

Gregg Edleman, Harriet Harris, Debra Monk, Kate Shindle, et al. Set for NAMT's Festival of New Musicals

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Additional information has been announced for The National Alliance of Musical Theatre's 21st Annual Festival of New Musicals, to take place October 19-20 at [New World Stages](#).

The composers and lyricists who will be featured in the annual *Songwriters' Showcase* are Benji Goldsmith and Jonathan Karpinos (*The Averageachievers Club*); Joe Iconis (*The Black Suits*); Drew Gasparini (*Crazy, Just Like Me*); Patrick Barry (*The Great American Race*); Maggie-Kate Coleman and Anna K. Jacobs (*Pop!*); Dan Collins and Julianne Wick Davis (*Southern Comfort*); Eric Rosen and Matt Sax, along with Curtis Moore (*Venice*); and Deborah Abramson and Amanda Yesnowitz (*White I Wait*). Performers are still to be announced.

Eight musicals will be showcased at NAMT. *Iron Curtain* will feature Fred Applegate, Maria Couch, [Gregg Edelman](#), David Foley, Jr., Lisa Mindelle, Dara Seitzman, Doug Shapiro, Robby Sharpe, and Jim Stanek.

Tony Award winners Harriet Harris and Debra Monk will star in *It Shoulda Been You*, which will also feature Colin Hanlon, Lisa Howard, Becca Ayers, Jeremy Ellison Gladstone, Nathan Lee Graham, Joe Grifasi, Maria Mindelle, Michael Tucker, and [Nick Wyman](#).

Elena Shaddow, Liz McCartney, Kate Shindle, Jen Babiak, Cyrilla Baer, Neal Benari, Joan Hess, Eric William Morris, and Bruce Winant will star in Duane Nelsen's *Ripper*.

Hostage Song, by Clay McLeod Chapman and Kyle Jarrow, will feature Jeb Brown, Susan Goodwillie, John Hickok, Maria-Christina Oliveras, and Caesar Samoya.

Band Geeks will feature Jill Abramovitz, Aaron J. Albane, Marie France Arcilla, Jenni Barber, John Bolton, Alex Brighton, [Adam Chanler-Berat](#), Dwayne Clark, Jared Gertner, Griffin Matthews, Patti Murin, and Kat Palardy.

Factory Girls will star Kayce Cummings, Kate Rockwell, Nicole Weiss, Carrie Manolakos, Anika Larsen, David Larsen, Kate Ferber, Lindsay Mendez, Dana Steingold, Brian Sutherland, and Cortney Wolfson.

Finally, *How Can You Run With a Shell on Your Back?* will star Carey Anderson, Preston Sadler, Derrick Trumbly, Gideon Glick and Emma Hunton; and *Memory Is the Mother of All Wisdom* will star Leslie Kritzer and Catherine Cox.

NAMT is an industry event, but members of the public can attend the readings if there is space. For more information, visit www.namt.org.

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