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## New York

***The Jonathan Larson Project*** (Jonathan Larson – book/ music/ lyrics)  
Orpheum Theatre (Drama Desk Nomination)

***BloodSong of Love*** (Joe Iconis – book/ music/ lyrics)  
Ars Nova (Three Drama Desk Nominations)

***The Bus*** (James Lantz)  
59E59 Theatres

***The Joe Iconis Christmas Extravaganza***  
54 Below (all fourteen years)

***Things to Ruin: The Songs of Joe Iconis*** (co-conceiver)  
Second Stage, NYMF, Zipper Factory

***Beatsville*** (Glenn Slater – book, Wendy Leigh Wilf – music/ lyrics)  
Provincetown Playhouse

***Party Come Here*** (Daniel Goldfarb- book, David Kirshenbaum- music/ lyrics)  
The Players Theatre

***Next Thing You Know*** (Ryan Cunningham – book/ lyrics; Josh Salzman – music)  
Ars Nova

***ReWrite: a musical comedy triple feature*** (Joe Iconis- book/ music/ lyrics)  
Urban Stages

***The Legend of New York*** (Ryan Cunningham – book/ lyrics; Josh Salzman – music)  
Provincetown Playhouse

***The Plant That Ate Dirty Socks*** (Joe Iconis- book/ music/ lyrics)  
Theatreworks, USA – Lucille Lortel Theatre

***The Black Suits*** (Joe Iconis- music/ lyrics, Joe Iconis & Robert Maddock- book)  
SPF at the Public Theater (Shiva)

***Queen Esther*** (Ryan Cunningham- book, Joshua Salzman- music/lyrics)  
Merkin Hall

***Go-Go Beach*** (John Wimbs - book/ lyrics; Mike Shaieb, Brent Lord - music)  
New York Musical Theatre Festival - 37 Arts Theatre

***Blood Drive*** (Rachel Sheinkin- book/ lyrics; Joel Derfner- music)

**29** (Gaby Alter- music/lyrics; Tommy Newman- book/ additional lyrics)

***Like You Like It: The 1980's Musical*** (Sammy Buck- book/ lyrics; Dan Acquisto- music)

## International

**Legendale** - World Premiere (Andrea Daly – music; Jeff Bienstock – words)  
Fredericia Teater, Denmark

## Regional

Two River Theater – Red Bank, NJ  
**Love in Hate Nation** (World Premiere) – Joe Iconis – book/music/ lyrics

National Archives – Washington, D.C.  
**Tyrants** – by Alexander Sage Oyen, Nora Brigid Monahan

Center Theatre Group (Kirk Douglas Theatre) – Los Angeles, CA  
**The Black Suits** - World Premiere (starring Annie Golden, Will Roland, Veronica Dunne)

Theaterworks Hartford – Hartford, CT  
**Raging Skillet** – World Premiere (starring Marilyn Sokol, George Salazar)

North Carolina Theatre – Raleigh, NC  
**Hairspray** (starring Dale Hensley, Dirk Lumbard)

Weston Playhouse – Weston, VT  
**Jersey Boys**  
**A Very Vermonty Christmas**

Human Race Theatre Company – Dayton, OH  
**Legendale** - American Premiere (starring Max Crumm)

Goodspeed Opera House – East Haddam, CT  
**ReWrite** (Festival of New Artists)  
**Adam Lives** (Festival of New Artists)

Barrington Stage Company – Pittsfield, MA  
**Hellraisers**  
**The Black Suits** (starring Ben Platt)

John W. Engeman Theatre – Northport, NY  
**I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change**  
**Damn Yankees** (starring André De Shields, Felicia Finley, Austin Miller)  
**A Wonderful Life** (starring Will Reynolds)

Sacramento Music Circus – Sacramento, CA  
**Cabaret** (starring Jacquelyn Piro, Max Von Essen, Teri Ralston)  
**Annie** (starring Mark Zimmerman, Adinah Alexander, Jim Walton)

Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma – Oklahoma City, OK  
**Evita** (starring Kate Chapman, Eric Michael Gillett, Dan Cooney)

Berkshire Theatre Festival  
**Next Thing You Know** (Ryan Cunningham – book/ lyrics; Josh Salzman – music)

Sharon Playhouse (**Artistic Director**) – Sharon, CT  
**Quartet** – starring Elizabeth Franz  
**Merrily We Roll Along** – starring Jason Tam, A.J. Shively  
**Big River**  
**Judge Jackie: Disorder in the Court** – starring Klea Blackhurst  
**Nine Wives**  
**True Love**  
**Georgie** – written by and starring Ed Dixon  
**Falsettos**  
**Les Misérables**

***They're Playing Our Song*** – starring Lauren Marcus, Eric William Morris  
***Damn Yankees***  
***A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum***  
***The Wedding Singer***  
***Rent***  
***The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas***  
***Altar Boyz***

New York Workshops/ Readings

OHenry Productions: ***For Better, For Worse*** (Reed Arnold)  
Ars Nova: ***When the World Ends*** (Nick Blaemire)  
NAMT (National Alliance for Musical Theatre – New World Stages):  
***Ripper*** (Duane Nelsen)  
***Bloodsong Of Love*** (Joe Iconis)  
***Legendale*** (Andrea Daly, Jeff Bienstock)  
Sage Theatre: ***Half Married*** (a new play by Ryan Cunningham and Charles Antin)  
Barrington Stage Company: ***Bad Kid School*** (John Gregor- book/ music/ lyrics)  
York Theatre: ***Plastic!*** (Robert Maddock- book/ lyrics; Joe Iconis, Reza Jacobs - music)  
***You Don't Know Jack*** (Jay Falzone- book/ lyrics; Jason Loffredo – music)  
New Triad for Collaborative Arts/ Lincoln Center: ***Lyrical Langston: His Muse for Music***  
Loewe Theatre: ***Beasts and Saints*** (Mindi Dickstein- book/ lyrics; Dan Messe- music)

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***Be More Chill*** (Joe Iconis/ Joe Tracz)  
***Love in Hate Nation*** (Joe Iconis)  
***The Last Day*** (Mike Reid/ Sarah Schlesinger)  
***The Lucky Boy*** (Kirsten Childs)  
***A Chorus Line***  
***Nostalgia Night*** (Matthew McCollum/ Sofya Levitsky-Weitz)  
***Family Album*** (Joe Iconis)  
***True Crime Frankenstein*** (Matt Cox/ Eli Bolin)

New York University

***The Fix, Kiss of the Spider Woman, Floyd Collins, Sweet Smell of Success, Violet, City of Angels, Urinetown, Merrily We Roll Along, Parade, A New Brain, Godspell, Fiorello!***

Concerts

Skirball Center for the Performing Arts  
***Alan Menken: A Musical Tribute*** (featuring Alan Menken)  
New World Stages: ***NAMT Songwriters Showcase***

Teaching/ Education

**New York University- M.A.**  
**Miami University (Ohio)- B.M.**