

Matt Webster

Playwright • Screenwriter • Composer

DGF Toasts: Stephen Schwartz – Broadway Concert

Contributed original vocal arrangements for the Broadway concert, as well as performed in the show.

Hudson Theatre (Broadway): New York, NY Concert Apr. 2018

Back – A new play

Love takes lifetimes. Set in a world where you can go back in time and change your path or correct a mistake, two best friends, Leah and Derek, must decide what they are willing to sacrifice for a second chance at life. Currently in development as a TV Series with PhilmCo Media.

Manhattan Theatre Club Studios: New York, NY Industry Reading Apr. 2018

Teatro SEA, Clemente Center: New York, NY Festival Production Aug. 2019

Midnight Theatricals: New York, NY Virtual Reading May 2020

*featuring Tony nom. Eva Noblezada and Reeve Carney

Abingdon Theatre: New York, NY Presentation May 2023

*featuring Emmy nom. Madeline Brewer and Tony nom. James Cusati-Moyer

Love Somebody Now – Book, Concept, Musical Arranger

A new musical featuring the award-winning music and lyrics of Broadway's Andrew Lippa. Without any added dialogue or changed lyrics, this first-of-its-kind original musical tells a complete story filled with love, humor, and hope.

New York University: NY, NY Workshop Production June 2023

Red Mountain Theatre: Birmingham, AL Workshop Production Oct. 2023

Carnegie Mellon University: Pittsburgh, PA (upcoming) Workshop Production Dec. 2024

Pittsburgh CLO: Pittsburgh, PA (upcoming) World Premiere Production Feb. 2025

Kingdom Come – Book, Music, Lyrics

A musical about stories, memories and connections, KINGDOM COME features 14 vignettes all centered around the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Kingdom Come strives to take you back to “where you were,” and challenges you to move into the future.

Vivien Davis Michaels Theatre: Morgantown, WV Full Production May 2010

Gladys G. Davis Theatre: Morgantown, WV Staged Reading Apr. 2011

West Virginia Wesleyan Theatre: Buckhannon, WV Staged Reading May 2011

HERE Arts Center: New York, NY* Festival Production Mar. 2012

*Winner - Best Musical

NY Theatre Barn: New York, NY Staged Reading Aug. 2012

Secret Theatre: Long Island City, NY Full Production Sep. 2012

Concordia University: St. Paul, MN Full Production Feb. 2018

Millikin University: Decatur, IL Full Production Sept. 2021

Jay and the Contest – A new play

A young woman named Jay wins an essay contest which grants her the opportunity to finish the final book in a beloved book series after the death of its high-profile author. Tasked with this enormous responsibility, Jay's real world and the world of the books begin to collide and threaten everything she's ever known.

*Selected for the 2019 Newnan ArtRez Playwrighting Residency in Newnan, Georgia.

Newnan Theatre Center: Newnan, GA Staged Reading Aug. 2019

Theatre Row: New York, NY Industry Reading Feb. 2020

The New American Theatre Co: New York, NY Zoom Production Sept. 2020

County Fair – A Country Hits Musical – Book and additional music and lyrics (with Taylor Ferrera)
Now available for licensing! A Commission from Broadway Licensing/Playscripts and StageWorks Media: Two sisters must reconcile their past and their differences to save the beloved Messina County Fair. Featuring all your favorite country music hits, County Fair is a musical for anyone searching to find their way back home.

Various productions around the country

Propaganda! The Musical - Book, Music, and Lyrics (with Taylor Ferrera)

An original musical about a secret government bureau that covers up political scandals by producing Broadway musicals.

Orlando Shakespeare Theatre: Orlando, FL	Staged Reading	Aug. 2012
Ripley Grier Studios: New York, NY	Staged Reading	Mar. 2013
The Pearl Theatre Center: New York, NY	Festival Production	July 2014
Winter Park Theatre: Orlando, FL	Festival Production	Aug. 2017
NOLA Studios: New York, NY	Industry Reading	Nov. 2017
Gärtnerplatz Theatre: Munich, Germany	Festival Production	July 2018
Millikin University: Decatur, IL	Workshop Production	Jan. 2020

Propaganda! The Podcast Musical - Book, Music, and Lyrics (with Taylor Ferrera)

A new, one of a kind podcast musical. The podcast features dialogue and songs, a cast of Broadway stars, and a full sound design and orchestra. Available for streaming wherever you get your podcasts.

Cinderella – Book (with Taylor Ferrera)

A new, fast paced, 4 actor version of the popular fairytale set to music from the Great American Songbook.

American Pops Orchestra: Washington, DC	Full Production	Mar. 2017
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Democracy, Day 1 – a new play (with Taylor Ferrera)

After not quite making it to America, a group of young adults get stranded on an island and turn to their limited knowledge of Democracy to settle their new colony A farce set in the 1600s.

New York Film Academy: New York, NY	Full Production	Jan. 2020
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Tessa Takes a Turn - Book, Music, and Lyrics (with Taylor Ferrera)

A new children's puppet musical about a young turtle who struggles with taking turns.

Shadowbox Theatre: New York, NY	Virtual Show	Fall 2021
Currently touring in and around NYC	Traveling Production	Ongoing

Alex Fox: American Hero – A new play

Kelly, a caterer from small town West Virginia, gets hired to run craft services on Capital Flicks' newest movie. What starts out as a farce soon turns into a thriller when the invisible curtain gets pulled back and Kelly finds herself as a character in the movie.

Made Up World: New York, NY	Virtual Reading	Apr. 2023
Abingdon Theatre: New York, NY	Reading	Apr. 2024

Short Films

Democracy, Day 1	NYFA: New York, NY	Aug. 2021
Untitled Zombie Doc	NYFA: New York, NY	Apr. 2022
Steak-Out	NYFA: Gold Coast, AUS.	May 2022
30 Hours	NYFA: New York, NY	July 2022
We're All Gonna Die	NYFA: New York, NY	Nov. 2022
Hidden Love	NYFA: New York, NY	Mar. 2023
Dust	NYFA: New York, NY	Aug. 2023
Sensitives	NYFA: New York, NY	Mar. 2024
Bean Dip	NYFA: New York, NY	July 2024
Bird (upcoming)	Kill Devil Hills, NC	Oct. 2024

Training

Bachelor of Fine Arts Acting: West Virginia University

Songwriting: Andrew Lippa, Craig Carnelia, Lari White

Playwriting/Text Analysis: Frank Gagliano; Rogue Writers Group

*Matt is currently on faculty at the New York Film Academy. He teaches Acting and is the resident playwright.

Residencies /Awards

Abingdon Theatre Company's 2023/2024 Artist in Residence in NYC; Santa Barbara Int. Screenplay Awards: Best TV Pilot (*BACK*); Oxford Script Awards: Best Drama Pilot (*BACK*); Risk Theatre Modern Tragedy Award Winner (*Jay and the Contest*); Johnny Mercer Songwriter's Award; Newborough House Residency; Newnan ArtRez Residency; Dramatist Guild Member; Best Musical – NY Downtown Urban Theatre Festival (*Kingdom Come*); Best Actress and Best Choreography - NYMF 2014 (*Propaganda! The Musical*); Best Play – Lotus Lee Foundation (*BACK*); Best Set Design, Best Lighting Design, Best Sound Design, Best Actress – Ken Davenport's Rave Theatre Festival (*BACK*); Webby Award for Best Writing for a Podcast (*Propaganda the Podcast Musical*); Named "Outstanding Graduate" from the college of Creative Arts at WVU.