

Captain Louie

Captain Louie is a family musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, and book by Anthony Stein, based on "The Trip," the picture book by Caldecott Award winner Ezra Jack Keats.

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A new musical? [Captain Louie]

Question:

Just a quick question regarding a piece of news I recently heard. The New York Musical Theatre Festival will apparently have a sneak preview of a new Stephen Schwartz musical. I think I have been keeping up on my rumors, but I don't recall hearing anything about this particular piece. Any hints that could possibly be provided? Thanks! Take care, Charlie

Answer from Stephen Schwartz:

Dear Charlie: What they're referring to is not so "new". It is the children's show "Captain Louie", which has been expanded from "The Trip", a show that was produced by the First All-Children's Theatre back in the 80's. "Captain Louie" has two new songs, an additional character, and a story expanded by a couple of scenes, so that it goes into more depth (and runs closer to workable children's theatre length -- "The Trip" was only about 35 minutes long.) I have always liked this show, and so I am pleased that it is getting some renewed attention. Hope this clarifies this for you and others who have asked about it. Sincerely, Stephen Schwartz

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Visit www.MTISHOWS.com for Captain Louie Licensing and also <http://www.musicalschwartz.com/captain-louie.htm> for background information, the recording, photos.

For an interview with Stephen Schwartz about Captain Louie see http://www.talkinbroadway.com/rialto/past/2005/05_05_05.html