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1       Next Stage welcomes tap ensemble Subject:Matter for  
2 community jam, residency performance

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5       Next Stage Arts welcomes acclaimed ~~Boston-based tap~~  
6 ~~dance ensemble~~ Subject:Matter as Artists in Residence this  
7 January, featuring two exciting public events that invite the  
8 community to engage with the company's creative process  
9 through participation and performance.  
10       On Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m., Boston-based tap dance  
11 ensemble Subject:Matter will hosts a Community Tap Jam at Next

Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill. This free, open-level event invites dancers and musicians of all backgrounds to engage with the company's creative process through participation and performance. Participants ~~can~~ step into the rhythm and explore tap dance in a relaxed, class-style jam with live music.

~~Whether you're~~Those new to tap ~~or~~and those looking to sharpen ~~you~~their skills, ~~all are welcome to~~ can learn, play, and move at their own pace. Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments and join the improvisation. ~~RSVP at nextstagearts.org.~~

The residency culminates in a performance on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:15 p.m.), as Subject:Matter shares a ~~dynamic~~ concert showcasing the work developed during their time at Next Stage.

~~The program blends brand-new material with selections from the company's first two celebrated albums, With Far Hand and Songbook, offering audiences an inventive, high-energy fusion of live music and tap dance. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$10 for students, and are available at nextstagearts.org.~~

"Together, these events offer a rare opportunity to experience Subject:Matter's collaborative, rhythm-driven artistry — from an open, community-centered jam to a polished performance that bridges the company's past, present, and emerging work," organizers wrote in a news release.

This residency is supported by South Arts' Jazz Road Creative Residency award.

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Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$10 for students, and are available at nextstagearts.org. RSVP at nextstagearts.org.

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