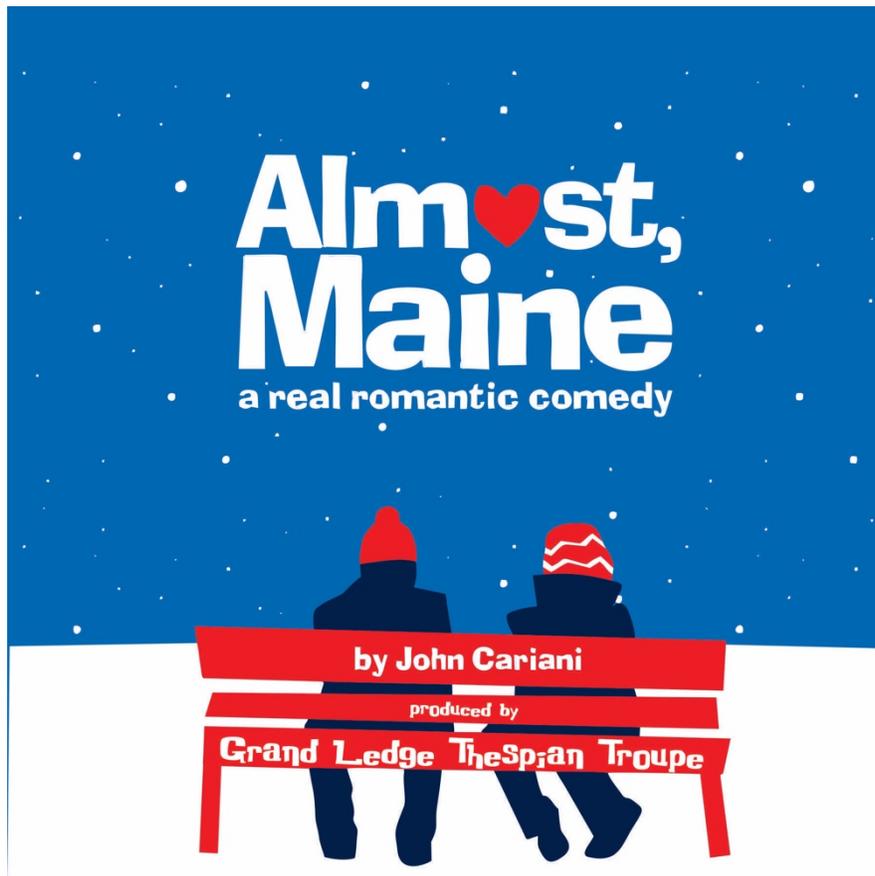


**Grand Ledge High School
Thespian Troupe production of**



**October 9 - 10, 2020
Streaming Live 7:30 p.m.**

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Almost, Maine

By John Cariani

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

“Almost, Maine” was developed by:
The Cape Cod Theater 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 Bryce Payne.

Original music by:
Julian Fleisher

Welcome,

“Almost, Maine” is a unique play by John Cariani, and the GLHS Thespian Troupe Seniors are excited to bring you a unique on-line streaming performance of it in these unique times.

Our Seniors were looking for a way to keep their love of theater alive, and also to continue their personal growth. These 12 students had the opportunity to really focus in on the characters and also got to make a lot of the directing choices for themselves. It has been such a pleasure working with them to bring this show to life.

Performance arts include a great variety of styles. This streaming style will not only fit in our current reality, but will also add a new experience to our personal portfolios. Thank you for supporting our program and our amazing students. We know you will love this awkwardly romantic comedy as much as we do. So, sit back in the comfort of your own homes and enjoy the show!

Tracy Clark
Director, Producer

Production Team

Tracy Clark - Director, Producer

Tim Daniel – Auditorium/Crew Supervisor

Thomas Dunham* – Videographer/Live Stream Technician

Lucille Herson* - Light Board Operator

Savannah Burgess* - Sound Board Operator

*student

Special Thanks to:

Ray Seigo for your amazing set design/building skills

Frank Miller for your work with sponsors and this program

John, Sherri and Josh Irwin for your help building our sets

The Hunts for your sweet snowmobiling gear

Ken Wright, Tonya Rice and Blake Wegenke, our administrators, for your continued support of the Arts at GLHS

Sheri Petersen for tagging in for a sick director

Our amazing cast and crew for your dedication and love of theatre

Our supportive parents and community

Cast Members/Scenes

Prologue

Pete – Josh Irwin
Ginette – Bella Seigo*
Hallie Ackerman**

ACT ONE

Scene 1: Her Heart

East – JJ Sanchez
Glory – Logan Underhill

Scene 2: Sad and Glad

Jimmy – Max Schaefer
Sandrine – Bella Seigo
Waitress – Logan Underhill

Scene 3: This Hurts

Marvalyn – Tatiana Mason
Steve – Luke Huisken

Scene 4: Getting it Back

Lendall – Sam Kuntzsch
Gayle – Lizzie Maurer

Interlogue

Pete – Josh Irwin

ACT TWO

Scene 5: They Fell

Randy – Max Schaefer
Chad – Josh Irwin

Scene 6: Where it Went

Phil – Luke Huisken
Marci – Bailey DeSilva

Scene 7: Story of Hope

Woman – Ana Vary
Man – Sam Kuntzsch

Scene 8: Seeing the Thing

Dave – JJ Sanchez
Rhonda – Hallie Ackerman

Epilogue

Pete – Josh Irwin
Ginette – Bella Seigo*
Hallie Ackerman**

There will be a brief intermission after the Interlogue

*Friday Night **Saturday Night

Setting the Scenes

Welcome to Almost, Maine, a town that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States—it's almost in Canada. And it almost doesn't exist. Because its residents never got around to getting organized. So it's just...Almost.

At 9 PM, one cold, clear Friday night in the middle of winter, while the northern lights hover in the sky above, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. Love is lost, found, and confounded. And life for the people of Almost, Maine will never be the same.

ALMOST, MAINE: It's love. But not quite.

About the GLHS Thespian Society, Troupe #8943

Grand Ledge High School chartered its International Thespian Society Troupe in 2019. The troupe is open to all students that work to produce theatre at GLHS – including cast, crew and pit members. Students that work/perform in our shows earn points for their role/job in the production and are eligible to join once enough points are earned.

The Thespian Society members plan and staff our Annual Winter Workshop and they plan and produce our Spring Cabaret and Awards Banquet.



Our officers for the 2020 - 2021 school year are:

Bella Seigo, President
Sam Kuntzsch, Vice President
Hallie Ackerman, Secretary
Bailey deSilva, Historian

Meet the Cast



Hallie Ackerman

Hallie is ecstatic to play the roles of Rhonda and Ginette in *Almost, Maine!* Hallie plans to study musical theater in college. Hallie is excited to show off her long johns and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Bailey deSilva

Bailey is appearing as Marci and has been in five other shows at Grand Ledge including: *Peter Pan* as a dancer, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* as Schwartz, *Newsies* as Spot Conlon, *Lion King* as a Lioness, and *White Christmas* as Rita. She is also involved with DECA, PALs, Madrigals, Varsity tennis, is the Historian of the International Thespian society, and is President of NHS. In her free time she loves to bake and watch *Gilmore Girls*.

LUKE



HUISKEN

Luke is a senior and this is his third show at Grand Ledge High School. Luke is an ex-gymnast and now a diver and he plans on diving in college. He is undecided where he wants to go to college but he wants to go into the engineering field. Some of Luke's hobbies include singing, diving, dancing and hanging out with family and friends. Clark also gave Luke free reign to write whatever he wants so, Luke is Clark's favorite student and she thinks he is the funniest, most talented and best-looking student she has ever had.

Joshua Irwin

Joshua, a high school senior, is participating in his 1st play production after participating in 5 previous GL Musicals. Joshua participates in Grand Ledge High School's Madrigal Choir and swims varsity for Grand Ledge as one of the team's captains. In his downtime, Joshua enjoys singing, playing video games, streaming on Twitch, and hanging out with friends and family. His current post-high school plans are to go to LCC for two years and then transfer, getting a degree in Psychology or Computer Science.



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This is Sam's fifth production with Grand Ledge and he may be recognized as Bob Wallace from last year's musical "White Christmas." Sam Loves acting and intends to pursue it as a future career right out of high school in Los Angeles. A few of his hobbies are hunting, camping, watersports and snow skiing.

Sam Kuntzsch



Tatiana Mason



Tatiana is a senior debuting in her first play here at Grand Ledge High School. She has been dancing since she was 5 years old and competitively since she was 9 years old. Tatiana has been formally trained in a variety of dance styles including Jazz, Contemporary, Ballet, Hip-Hop, Musical Theatre, Tap and Modern. She was a dancer in Grand Ledge's musical productions of Peter Pan, Newsies, and White Christmas. Tatiana is an all-conference lacrosse player, loves film, nature and reading. She will attend college in the fall to study biology with a minor in film.

Lizzie Maurer

Lizzie Maurer is a senior at GLHS. She has been involved in 4 musicals since her freshman year and she has been a dancer in every show. Lizzie's favorite show that she's been involved in would have to be Newsies because there was so much dancing and it was just a blast to perform. Aside from the musicals, Lizzie competes for the Grand Ledge gymnastics team and she has been doing gymnastics since the age of 2. She has also been involved in the Grand Ledge choir program since 7th grade and is now singing with the Madrigals for her final year as a choir student.



JJ SANCHEZ

JJ plays East and Dave in Almost, Maine and has been in multiple musicals at Grand Ledge High School. JJ is a senior and his favorite roll so far has been Scar in Lion King Jr.



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MAX SCHAEFER

Max is a senior at Grand Ledge High School. He enjoys spending time outside and playing video games with his friends. He is glad to be part of the show because with online school, it's the only way he can see his friends.

Bella Seigo

Bella is very excited to be a part of her sixth show at Grand Ledge High School as a senior! Her most recent role has been Betty Haynes in White Christmas. She is involved in the school's Madrigals choir, Thespian Society Troupe, National Honors Society, Environmental club, and Diversity club. She would like to thank her director and cast members, and her family, for making this experience so special!!



Logan Underhill

Logan is a senior at Grand Ledge High School this year. She has been in the ensemble for two musicals, but previously participated in three community theater productions. She is hoping to attend Northern Michigan University, and has her eye on a career as a forensic technician or a medical examiner. She wants to thank her loud and crazy family for always supporting her and her dreams, and all of her friends for tolerating her fangirl attacks.



Annalise Vary

Annalise Vary is a senior this year. This is her fourth show at Grand Ledge High School and she is so glad to be a part of something very special, especially this last year. She has previously been in Peter Pan, Newsies, and White Christmas mainly as a dancer. This is the first time Annalise have ever had a lead and a speaking role so she's very grateful to have been given the opportunity to try something new! Annalise a member of NHS and in Madrigals at the High School. She has been dancing at Rising Star Dance Studio of Arts for 14 years and loves to hang out with friends and family in her free time! Annalise plans on attending college next year to study chemistry or something in the medical field. She would like to thank her family, friends and teachers for all of the support and love they have given her throughout the years. She truly doesn't know where she would be without theatre/music and she is so thankful to have made so many friendships within this program!



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