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## New York

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

***The Annual Joe Iconis Christmas Extravaganza***  
54 Below

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

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

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

***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

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

***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

***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 Miserables***

***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)

Penn State University

***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)

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.**