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New York

The Jonathan Larson Project

Orpheum Theatre

BloodSong of Love (Joe Iconis – book/ music/ lyrics)

Ars Nova (Three Drama Desk Nominations)

The Joe Iconis Christmas Extravaganza

54 Below (all fourteen years)

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

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)

Weston Playhouse – Weston, VT

Jersey Boys

A Very Vermonty Christmas

North Carolina Theatre – Raleigh, NC

Hairspray (starring Dale Hensley, Dirk Lumbard)

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 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.