## Alumnus Bryan Batt takes stage for Le Petit Theatre benefit

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Broadway, TV and film actor Bryan Batt, a Tulane University alumnus, will bring his one-man show, "Batt on a Hot Tin Roof," back home to Le Petit Theatre as a benefit for the French Quarter theater and the Forum For Equality for one show only, on Sunday, March 30, at 7 p.m.



New Orleans native and Tulane alumnus Bryan Batt is returning to Le Petit Theatre with his one-man show, "Batt on a Hot Tin Roof." (Photo from Bryan Batt)

<u>Batt</u>, a member of the boards of both Le Petit Theatre and The Forum for Equality, has performed the show around the world since its original debut as a postâ? "Hurricane Katrina benefit.

"Audiences from New York to Los Angeles to London and Australia have enjoyed the show, and it's been a lot of fun sharing the songs and the music," Batt says.

He originated the show in 2005 when he was asked by the then-proprietor of Le Chat Noir, Barbara Motley, to put together a benefit for displaced actors. Although a veteran of nine Broadway and many off-Broadway shows, Batt had never done a one-man cabaret. The show has drawn crowds and rave reviews ever since.

"There are triple-threat stars, and then there's Bryan Batt," wrote Jena Tesse Fox of BroadwayWorld.com. "He sings. He dances. He acts. And he's one of the most brilliantly funny comedians on Broadway today."

Another BroadwayWorld.com writer, Don Grigware, wrote of Batt, "His delightful patter in the 70-minute set includes story/song/story/song in a rapid-fire delivery that is warm, humorous and at times quite touching."

Ticket prices range from \$30 to \$50 and may be <u>purchased online</u>, by visiting the theater's box office, 616 St. Peter St., or calling 504-522-2081 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.