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An Independent Student Production Directed by Sabrina Guilbeault '18



Almost, Maine

by John Cariani



November 3-5 in the Bowab Theater
at the Smith Center for the Arts

Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm
& Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 pm

For tickets call 401.865.2218, or
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Providence College Department of Theatre, Dance, & Film
John Bowab Theatre, Smith Center for the Arts

ALMOST, MAINE

By: John Cariani

Directed by: SABRINA GUILBEAULT

Scenic and Sound Design
SABRINA GUILBEAULT '18

Costume Design
ELAINE HEADRICK '18

Lighting Design
KOHL PEASLEY '19

ALMOST, MAINE was developed by The Cape Cod Theatre Project. Professional
Premiere Production: Portland Stage Company, Anita Stewart, Artistic Director, Tami
Ramaker, Managing Director. Originally produced in New York by
Jack Thomas/Bulldog Theatrical and Bruce Payne.

Almost, Maine is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.,
New York, New York

The Cast

(In order of appearance)

Pete- Thomas Edwards '20
Ginette- Alexsia Renee Patton '21
East- Michael Izzo '18
Glory- Catie Capolongo '19
Jimmy- Thomas Edwards '20
Sandrine- Mireya Lopez '19
Waitress- Alexsia Renee Patton '21
Marvalyn:-Deirdre Lahiff '20
Steve- Michael Izzo '18
Gayle- Kate Fitzpatrick '21
Lendall- Alec Roskam '18
Randy- Thomas Edwards '20
Chad- Michael Izzo '18
Phil- Alec Roskam '18
Marci- Catie Capolongo '19
Hope- Kate Fitzpatrick '21
Suzette- Deirdre Lahiff '20
Man- Thomas Edwards '20
Rhonda- Mireya Lopez '19
Dave- Alec Roskam '18

Place:

Various locales in Almost, Maine, a small town in Northern Maine that doesn't quite exist.

Time:

Each vignette takes place at the same time at nine o'clock on a cold, clear, moonless, slightly surreal Friday night in the middle of the deepest part of a Northern Maine winter.

Scene Breakdown:

Prologue

ACT ONE

Scene 1: Her Heart

Scene 2: Sad and Glad

Scene 3: This Hurts

Scene 4: Getting it Back

ACT TWO

Scene 5: They Fell

Scene 6: Where it Went

Scene 7: Story of Hope

Scene 8: Seeing the Thing

Epilogue

THERE WILL BE A 10 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Production Staff

STAGE MANAGER

Kohl Peasley '19

BOX OFFICE MANAGER

Kathleen Moore '20

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER

Daniel Munoz '19

BOX OFFICE AND PUBLICITY

Emily Clark '19

Gabi Dess '18

SOUND BOARD OPERATOR

Thalea Gauthier '20

SOUND MIXER

Kathleen Moore '20

Daniel Munoz '20

Annie Romano '21

Laura Rostkowski '18

LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR

Kohl Peasley '20

HOUSE MANAGER

Gabi Dess '18

RUNNING CREW

Amanda Piechota '19

FRONT OF HOUSE ASSISTANTS

Brittney Price '18

Amanda Piechota '19

Brittany Price '18

ARCHIVE PHOTOGRAPHY

Elaine Headrick '18

Almost, Maine Playlist:

Music that inspired the cast and crew, some of which can be heard within the play.

Let Her Go Passenger

Can't Help Falling in Love Haley Reinhart

Little Talks Of Monsters and Men

I'll Be Edwin McCain

Say You Won't Let Go James Arthur

Little Did You Know Alex and Sierra

Falling for You Colbie Caillat

Torn James TW

Skinny Love Birdy

Perfect Ed Sheeran

As the World Falls Down David Bowie

Be the One Dua Lipa

Good Riddance Green Day

INTRODUCTION

Patience

Patience and Love agreed to meet at a set time and place; beneath the twenty-third tree in the olive orchard. Patience arrived promptly and waited. She checked her watch every so often but still, there was no sign of Love. Was it the twenty-third tree or the fifty-sixth? She wondered and decided to check, just in case. As she made her way over to the fifty-sixth tree, Love arrived at twenty-three, where Patience was noticeably absent. Love waited and waited before deciding he must have the wrong tree and perhaps it was another where they were supposed to meet. Meanwhile, Patience had arrived at the fifty-sixth tree, where Love was still nowhere to be seen. Both begin to drift aimlessly around the olive orchard, almost meeting but never do. Finally, Patience, who was feeling lost and resigned, found herself beneath the same tree where she began. She stood there for barely a minute when there was a tap on her shoulder. It was Love.

“Where are you?” She asked. “I have been searching all my life.” “Stop looking for me,” Love replied, “and I will find you.”

-Lang Leav

Director's Special Thanks

Throughout the whole process of getting *Almost, Maine* ready for an audience, something I learned very quickly is that it takes a village to get any kind of project like this up on its feet. Directing a play all about love, I am so grateful for the kindness from the vast variety of people who helped me turn my ideas and aspirations into a bright and starry-sky reality. I therefore would like to dedicate this play to everyone that has supported me in some capacity during this process, and I hope you can recognize some of your love within these happy and bittersweet vignettes.

I also would like to especially thank the following:

John Garrity, my advisor for this project, who patiently sat with me once a week to check in and offer free advice, and who kindly helped me stay on track. Thank-you for your guidance and thank-you for lending me your skills and knowledge. TDF is very lucky to have you.

Jimmy Calitri, thank-you for always being an advocate of mine, and for helping me throughout this project even when you were putting up your own performance. Your empathy and kindness makes you a special breed of human.

Trevor Elliott, Maxine Wheelock, Ali Boyd, Susan Werner, Gabi Dess, and the Production Office, thank-you for all your time and patience as I utilized you for the many aspects of putting on a show that happens outside rehearsal.

Dr. Robert Hackey, thank-you for encouraging me to continue studying theater along with my Health Policy major. It is educators like you that the world needs so much more of.

To my roommates over the past four years, thank-you for coming to every show, helping me rehearse for every audition, and for listening as I talked and talked about this show. You're the best of friends, and without your friendship, I would have been lost.

To my friends on The Cowl and Student Congress, thank-you for the support, and for not asking twice when my response to everything has been, "I can't, I have rehearsal."

To my grandmother, parents, and brothers, thank-you for being the biggest supporters of all. It's not every family who would be okay with turning a dining room into a tiny forest of trees. I love you more than you know.

Lastly, thank-you for the best cast and crew I could have ever asked for. This has been a magical experience, and rehearsals have been my happy place during the craziness of senior year. Working with each and every one of you has been an absolute gift, so thank-you for sharing this little midwinter's night dream with me.

Hope

One day you walk into a cafe and there he is. It's as simple as that. As easy as that. Then forever after, you spend your life, walking into cafes, hoping he'll magically appear. Like he did the first time. Or there would be someone else, just like him, sitting, with his head buried in a book. He would turn to look at you and it would all begin again.

When love finds you, it doesn't come with crashing waves or thunderbolts. It appears as a song on the radio or a particular blue in the sky. It dawns on you slowly, like a warm winter sunrise--where the promise of summer shines out from within.

We number our days and divide our seasons. We endlessly define what it is to be in love. When in truth, spring blurs into summer and always has, long before that line was ever drawn. Your love for him is the same--it runs wild and free. Like the air around you, it stretches all across the world, it does not leave a single thing untouched. You carry that love with you, like a bright and blazing beacon, a straight line from your heart to his. And it keeps alive that aching, throbbing hope, that somewhere in the world, there is a cafe and within those walls, he is there, hoping just as much as you.

-Lang Leav



An Excerpt from the Playwright's Notes:

“The people of Almost, Maine are ordinary people. They work hard for a living. They are extremely dignified. They are honest and true. They are not cynical. They are not sarcastic. They are not glib. But that does not mean that they are dumb. They're very smart. They just take the time to wonder about things. They speak simply, honestly, truly, and from the heart.

This is a play about real people who are really, truly, and honestly dealing with one of the toughest things there is to deal with in life: love.”

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THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

AUDITIONS: TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

music and lyrics by William Finn; book by Rachel Sheinkin
October 20-22 and October 27-29

ALMOST, MAINE by John Coriani

AUDITIONS: TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

an Independent Student Production: November 3-5

BLACKFRIARS DANCE CONCERT

AUDITIONS: THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Providence College Dance Company: November 17 & 18

HAMLET

AUDITIONS: WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

an experimental production of William Shakespeare's
epochal tragedy: January 26-28 and February 9-11

FALLING by Deanna Jent

AUDITIONS: WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

an Independent Student Production: February 16-18

CREATIVE WRITERS FESTIVAL

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: TBD

March 23 & 24

THE MOORS by Jen Silverman

AUDITIONS: TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY

April 13-15 and April 20-22

SPRING DANCE CONCERT

AUDITIONS: TBD

Providence College Dance Company: April 27 & 28

STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL May 3

SUBMISSIONS DUE: FRIDAY 27 APRIL

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