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OFF BROADWAY

Hollow/Wave	United Solo Theatre Fest.	10/2019	Barbara Zahora, dir.
Churchill	SoloChicago Theatre	2/2015	Kurt Johns, dir.

LORT / LARGE-SCALE REGIONAL

Murder for Two: Holiday Edition	Capital Rep., Albany, NY	11/2025	Scott Weinstein, dir.
King Lear*	Notre Dame Shakespeare Fest., IN	8/2025	Pirronne Yousefzadeh, dir.
Twisted Melodies [<i>Black Theatre Alliance Award</i>]	Northlight Theatre, Skokie, IL	7/2025	Ron OJ Parson, dir.
Dhaba on Devon Avenue*	Writers Theatre, Glencoe, IL	6/2025	Chay Yew, dir.
The Incredible Book Eating Boy	South Coast Rep., Costa Mesa, CA	2/2025	H. Adam Harris, dir.
Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812 [<i>Jeff Award Nom.</i>]	Writers Theatre, Glencoe, IL	9/2024	Katie Spelman, dir.
Peter and the Starcatcher [<i>Jeff Award Nom.</i>]	Paramount Theatre, Aurora, IL	8/2024	Nate Cohen, dir.
Next to Normal	Paramount Theatre, Aurora, IL	8/2023	Jim Corti, dir.
The Knockout	Steppenwolf (LookOut), Chicago	7/2024	Fawn Johnston, dir.
God of Carnage*	Milwaukee Rep., WI	4/2023	Ryan Quinn, dir.
Layalina	Goodman Theatre, Chicago	3/2023	Sivan Battat, dir.
Dino! An Evening with Dean Martin	Milwaukee Rep., WI	1/2023	Jonathan Hetler, dir.
Dear Jack, Dear Louise	Northlight Theatre, Skokie, IL	7/2022	Jessica Fisch, dir.
Pearl's Rollin' with the Blues	Writers Theatre, Glencoe, IL	6/2022	Ron OJ Parson, dir.
Dad's Season Tickets	Milwaukee Rep., WI	10/2021	Ryan Quinn, dir.
Plano*	Steppenwolf/First Floor, Chicago	2/2020	Audrey Francis, dir.
Short Shakes! Comedy of Errors	Chicago Shakespeare Theater	1/2020	Eli Newell, dir.
Working: A Musical	The REV, Auburn, NY	8/2019	Brett Smock, dir.
Shakespeare in Love*	TheatreSquared, Fayetteville, AR	8/2019	Amy Herzberg & Aimée Hayes, dirs.
Legally Blonde	Northern Stage, White River Jct, VT	7/2019	Eric Love, dir.
Mark Twain's River of Song	Milwaukee Rep., WI	1/2019	Randal Myler, dir.
Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley*	TheatreSquared, Fayetteville, AR	11/2018	Keira Fromm, dir.
The All Night Strut	Milwaukee Rep., WI	11/2018	JC Clementz, dir.
Murder for Two [<i>S.A.L.T. Award Nomination</i>]	The REV Theatre Co., Auburn, NY	8/2018	Scott Weinstein, dir.
Voices from Beyond the Dark (Staged Reading)	Lookingglass Theatre, Chicago	3/2018	Andy White, dir.

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Do Something Pretty [upcoming]	Rivendell Theatre Ensemble, Chicago	5/2026	Jess Fisch, dir.
Gloria [<i>O.C. Theatre Guild Award Nom.</i>]	Chance Theater, Anaheim, CA	9/2024	Marya Mazor, dir.
Revolution*	A Red Orchid Theatre, Chicago	9/2023	Travis Knight, dir.
Right To Be Forgotten*	Raven Theatre, Chicago	2/2023	Sarah Gitenstein, dir.
tick, tick...BOOM!	BoHo Theatre, Chicago	1/2023	Bo Frazier, dir.
White Christmas	Music Theater Works, Skokie, IL	12/2022	Sasha Gerritson, dir.
Mosque4Mosque*	About Face Theatre, Chicago	11/2022	Sophiyaa Nayar, dir.
Alma*	American Blues Theater, Chicago	9/2022	Ana Velazquez, dir.
The Luckiest*	Raven Theatre, Chicago	5/2022	Cody Estle, dir.
La Cage Aux Folles	Music Theater Works, Skokie, IL	3/2022	Kyle A. Dougan, dir.
Solaris* [<i>Jeff Award - Sound Design,</i> <i>Jeff Award Nom. - Original Music in a Play</i>]	Griffin Theatre, Chicago	2/2022	Scott Weinstein, dir.
Blues in the Night	Porchlight Music Theatre, Chicago	2/2021	Kenny Ingram, dir.

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Pump Boys and Dinettes	Porchlight Music Theatre, Chicago	11/2021	Daryl Brooks, dir.
A Doll's House*	Raven Theatre, Chicago	2/2020	Lauren Shouse, dir.
Roan @ The Gates*	American Blues Theater, Chicago	2/2020	Lexi Saunders, dir.
Packing	About Face Theatre, Chicago	11/2019	Chay Yew, dir.
Sundown, Yellow Moon*	Raven Theatre, Chicago	10/2019	Cody Estle, dir.
Every Brilliant Thing	Windy City Playhouse, Chicago	9/2019	Jessica Fisch, dir.
Wolf Play* [Jeff Award Nom. - Sound Design]	The Gift Theatre, Chicago	7/2019	Jess McLeod, dir.
Something Clean*	Sideshow/Rivendell Theatre, Chicago	6/2019	Lauren Shouse, dir.
The River*	BoHo Theatre, Chicago	6/2019	Jerrell Henderson, dir.
The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey* [Jeff Award Nom. - Sound Design]	American Blues Theater, Chicago	4/2019	Kurt Johns, dir.
Corduroy*	Emerald City Theatre, Chicago	3/2019	Jamal Howard, dir.
Mike Pence Sex Dream*	First Floor Theater, Chicago	2/2019	Hutch Pimentel, dir.
Dark at the Top of the Stairs	Eclipse Theatre, Chicago	11/2018	Jerrell Henderson, dir.
Ghosts*	Redtwist Theatre, Chicago	11/2018	Erin Murray, dir.
This Bitter Earth*	About Face Theatre, Chicago	11/2018	Mikael Burke, dir.
Fun Harmless Warmachine*	The New Coordinates, Chicago	10/2018	James Flemming, dir.
Six Degrees of Separation*	Redtwist Theatre, Chicago	9/2018	Steve Scott, dir.
Bus Stop*	Eclipse Theatre, Chicago	7/2018	Steve Scott, dir.
The Adventures of Spirit Force Five	Factory Theater, Chicago	7/2018	Spenser Davis, dir.
Rock of Ages	Theatre SilCo, Silverthorne, CO	6/2018	Adam Estes, dir.
Bull in a China Shop*	About Face Theatre, Chicago	5/2018	Keira Fromm, dir.
The Madres	Teatro Vista, Chicago	4/2018	Ricardo Gutiérrez, dir.
Frost/Nixon*	Redtwist Theatre, Chicago	4/2018	Scott Weinstein, dir.
Nice Girl*	Raven Theatre, Chicago	1/2018	Lauren Shouse, dir.
Becky Shaw*	Windy City Playhouse, Chicago	9/2017	Scott Weinstein, dir.
Beauty's Daughter*	American Blues Theater, Chicago	7/2017	Ron OJ Parson, dir.
A Wrinkle in Time* [Jeff Nom. - Sound Design]	Lifeline Theatre, Chicago	2/2017	Elise Kauzlaric, dir.
The Wolf at the End of the Block	Teatro Vista, Chicago	2/2017	Ricardo Gutiérrez, dir.
The Assembled Parties*	Raven Theatre, Chicago	1/2017	Cody Estle, dir.
Apartment 3A*	Windy City Playhouse, Chicago	10/2016	Ron OJ Parson, dir.
Thrones! The Musical Parody	Apollo Theatre, Chicago	7/2016	Hannah Todd, dir.
Katrina: Mother-in-Law of 'Em All	Interrobang Theatre, Chicago	9/2015	Georgette Verdin, dir.
Ride - A Pop Fable (Staged Concert Reading)	Canton Theatricals, AZ and NYC	6/2010	Anthony Cantalupo, dir.
The Hobbit	Valley Youth Theatre, Phoenix, AZ	5/2010	Jessica Graeber, dir.
Between	Valley Youth Theatre, Phoenix, AZ	1/2010	Jessica Graeber, dir.
bare: A Pop Opera	Aperio Productions, Phoenix, AZ	6/2009	Jonathan Furedy, dir.

UNIVERSITY

Starmites	University of California, Irvine	6/2025	Nikki Snelson, dir.
Everybody* [Guest Artist]	Northwestern University, Evanston, IL	5/2023	Katie Lupica, dir.
Men on Boats* [Guest Artist]	Northwestern University, Evanston, IL	5/2022	Katie Lupica, dir.
Head Over Heels [Guest Artist]	Columbia College Chicago, IL	4/2022	Donterrio, dir.
Cabaret [Guest Artist]	Columbia College Chicago, IL	2/2022	Elizabeth Swanson, dir.
A New Brain [Guest Artist]	Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ	11/2017	Robert Harper, dir.
Shrek the Musical [Guest Artist]	Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ	4/2017	Matthew Wiener, dir.
Guys & Dolls [Guest Artist]	Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ	11/2016	Toby Yatso, dir.
The Rocky Horror Show [AriZoni Award]	Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ	5/2010	Dwayne Hartford, dir.
La Cenerentola [AriZoni Award Nomination]	Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ	2/2010	Dale Dreyfoos, dir.

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