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Preview of New Musical 'About Joe' Plays November 13



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A preview of the new musical, *The Thing About Joe* will take place on Monday, November 13 at the McGinn/Cazale Theater (Broadway and 76th St.). The book and lyrics were written by BMI workshop's Matthew Hardy and the music is by award-winning composer Randy Klein.

Produced as part of the BMI workshop's Musical Mondays Theater Lab, the curtain goes up at 6:15.

"Take Joe Christiansen from Preston, Idaho, who is pursuing his dream to become the best maitre d' in New York City...add Gloria, a dedicated Duane-Reade pharmacist, Carmine, an outer-boro pizza czar... then toss in a psychiatrist/prescription-writing mother in Idaho, a pyromaniacal girlfriend, and many other unique New Yorkers. Chill overnight and you've got *The Thing About Joe*."

Based on a real life story, the press materials guarantee that "you've never seen a show like this before."

Texas born Matthew Hardy is entering his second year in the BMI Workshop. His short musical *The Rubberers* will be produced in BMI's spring season. Matthew created and performed his own cabaret act entitled *Songs for the Dysfunctional* and toured nationally with *Fosse*.

Composer Randy Klein is also an accomplished pianist. He has a shelf of Emmys for his documentary/film work and two Gold Records for his R&B work. With lyricist Isidore Elias, his work for the theatre includes *Move!*, commissioned by the Royal Theatre Carre', Amsterdam, *I Don't Do Club Dates* (BMI Foundation grant) for the National Musical Theater Network and the John Harms Center for the Arts, and *Capture The Moon*, based on the Eastern European folklore stories of the Wise Men of Chelm. Klein and Elias' *Falling Apart*, a chamber musical utilizing elements of both musical theater and jazz, was previously produced at Musical Mondays.



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