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Director/Dramaturg

Josh Coates, *Get Yourself Together*
August 2014 – present

- Scratched at Northern Stage
- Currently in development, supported by the Manchester Royal Exchange

Josh Coates, *Particles*
October 2013 – present

- Programmed at Progkunstfestivalen, Norway; Lyric Hammersmith, London; Camden People's Theatre
- One of Lyn Gardner's Picks of the Edinburgh Fringe 2014

Writing

1623 Theatre Company, *Macbrew*
August 2014 – present

- Street theatre piece based on weird sisters from Shakespeare's Macbeth
- Research and development including delivering workshop on adaptation to trainees

No Real Syria
October 2013 – present

- Verbatim theatre piece, formed from recorded conversations with the British public
- Scratched at Derby Theatre, Manchester and Lancaster

The Nine O'Clock News, with Daniel Bye
October 2014

- Programmed at Live at LICA
- Three day devising period, culminating in performance

Nominee: OffWestEnd.com's Adopt a Playwright Award
September 2014

Water-Nix, with Jack Nichols
July 2014

- Winner of Writers at Work competition at Blue Elephant Theare, Camberwell
- Received rehearsed studio readthrough

After Kraus: Shortlisted by TIMEZONE Theatre Company
June 2014

- One of three final shortlisted plays considered for production at Tristan Bates Theatre

Cut up Poetry Workshop, with Lenni Sanders
May 2014

- Commissioned by Spotlight Lancaster
- Cut-up poetry writing workshop delivered to a group of adults

Performance

- February 2015 – 'bout bloody time', Poetry EP with Lenni Sanders
- November 2014 – Poetry – Word Art Manchester
- October 2014 – Poetry Collaboration with Lenni Sanders – Manchester Literature Festival
- May 2014 – Poetry Collaboration with Lenni Sanders – Spotlight Lancaster
- April 2014 – Poetry Collaboration with Lenni Sanders – First Draft Manchester
- March 2014 – Prose Collaboration with Joe Cooper – Bad Language Manchester
- January 2014 – Poetry – Bad Language Manchester
- June 2012 – Poetry – Holy Smokes! 6, Derby Silk Mill
- June 2012 – Poetry – Spotlight Lancaster

Other

Producer, Derby : Theatre Uncut
December 2014

- Derby constituent of global Theatre Uncut event at Derby Theatre
- Raised £105 for Amnesty International

Curator, 'Scratch at the Ashton'
February 2014

- Scratch night of new theatre work co-curated with Josh Coates
- Funding supported by the Nat Merriman Fund

Theatre Reviewer, Live at LICA
November 2013 – March 2014