

## **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

### **Is "Captain Louie" available for stage productions**

Question:

Hello Stephen, Just wondering what the status is on the licensing of the amateur stage rights for Captain Louie. Is it or will it be available soon? Thanks!

Answer from Stephen Schwartz:

Thank you for your interest. Yes, CAPTAIN LOUIE will be available for licensing very soon. It will be handled, like almost all my other shows, by MTI. There will be two versions: the full 50-minute version and a shorter 30-minute for schools or groups for whom the full-length version would be too difficult. Book writer Anthony Stein and I are just in the process of getting the final script and scores to MTI so they can get materials prepared. I am looking forward to getting the show out there and having lots and lots of schools and children's theatres perform it! Thanks again, Stephen Schwartz

UPDATE: Captain Louie is now available for licensing

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Visit [www.MTISHOWS.com](http://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](http://www.talkinbroadway.com/rialto/past/2005/05_05_05.html)