with the Pittsburgh CLO on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:15pm at the CLO Cabaret Theater at Theatre Square, 655 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

**Hot Metal Musicals** is the brainchild of MTAP's leaders Stephanie Riso, Executive Director and Creative Producer, Jeanne Drennan, Managing Director, and Steve Cuden, Advisor and Production Director. The evening will focus on songs brought alive for the audience by established performers and musicians. The showcase will include synopses of the stories of the various musicals in development, samples songs from those musicals, and a spattering of stand-alone work from area songwriters.

MTAP exists to foster collaboration between musical theatre artists in the region, and to create opportunities for the development, presentation, and production of new musical theatre. Collaborations have led to exciting opportunities for members. In the fall of 2013, Jeanne Drennan and David Berlin continued the development of their musical *Dear Boy*, a tale of parental love pitted against a secret romantic love, in collaboration with a musical theatre class at the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Theatre Arts. Concurrently, Pitt's Department of Theatre Arts sponsored MTAP's first public reading of the full-length musical in development *Off with Her Maidenhead* with book and lyrics by Amy

*Hot Metal Musicals confirmed for March 2, 2015 at CLO Cabaret Theater*

Claussen and music by James Rushin. Performed by a cast of local professionals and students, *Off with Her Maidenhead* played to a standing-room only audience.

MTAP welcomes new members, including writers, composers, librettists, directors, musicians, performers, managers and producers. Upcoming meetings in 2014 are Oct. 12, November 16, and Dec. 14 at 1pm at the Wightman School Community Building, 5604 Solway Street in Squirrel Hill, between Negley and Wightman. Visit <http://mtap.weebly.com/> for more information, including bios of some of MTAP's active members.

#### Event Listing Details:

Who: MTAP – Musical Theatre Artists of Pittsburgh

What: Hot Metal Musicals

Where: CLO Cabaret Theater, 655 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

When: Monday, March 2, 2015, 7:15pm

Cost: Free and Open to the Public

Reservations encouraged: Event Page to RSVP is <https://www.artful.ly/store/events/3925>

Details: Featuring the work of MTAP members who are area writers, composers and lyricists developing full musical theatre works or who have written standalone songs, and including work by guest artists with ties to Pittsburgh.

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