



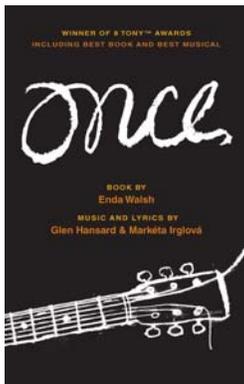
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## **New from TCG Books:**

### **Once by Enda Walsh, with lyrics by Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová**



NEW YORK, NY – Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of the new musical *Once*, with book by Enda Walsh and music and lyrics by Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová. The celebrated new musical based on the Academy Award®-winning film premiered at the New York Theatre Workshop in 2011 before moving to Broadway the following spring, where it is enjoying an open-ended run. *Once* received eleven Tony Award® nominations and eight wins, including Best Musical and Best Book of a Musical.

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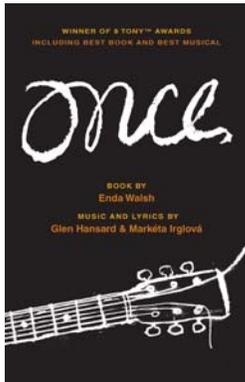
**Enda Walsh** is the author of five Edinburgh Festival Fringe First Award-winning plays, including *Penelope*, *The Walworth Farce* and *The New Electric Ballroom*. He also co-wrote the film *Hunger*, which won the Camera d’Or award at the Cannes Film Festival.

**Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová** are the stars and songwriters of the 2006 film, *Once*, for which they won an Academy Award for Best Song. The two comprise the musical folk-

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