



January 14, 15 & 16, 2011

A Hayden Theater Production
at the Colmery O'Neil VA Medical Center

PLAYWRIGHT'S NOTES

Almost, Maine

Population: about 300

Median annual household income: about \$25,000

Hours of daylight in mid-January: about 9

Average January temperature: 9 degrees Fahrenheit

Almost, Maine is not a coastal town. It is nowhere near the ocean. And it doesn't exit. It is a mythical composite of several northern Maine towns. Were it to exist, Almost would be located in the remote heart of Aroostook County, the sparsely populated, northernmost county in Maine, some two hundred miles northwest of the ocean, some three hundred miles north of Portland, ME, and some four hundred miles north of Boston, MA.

Winters in Almost are long, cold and snowy. It often feels like winter up there from October to May. The area's average annual snowfall is 115 inches. Winters can also be pretty bleak because the days are short and the town is in a rolling, empty land of wide open space and big sky. Potato farms dominate to the east; the expansive North Maine Woods are to the west.

The northern lights are brilliant, ribbon-like, otherworldly displays of light. Northern Mainers are fortunate to live just inside the southernmost tip of a ring defining the area in which the northern lights regularly appear.

The people of Almost, Maine are ordinary people. They work hard for a living. They are extremely dignified, honest and true. They are not sarcastic or glib. They speak simply, honestly, truly and from the heart.

PRODUCTION STAFF

STAGE MANAGERS ABBY HAMEL *
..... ANN BALDRIDGE
STAGE CREW NICOLE ELWOOD
..... CATHERINE PADGETT, SARA SPICER *
LIGHTING CONTROL COREY COCHRAN
MAKEUP KATHERINE MOORE
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..... COREY COCHRAN, CORBIN EAKES *
..... NICOLE ELWOOD, MARYA FELDT *
..... ANDREW GAFFNEY, BETH GROLLMES
..... ABBY HAMEL *, MATT HAMEL *
..... HALEY KAUTZ, EMILY KYLE
..... JOHN KYLE, KATHERINE MOORE
..... LIZ OLSON *, CATHERINE PADGETT
..... SYLVIA PADGETT, KELSEY ROWE
..... KATIE SCHIEFERECKE *, KASSY SHORT

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The Hayden High School Administration
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The staff of the Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center

The Hayden High School Theater
presents

Almost, Maine

by
John Cariani

Directed and designed by
Mr. Mark Radziejewski

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

Produced by special arrangement with:
Dramatists Play Service, Inc.
440 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10016

THE PLACE: Various locales in Almost, Maine, a small town in northern Maine that doesn't quite exist.

THE TIME: The present. Everything takes place 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.

THE SCENES:

PROLOGUE
HER HEART
SAD AND GLAD
THIS HURTS
GETTING IT BACK

INTERLOGUE
THEY FELL
WHERE IT WENT
STORY OF HOPE
SEEING THE THING
EPILOGUE

PLEASE NOTE

The play is performed in two acts.

There will be a 10 minute intermission between the acts.

Please turn off all phones, pagers, PDA's, watches or anything else that will make a noise during the performance.

THE CAST

In order of appearance

GINETTECALLIE CRAWFORD
PETE..... ANDREW GAFFNEY
GLORYMARYA FELDT*
EAST AARON BROXTERMAN*
JIMMYJONNY VOLZ
SANDRINE..... KELSEY ROWE
THE WAITRESS.....EMILY KYLE
MARVALYN SYLVIA PADGETT
STEVE..... MATT HAMEL*
LENDALL.....JOHN KYLE
GAYLE.....SARAH FLETCHER*
CHAD COLTON STREMEL
RANDYPATRICK MOORE
MARCI..... KATIE SCHIEFERECKE*
PHIL CORBIN EAKES*
HOPE..... BETH GROLLMES
THE MAN JACKSON SCHRICKEL
RHONDALIZ OLSON*
DAVE RHETT NEUER

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Troupe #7275, are noted with an asterisk.