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Invitation to Sing

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New York City: It's for industry-only, and it happens for only two days, but it makes a major impact in the world of musical theatre. The 19th annual Festival of New Musicals, organized by the National Alliance for Musical Theatre, hopes that the eight new musicals on tap Oct. 7-8 at New World Stages will have bigger lives, just as *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie* had. This year's selections are a lesbian musical (*The Break Up Notebook*), a big-hearted tribute to baseball (*Casey at the Bat*), a show about Latin Kings (*Kingdom*), a Vietnam-era story set in small-town South Georgia (*Tinyard Hill*), a two character tuner about friendship (*The Story of My Life*), one about a gravely ill girl (*The Chocolate Tree*), and another about a guy's perfect woman who happens to be a fictional character in a novel (*Writing Arthur*). "We have some very talented emerging writers presenting a wide variety of themes," assures Kathy Evans, NAMT's Executive Director. To get involved, visit. www.namt.org.

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