

Showgram

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Almost, Maine

By John Cariani

RHS Drama Club

Nov 16 - Nov 18 2023



About Almost, Maine by John Cariani

Welcome to Almost, Maine. One cold, clear, winter night, as the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents of Almost, Maine, find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend—almost—in this delightful midwinter night's dream.

Almost, Maine is a snapshot of love in all its glory, grandeur, tears, and hope. As you watch the eight vignettes tonight (each with a clear beginning, middle, and--somewhat surprising--end), do what you always do when you watch a show: listen to the story and find your personal connection to the situations and characters. Some people might remember the first kiss, the first look, or long love that you slip into like a comfortable robe. Others will think of moments that slipped by or the love that broke and they left behind. Almost, Maine is all of these. As we peek into these characters' lives we get to see memories of ourselves and the loves we've had, lost, dreamt of, and hope to find soon. To embrace love, we must accept every aspect of it.

~Mr. Peterson

ALMOST, MAINE was developed by The Cape Cod Theatre Project.
Original Music by Julian Fleisher

About Ramsey High School

Arts instruction in the Ramsey Public School comprises courses in music, visual arts and theatre. In each content area, instruction is strongly rooted in the creation, production, and performance of the art form as well as developing students ability to respond to, and critique, art. Through frequent active participation in the arts, students learn about the elements, principles, and performance practices of the various art forms. A strong emphasis is placed on teaching processes and skills associated with each of the arts rather than on rote-teaching, through which students gain the confidence to become independent artists, musicians, and actors who can solve authentic and meaningful artistic problems.

Scene Breakdown

PROLOGUE - PETE & GINETTE

ACT ONE

Scene: Her Heart - EAST & GLORY

Scene: Sad and Glad - JIMMY, SANDRINE, WAITRESS

Scene: This Hurts - MARVALYN & STEVE

Scene: Getting It Back - GAYLE & LENDALL

INTERLOGUE - PETE

ACT TWO

Scene: They Fell - RANDY & CHAD

Scene: Where It Went - PHIL & MARCI

Scene: Story of Hope - HOPE & MAN

Scene: Seeing the Thing - RHONDA & DAVE

EPILOGUE

PLACE: various locales in Almost, Maine, a small town in far Northern Maine that doesn't quite exist.

Scene:

TIME: all events transpire over the same ten minutes (from around 8:50 to a bit after 9pm) on a cold, clear, moonless, slightly surreal Friday night in the middle of the deepest part of a Northern Maine winter.

Scene:

CAST



Wade Mendel

PETE (Prologue, Interlogue, Epilogue)



Izzy Ogg

GINETTE (Prologue) & SANDRINE (Sad and Glad)

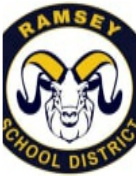
Izzy is thrilled to be a part of the production *Almost, Maine!* She is a junior who has been a part of the school's theater program since she was a freshman. You may have seen her in previous shows at RHS such as *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Wild Oats*, *Crazy for You* and *That'll Learn Ya*. Izzy is also a member of *The Ram Jams* and has always had a passion for the arts. She wishes everyone best of luck and wants to say thank you to Mr. Peterson, the cast, crew, and everyone else who helped to bring this show to life!



Nate Algor

EAST (Her Heart), STEVE (This Hurts), and MAN (Story of Hope)

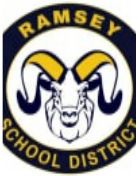
Nate has been in countless productions since the age of 8. At Ramsey, he was Judah (*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*), Jonathan (*The Play That Goes Wrong*), and Bobby Child (*Crazy For You*). Nate would like to thank the cast and crew and is looking forward to participating in the spring musical. *Break Legs and Go Rams!*



Chloe Wynne

GLORY (Her Heart)

Chloe is a freshman in Ramsey High School and is so excited to be a part of the *Almost Maine* cast! This is her first show at Ramsey High School, but she has had past experience in musicals such as *Beauty and the Beast* and *Matilda*. Chloe is also involved in Ramsey Blues and Ramsey Color Guard. She is so grateful for the cast and crew and how hard they worked to make this show amazing.



Elion Hereni

JIMMY (Sad and Glad) and CHAD (They Fell)

Elion is a junior at RHS who came to America about a year ago. He has experience in albanian theatrical arts like *Rozafa* and *Legjenda e Skënderbeut*. He now returns to theatrical arts with the play *Almost, Maine*. Elion overall has an outgoing character and is super experimental.

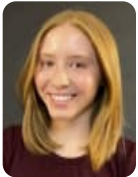


Indi Hroncich
WAITRESS (Sad and Glad)



Makayla Richardson
MARVALYN (This Hurts) and RHONDA (Seeing the Thing)

I would first like to thank and congratulate the talented cast and crew of "Almost, Maine", for this wonderful opportunity and experience. The entire ensemble has worked so hard in such a short amount of time to tell such a beautiful story of love, heartbreak, and change. Playing Marvalyn and Rhonda gave me insight on two very different but equally incredible characters, both which have inspired me to always try new things--no matter how scary they may seem. I am so grateful to play these roles, and can't wait for this amazing audience to watch this beautiful story unfold. Last but not least I would like to thank Mr. Peterson for not only his amazing directorial skills, but introducing this play to all of us at Ramsey High School. Thank you all for all of your support and for making this possible!



Maddie Sovak
GAYLE (Getting It Back) and Hope (Story of Hope)

Maddie is a junior at RHS thrilled to be performing in Almost, Maine. You may have seen her as Polly Baker in last year's musical, Crazy for You, for which she was nominated for a Metro Star Award for Outstanding Vocal Performance. Along with being on stage, Maddie loves film acting and recently had her first short film debut on YouTube entitled "The Hatchling"! When she is not acting, you can find her onstage performing with the Ram Jams, running, and enjoying time with friends! She would love to thank Mr. Peterson for directing this heartfelt show and the rest of the cast and crew for the wonderful community and making it all possible.



Lucas Abraham
LENDALL (Getting It Back) and DAVE (Seeing the Thing)

Lucas is thrilled to be apart of this years fall play. He has previously been apart of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Crazy For You, and That'll Learn Ya. He looks forward to this years spring musical and can't wait to be apart of further productions at Ramsey High School. Lucas would also like to thank the cast and crew as well as Mr. Peterson for bringing this production together.



Austin Stefanelli

RANDY (They Fell)

Austin is a sophomore at RHS who has a real passion for music n' stuff. He participates RamJams, the Jazz band, and the other musical stuff at Ramsey High School. He has been a part of the previous musicals and plays such as Crazy for You, and That'll Learn Ya. Austin enjoys a few things in his free time such as visiting the local Home Depot, playing Nintendo Wii, Guitar, riding bikes, going to Target, listening to good music, getting the occasional buzz cut, Nerf wars, Guitar Hero III, and probably some other things! He is having a blast with this production of Almost Maine!



Aspen Vardi

PHIL (Where It Went)

Aspen Vardi is a senior at Ramsey High School and is very excited to be in Almost, Maine at RHS. Aspen has been very involved in RHS theatre for the past two years. He participated in stage crew in The Play That Goes Wrong last fall, and performed in Crazy for You and That'll Learn Ya last spring. Additionally, Aspen is very involved in the choir program at Ramsey and participates in The Ramsey Blues a capella group which competes in ICHSAs. He has also taken part in both Bergen County and Region I choir. Aspen would like to thank the band for giving us the space, Mr. Peterson for giving this show its life, the amazing crew, his fellow castmates, and everyone who made this show possible in these interesting times. He hopes you enjoy Almost, Maine.



Chloe Yi

MARCI (Where It Went)

Chloe is a junior at Ramsey High School and is ecstatic to be participating in her fourth show within the Drama Program! In her free time, Chloe loves to perform and is an active member of The Ram Jams, in which she choreographs for! You may have seen her last as Alice in That'll Learn Ya!, or as Mitzi in Crazy for You. Chloe would like to thank the crew, her castmates, and Mr. Peterson for putting on this amazing show, break a leg everyone!

Ramsey High School Creative



Mr. Christopher Mark Peterson
DIRECTOR



Lola Callahan-Santos
STAGE MANAGER



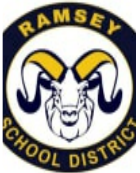
Emma Hotz
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER



Andrew Barrett
STAGE CREW (Lights)



Will Grimaldi
STAGE CREW (Lights)



Ford Durden
STAGE CREW (Sound)



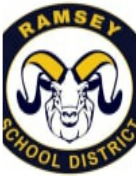
Logan Brown
STAGE CREW (Lights)



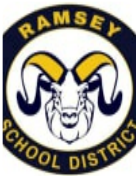
Brenna Rokose
RUNNING CREW



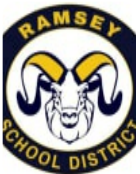
Emily Chesney
RUNNING CREW



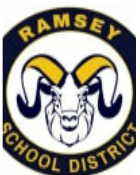
Nick Meyers
STAGE CREW (Set)



Ayesha Amed
STAGE CREW (Lights)



Chirag Ramchandani
Videographer



Cast & Mr. Peterson
Costumes



Emma Kinch
Hair/Makeup

Professional Premiere Production: Portland Stage Company

Anita Stewart Artistic Director
Tami Ramaker Managing Director
Gabriel Barre Director
Myles C. Hatch Production Stage Manager



Mug - Almost, Maine

\$ 13



Tote - Almost, Maine

\$ 20



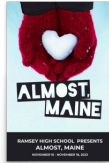
Sweatshirt - Almost, Maine

\$ 36



T-Shirt - Almost, Maine

\$ 21



Poster - Almost, Maine

\$ 15.5



Water Bottle - Almost, Maine

\$ 27



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THANK YOU:

Dr. Andrew Matteo, Superintendent of Schools, for leading the charge to advocate and support arts programming in the Ramsey School District.

Dr. Thumm & Mr. Biggan for leading Ramsey High School with sincerity, humor, and aplomb!

Ken Veit for supporting Almost, Maine with a positive, infectious spirit!

Matt Wolf for always lending a hand and finding solutions to problems.

Josh Jenkins & Andre Baruch for being patient roommates!

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John Cariani for writing such a beautiful play and sending a personal message (to the cast/crew) of hope, love, and finding light (stars) in tough times.

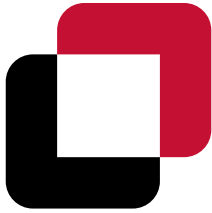
SHOUT OUTS:

Nikoleta Karoli and the amazing RHS Custodial Staff.

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