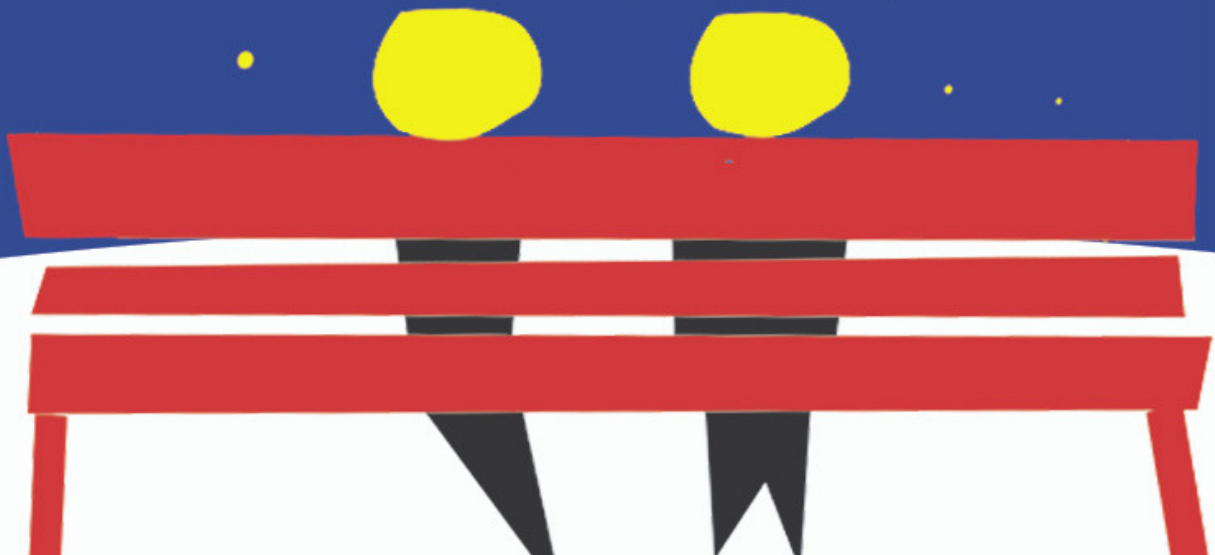


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Lassiter High School Theatre Troupe  
Production of

# ALMOST, MAINE

Book by  
**JOHN CARIANI**

Original Music by  
**JULIAN FLEISHER**

Directors  
Rick Harper, Stacie Ballard, and Sharlet Keilman

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.

# Almost, Maine

## ACT ONE

PROLOGUE	PETE AND GINETTE
HER HEART	EAST AND GLORY
SAD AND GLAD	JIMMY, SANDRINE AND
THIS HURTS	WAITRESS
GETTING IT BACK	MARVALYNN AND STEVE

## ACT TWO

INTERLOGUE	PETE
THEY FELL	DEENA AND SHELLY
WHERE IT WENT	PHIL AND MARCI
STORY OF HOPE	MAN AND WOMAN
SEEING THE THING	RHONDA AND DAVE
EPILOGUE	PETE AND GINETTE

**There will be one fifteen-minute intermission**

## Show Description

A woman carries her heart, broken into nineteen pieces, in a small paper bag. A man shrinks to half his former size, after losing hope in love. A couple keep the love they have given each other in large red bags, or compress the mass into the size of a diamond.

These playful and surreal experiences are commonplace in the world of John Cariani's *Almost, Maine*, where on one deeply cold and magical Midwinter Night, the citizens of Almost -- not organized enough for a town, too populated for a wilderness -- experience the life-altering power of the human heart.

Relationships end, begin, or change beyond recognition, as strangers become friends, friends become lovers, and lovers turn into strangers. Propelled by the mystical energy of the aurora borealis and populated with characters who are humorous, plain-spoken, thoughtful, and sincere, *Almost, Maine* is a series of loosely connected tales about love, each with a compelling couple at its center, each with its own touch of sorcery.

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ALMOST, MAINE is rated PG-13 for sexual innuendo and is not intended for young children. Parental discretion is advised.



Characters/Actors

PETE ..... JOSHUA MACK  
GINETTE..... GRACE HOLMES  
EAST.....TJ RIGGS  
GLORY.....RACHEL HARPER  
JIMMY.....NATE BAVELY  
SANDRINE.....JADE BALLARD  
WAITRESS.....ABBY APPLE  
STEVE.....JUDE HILTON  
MARVALYN.....MADDIE BAVELY  
GAYLE.....JULIA WALSH  
LENDELL.....DAVID CHALLENGER  
DEENA.....NATALIE MARLOW  
SHELLEY.....LAURYN HALLUM  
PHIL.....THOMAS ENGLISH  
MARCI.....GRACE GORDON  
HOPE.....GRACIE POPP  
MAN.....ADAM PEAVY  
RHONDA.....EMI LOPEZ  
DAVE.....MATTHEW WENTZ

Production / Creative

DIRECTORS..... RICK HARPER AND STACIE BALLARD  
CLUB ADVISOR..... SHARLET KEILMAN  
STAGE MANAGER.....EMILY MERRIT  
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER..... LUCI WILGUS  
HOUSE MANAGER.....SARA GRIFFITHS  
PROP MISTRESS.....HADLEY QUIGG  
WARDROBE AND MAKE-UP.....KAMRYN NEWCOMBER  
HEAD OF BOOTH.....URVI GUPTA  
CUSTOME DESIGN.....MADDY GINSBERG  
BACKSTAGE CREW.....BRODY BROOKS  
TECH.....AVERY IAIZZI  
TECH.....ISABELLA PERDOMO  
TECH.....LILY HERMAN  
TECH.....OLEANDAR SMITH  
TECH.....EMILY KAY  
TECH.....NATHAN MCCRACKEN

## Who's Who

Pete..... Joshua Mack

Joshua Mack started his journey as an entertainer at a young age by starring in school plays and talent shows. This soon bloomed into a career in late 2017, when he was discovered by an acting school while in a singing competition. Not soon after, he signed with Evolution Talent Agency and has been a determined worker ever since to pursue what he loves to do.

Ginette.....Grace Holmes

Grace Holmes was born in Atlanta, Georgia and moved to Marietta five years ago. This is her first play on Lassiter's stage, but she has done several plays at her middle school. She is funny and quirky person and she loves being on stage here at drama. She cannot wait to continue her years at drama and leave her mark on drama at Lassiter.

East.....TJ Riggs

TJ Riggs is a sophomore at Lassiter Highschool and is very excited to be appearing in this show. His previous roles include Scuttle in The Little Mermaid at the strand theater, Lord Farquad in Shrek at Act 3 Playhouse, and other shows around the community. TJ would like to thank the directors for casting him in the show.

Glory.....Rachel Harper

Rachel is a senior this year. This is her fifth show at Lassiter. She is so excited to be playing the role of Glory in "Almost, Maine." She hopes you enjoy the show, and send her candygrams!

Jimmy.....Nate Bavelly

Nate is a returning actor at Lassiter. He does not really have anything special with him, but he has enough personality to keep you interested.

Sandrine and Rhonda.....Jade Ballard

Jadyn Ballard is a senior at Lassiter. Better known for her starring role in Murder Actually, Jadyn will be playing the roles of Sandrine and Rhonda. This is her fourth year in drama and she is thoroughly enthused about her parts in Almost, Maine. Long Live Lulu

Waitress..... Abby Apple

Abby Apple is a sophomore at Lassiter and this is her third show with the Lassiter drama club. She loves hanging out with her friends, patting dogs, and eating food.

Steve.....Jude Hilton

This is Jude's second year as a part of LHS Drama and is so excited to be a part of Lassiter Highschool's production of Almost, Maine! He is tremendously proud of all of the people that have worked on this show, and would like to thank the two directors, Mr. Harper and Mrs. Ballard, for helping make this show possible!

Who's Who

Marvalyn.....Maddie Bavely

Madeline is a senior at Lassiter, and she is so happy to be a part of this production! Maddie has been a member of Lassiter theatre since sophomore year, and has loved being a part of every performance since. She has had so much fun putting this show together, and she is extremely excited to share it with everyone. She is so thankful for the cast, crew, and volunteers who made this show possible, and for her friends and family for always being so supportive.

Gayle.....Julia Walsh

Julia is excited to be performing on stage! She hopes you enjoy the show!

Lendell.....David Challenger

David is an aspiring student that is looking to blossom out into the production business, whether it be behind the camera or in front of it. He hopes you like his tired and confused acting on stage.

Deena.....Natalie Marlow

Natalie Marlow is excited to be performing her first leading role as Deena in Almost, Maine. She would like to thank her parents and castmates for helping her achieve the role and bring it to life.

Shelley.....Lauryn Hallum

Lauryn is excited to be performing on stage! She hopes you enjoy the show!

Phil.....Thomas English

Thomas is a senior and this is his 5th production with the Lassiter Theatre Troupe. Thomas most notably played Coach Bolton in last season's High School Musical Thomas thanks his parents, his sister Molly and Mr. Harper and Mrs. Ballard for their support.

Marci.....Grace Gordon

For one of her last times gracing the Lassiter stage, Grace Gordon is so excited to be portraying Marci in her first serious role. Past roles include Ryan in High School Musical, Roz Keith in 9 to 5, and Rosie Alvarez in Bye Bye Birdie. Many thanks to Mom and Dad, family, and friends for being supportive throughout the years. Act well your part, there all the honor lies.

Adam Peavy.....Man

Adam is a senior. Adam is tired.

# Who's Who

Gracie Popp.....Woman  
This is Gracie's last and final year with the Lassiter Theatre department. Her most notable roles range from Miss Prism in 'Importance of Being Ernest' to Ms.Darbush in 'High School Musical'. She is so proud to be a part of this wonderful production and has loved working with the wonderful cast and crew. She would love to thank her parents for constant support and the mentors she has had along the way to help her grow as an actress.

Matthew Wentz .....Dave  
Matthew has always had an interest in the arts. He is currently on an AV Film Pathway where he is learning to work behind the camera. However his real passion is to act and someday be in front of the camera. This is Matthew's debut as an actor.

Will Cole.....Pete/Phil  
Will is a senior at Lassiter! He has been in numerous musicals most notably playing Troy Bolton in High School Musical, and Tony Forte in Copacabana. Will has a love for history, politics, singing, acting, and all things Broadway. He plans to study Musical Theatre and Political Science in college. Will would like to thank his Parents, his voice coach Carrie, and his directors for believing in him and pushing him to do his best, as well as his Papa, who will be watching tonight's show from a better place. Will hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Sam Yunis.....Shelly  
Sam Yunus is a freshman and an avid theatre nerd and musician with a passion for success, dark humor, and Sci-fi. Through hard work, good agencies, and diligent studying, Sam hopes to one day hit the big screens.

Sara Lionberger.....Deena / Marci  
Sara is a sophomore. She has always had a love for the arts. At a young age she found a passion for performing.

Rachel Mende.....Ginette / Glory  
Rachel Mende is excited to play Ginnett and Glory this year, she hopes you enjoy the show!

# Who's Who - Crew

Emily Merritt.....Stage Manager  
Emily Merritt is excited to be Stage Manager this year, she hopes you enjoy the show!

Luci Wilgus.....Assistant Stage Manager  
Luci Wilgus is a returning member of Lassiter drama. She was on backstage crew last year. This year she is assistant stage manager and looks forward to being involved in more shows.

# Who's Who - Crew

Sarah Griffiths.....Head of House

Sarah Griffiths is a senior at Lassiter High School, and this is her third year in Drama. She's performed in Copacabana and Love, Actually, and teched in The Importance of Being Ernest. She'd love to give a warm welcome to everyone and share her support with her friends and fellow crew. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Urvi Gupta.....Head of Booth

Urvi Gupta has been in theater since freshmen year and is excited to spend her senior year doing her sixth show with Lassiter. She'd like to thank her friends, family, and the stage managers for helping her gain a love of theater.

Hadley Quigg.....Prop Master

Hadley is sophomore at Lassiter high school. Hadley is interested in reading and language. Hadley wishes to thank you for coming to the show.

Avery Iaizzi.....Tech

Avery iaizzi is a sophomore who has been doing drama for three years. She thrives in chaos.

Brody Brooks.....Backstage Crew

Brody has participated in school plays since he was eight. He also acts in movie and television productions. He is very glad to be a part of the Lassiter Drama Club.

Kamryn Newcomer.....Costuming/Makeup

This is Kamryn's third and last year in the Lassiter Theatre department. She is excited to be taking over costuming and makeup this year and can't wait to enjoy her last year.

Maddy Ginsberg.....Costume Design

This is Maddy's third show at Lassiter High School. She was a cheerleader in high school musical, worked lights for Grimm Brothers Spectaculathon, and is currently doing tech. Maddy enjoys horseback riding, acting, watching shows, and costumes design. She would love to thank her stage managers, family, friends, directors, and teachers.

Isebella Perdomo.....Tech

Isabella may not have gotten a part in the play, but she was willing to do whatever it took to help her fellow crew members. From reading for actors in case they forgot their lines, to painting backdrops and even filling in for an understudy, Isabella faced every task with a grin.

## Who's Who - Crew

Lily Herman.....Tech

Lily Herman is so excited for her second year in Lassiter dramas theater. Last year she acted in High School Musical as la thespian and in Murder Actually as Alma. This is Lily's first time teching a show. She's excited to learn all aspects of the theater. Lily would like to thank her family friends and stage managers.

Oleander Smith.....Tech

Oleander smith is a helpful thing who always takes the time to help others.

Emily Kay.....Tech

Emily is a freshman at Lassiter who loves theater. She's excited to be apart of tonight's show!

Nathan McCracken.....Tech

Nathan enjoys helping out behind the scenes and painting sets. He participated in High School Musical as a backstage tech.

## Who's Who - Directors

Rick Harper..... Director

Rick Harper has worked with the Lassiter Drama Club for the past four years as Technical Director and Director for the fall shows and musicals. He even had a cameo appears in 9 to 5! He believes that his participation in high school theatre helped prepare him for a successful life and wants to pass that gift on to the students of today. "This above all, to thine own self be true."

Stacie Ballard..... Director

Stacie Ballard has been on stage since the age of 3. She has studied in many forms of dance, choreographed, and owned a school of dance. After her schooling, Stacie got into theater and currently enjoys drama and studying the many different methods of acting. Since moving to Atlanta, Stacie has gained representation from a well known agent and has worked in the film industry locally in several tv shows and movie productions. She currently also works in holistic health, thoroughly enjoys working with the kids in Lassiter Drama Troupe, and is excited about directing Almost, Maine!!!

## Who's Who - Directors

Sharlet Keilman..... Director

Sharlet Keilman supports the Lassiter High School Theatre troupe as a sponsor and co-director. This is her first year as club sponsor. Mrs Keilman has been at Lassiter High School for 10 years, teaches economics, and is the Career Tech Chair. She also sponsors FBLA, Anime, Prom, and the LHS Dance Team. Mrs. Keilman's degrees include a B.A. Political Science and Minor in International Studies, a M.S. In Secondary Education with a concentration in Social Science, and an Ed.S. in Technology in Education. She has taught Geography, Humanities, World History, and Personal Finance as well.



Send a note of encouragement for a job well done

This is your chance to let your friend, child, grandchild or student know how much you appreciate their efforts with this production. These young men and women have spent long hours working in the drama department as actors, actresses, “techies” or managers. The experiences help these young people to grow in citizenship, self-esteem and to develop a great work ethic.



**Candy-grams will be delivered back stage  
to all performers and crew!**

# Acknowledgements

Lassiter Theatre Troupe would like to say THANK YOU to:

- We would like to thank Dr. Ritchie for supporting us as we pulled the club back together following the sudden departure of the previous director. Also, thanks to the entire administration of Lassiter, thank you for putting up with our craziness and for supporting the program and students as they follow their dreams.
- Our actors and technical crew, thank you for sharing your amazing talents with us and making this production as good as it has become. Thank you for persevering through the all the chaos. We've had some good times, rough times, and long nights, but it's worth it in the end!
- Our LHS Theatre Boosters & Parents, thank you for your continuous service to our drama famil and support: emotional, moral & financial.
- LHS Custodial Staff, thank you for locking up after our late rehearsals and for keeping our theatre nice and clean.
- The faculty & staff of LHS, thank you for supporting our actors and our technical crew as they learn to balance theatre and academics.
- The parents, friends & community who donated/loaned props, helped with set builds and all that goes in to getting a production on its way. Thank you! With immense appreciation, Lassiter Theatre Troupe
- Thank you to Ed Akerman for lending his assistance, expertise and tools to our set-build and making Maine come alive here in Georgia!
- A special thanks to all the local businesses and generous sponsors who have chipped in to help with direct and indirect help. Please look at their ads and mentions in the playbill and send your patronage their way. They have all been extremely generous in helping to support this program!



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Chips.....	\$1

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for donations, volunteering and support!**



## DIRECTORS NOTE

Thank you for coming out to see the Lassiter Drama production of "Almost, Maine." The actors, crew, tech, stage managers, and directors have worked very hard to bring this show to life. This is a fun and challenging show which will make you laugh, cry, and think about how love is found in unexpected places. And how it can be lost both slowly and suddenly.

Mr. Harper would like to thank his wife, Katy, for her support through the late and sleepless nights! He would also like to thank Mrs. Keilman and Ms. Ballard for their dedication and devotion to this production. Having worked with these students for the past 4 years, he couldn't be prouder of the work they've delivered. He also thanks the boosters for having the confidence that he could help direct this show.

Ms Ballard would like to say thank you to the board & Dr Richie for their support in getting her to work with the drama kids once again. She thoroughly enjoyed working with them and seeing them develop and grow through this production. She is happy she had Mr Harper & Ms Keilman there as they worked at casting, tweaking things, accomplished ideas for building the set and so forth (I think we made a great team). She'd like to thank her family for supporting her as she groomed over the play notes, ideas, and such at the school and at home into the late-night hours.

Mrs. Keilman took on sponsoring the Thespians when the need was there. She was familiar with some of the wonderful students in the program and wanted to make sure they had support through Lassiter. Mrs. Keilman is proud to be a part of such an amazing organization. It is hard work, long hours, but very rewarding personally and professionally. The students are not the only ones learning new things through the program and as such it illustrates lifelong learning.

Thank you all!

Rick Harper

Stacie Ballard

Sharlet Keilman

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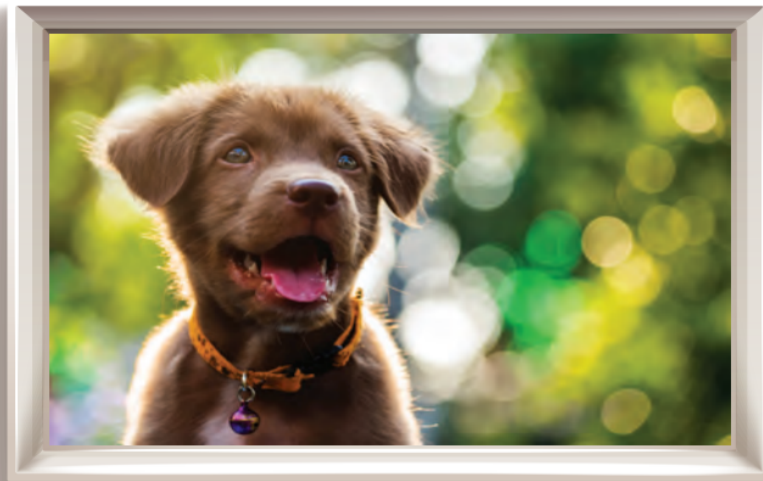
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