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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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39 the company's first two works, With Far Hand and Songbook.

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