

I have written a new musical, "PygMALEon", (book/music/lyrics), a modern re-musicalization of George Bernard Shaw's classic play, "Pygmalion". This time, instead of a flower girl seeking social status by learning to speak like a lady with the help of a phonetician, a modern-day gay young man who is obese seeks social status by improving his physique, with the help of a "celebrity personal fitness trainer to the stars". What ensues explores what has changed -- and what's stayed the same - since Shaw's original story. With 22 original songs of varied and refreshing styles, and a funny book with colorful characters, this gay-affirmative Hollywood Cinderella Story reflects modern times and the journeys of people like Chris Evans, Taylor Lautner, and Chris Hemsworth, as well as depicting the unique daily life in the "gay city" of West Hollywood.