

PEG O' MY HEART

Alfred Bryan, Lyrics; Fred Fisher, Music; 1913

"Peg O' My Heart" is a popular song written by Alfred Bryan and Fred Fisher. It was published on March 15, 1913 and was featured in the 1913 musical "Ziegfeld Follies". The song was first performed publicly by Irving Kaufman in 1912 at The College Inn in New York City after he had stumbled across a draft of sheet music on a shelf at the Leo Feist offices.



After writing the song, Fisher was promptly sued by J. Hartley Manners. In a settlement forced on them by a judge, Fisher was required to use a photograph of Taylor and the dog from the play, Michael, on the cover of the sheet music when it was published, thus ensuring more publicity for the play.

The original play has been turned into three movies and was revived on Broadway in 1922. It was the basis of a musical in London in 1984 by composer, David Heneker, which ran just four months. There

was some confusion between that play and another show bearing a similar title on Broadway, "Peg", starring Peggy Lee. Nearly a hundred years later, a new production of the Peg story is hoping to return to the Court Theatre on Broadway in 2012.

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