Verona Area High School

presents

Almost, Maine

by John Cariani

Directed and Designed by

Steven J Nibbe

Costume Design
Heather Reekie

Stage Manager
Matt Erickson

Sound Board
Josh Erickson

Light Board
Cecelia Kaeder

Almost, Maine was developed by The Cape Cod Theatre Project

Professional Premier 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
Original Music composed by Julian Fleisher
CAST

Pete.........................................................................................................................Jerry Barnett
Ginette....................................................................................................................Olivia Stacionis, Hanna Amell
East .........................................................................................................................Asiah Doyle
Glory.......................................................................................................................Morgan Moll, Lauren Sandler
Jimmy .....................................................................................................................Isaac Schroer-Hannemann
Sandrine ..........................................................Daphne Baun, Clary Miller
Waitress ..........................................................Maya Greengus, Rachel Erickson
Steve .......................................................................................................................Anton Maslowski
Marvalyn .................................................................................................................Olivia Otremba, Caylee Lawrence
Lendall .....................................................................................................................Seamus Angell
Gayle .........................................................................................................................Lydia Benz, Zaria Roller
Randy .........................................................................................................................Avery Groth, Erin Zenk

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Set Construction: Cecelia Kaeder, Claudia Anderson, Claudia Rush, Colleen Almond,
Josh Erickson, Kylie Zenz, Matt Erickson, Parker Mindermann, Patrick Colquhoun

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*There will be one 15-minute intermission following Scene 4*
CAST BIOGRAPHIES

Hannah Amell
Hannah Amell is very excited to play Ginette in this production of Almost, Maine. Her recent roles include Hermia in A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Gremio, in The Taming of the Shrew, and A in Metamorphoses. She hopes you enjoy the show almost as much as she does.

Seamus Angell
Seamus Angell is excited to be in his first Nibbe production. He has been in many roles with The Fair Verona Area Shakespeare Company the most recent of which was A Midsummer Night’s Dream.

Alexander Bajoon
Alexander is certainly excited to be stressing his undying love for Seamus in the scene of ‘They Fell’ in the production of Almost Maine. He has always had a personality that many people associate with theatre principled, despite that, his appearance in theatre has not been abundant. In Alexander’s free time, he enjoys singing, playing guitar or piano, being with friends, and helping the community to the best of his ability.

Jerry Barnett
Jerry, a Rhode Island native, is excited to take on the roles of Pete and Danny in the VAHS production of Almost, Maine. Jerry’s past roles include Mercutio in Romeo and Juliet, Phaeton in Metamorphoses, and a decapitated head in Pippin. When he’s not acting, Jerry enjoys writing movies, playing ultimate frisbee and basketball, and spending time with his family.

Lydia Benz
Lydia is elated to be joining the cast of Almost Maine. Previous roles include (but aren’t limited to): Hunchback of Notre Dame (Gargoyle), Pippin (Dancer), High School Musical Jr. (Sharpay), Little Women (Jo), Romeo and Juliet (Nurse), Wizard of Oz (Scarecrow) and is currently in Hairspray (Lou Ann). She’d like to thank all of her instructors along the way, and her incredibly supportive friends and family. Enjoy the show!

Gabe Bowman
This is Gabe’s second appearance on the VAHS stage having previously performed with Fair Verona Shakespeare Company as Flute and Thisbe in A Midsummer Night’s Dream. Gabe is excited to be participating in his first VAHS Theatre production.

Daphne Buan
Daphne Buan, a sophomore, is ecstatic to be playing the role of Sandrine in Almost, Maine! Her credits include Pippin (Catherine), The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Gargoyle), Bye Bye Birdie (Alice), Into the Woods (Rapunzel), Beauty and the Beast (Belle), Romeo and Juliet (Nurse), and The Wizard of Oz (Dorothy). She’d like to thank her family for driving her around everywhere and their unconditional support.
Dominic Deyes
Dominic is very excited to be playing Phil in the play Almost, Maine. While this will be his first play with the school, this will not be his first play ever; Dominic has participated in several plays before Almost, Maine and recently played Theseus in the FVSC production of A Midsummer Night’s Dream. When not acting (or silently goofing off with the tech crew behind the curtains), he is seen hanging with friends or reading.

Asiah Doyle
Asiah Doyle is a current senior at Verona Area High School. He’s enjoyed being apart of theater since he was nine years old, and joined the Verona Theater Department for his third spring show. Following high school, he plans on studying the arts further in college. Whether he’s acting on stage, doing tech work off stage, or playing his various instruments, he loves to entertain! He gives many thanks to his loving family and friends who have shown their support to him.

Rachel Erickson
Rachel is happy to be doing more theatre.

Avery Goth
Avery, an artistic genius, is very excited to be portraying the part of Rhonda in this production of Almost, Maine. Avery’s theatre experiences include the role of Lisa in A Fearful Symmetry and small roles in The Little Mermaid, Hairspray, Horton Hears a Who, Once Upon a Mattress, Bring It On and Children of Eden; and she proudly portrayed Glinda, the good witch, in The Wizard of Oz. When she’s not acting, Avery enjoys painting, drawing, and doing puzzles.

Maya Greengus
Maya Greengus is thrilled to play the role of waitress/Villian in her second spring play at VAHS. Other productions she has been in are Hairspray, Pippin, The Little Mermaid, Billy Elliot and Metamorphosis. Besides theater, she loves to read, write, and play music. She would love to acknowledge Kiana Leeder & Daphne Buan for their endless support and for being fantastic friends. She hopes everyone will enjoy Almost Maine.

Anna Larson
Anna is thrilled to be a part of the cast of Almost Maine! Marcie is a bit different than other roles she has played, and she is excited to try something new. Some of her favorite roles have been Narrator 1 in The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza, Grace Farrell in Annie, Sasha in Murder On a Dark and Stormy Night and a member of the ensemble in Pippin at VAHS. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Caylee Lawrence
Caylee is super excited for this production of Almost, Maine! She has been doing theater with Mr. Nibbe since last year, with musicals
and last year’s spring play, and is excited for years to come. She hopes you enjoy Almost, Maine!

**Grant Lawton**
Grant Lawton is a junior and has been in two musicals: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and is currently in Hairspray. He also did tech for Pippin last fall. He has also been in Charlotte’s Web. Almost, Maine will be the 5th theatre production he has been associated with.

**Anton Maslowski**
Almost Maine is Anton’s third production, yet will be his first time participating in a non-musical. He began acting his sophomore year as the Mysterious Man in Into the Woods, and also played a manic ensemble member in Pippin last October. He is excited to take to the stage once more, and try his hand at something a bit new. He finds the show itself profoundly affecting, and hopes everyone watching feels the same.

**Carissa May**
Carissa is very excited to play Marci in this production of Almost Maine. Her previous roles include Snug in A Midsummer Night’s Dream and Serving Man 2 in Romeo and Juliet. She hopes everyone loves the show.

**Morgan Moll**
Morgan is thrilled to be performing in Almost, Maine. She has performed in the past two musicals at the high school, but this is her first play with VAHS. Favorite roles include: Margot in “Legally Blonde” (Children’s Theater of Madison), Lucinda in “Into the Woods” (VAHS), and Jane Banks in “Mary Poppins” (Verona Area Community Theater). She would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support.

**Olivia Otremba**
Olivia Otremba is thrilled to be playing Marvalyn in Almost, Maine. Olivia’s past roles include Puck in A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Player 12 in Pippin, and Pomona in Metamorphoses. Olivia would like to thank her family, friends, techies, and everyone in the audience.

**Elyse Mancilla**
Elyse Mancilla is extremely excited to be portraying Hope in Almost Maine. She would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her, in addition to the VAHS Theatre department for giving her these opportunities. Enjoy the show!

**Anna Reekie**
Anna Reekie is so excited to be playing the part of Hope in VAHS’s spring production of Almost, Maine. Her past roles include a Narrator in A Seussified Christmas Carol, Moth in Fair Verona Shakespeare Company’s production of A Midsummer
Night’s Dream, and ensemble in Pippin and several VACT musicals. Anna “Hopes” you enjoy Almost, Maine!

**Zaria Roller**
Zaria is thrilled to be making her fourth appearance in VAHS theater, playing Gayle in this production of Almost, Maine. She will be portraying Little Inez in VACT’s upcoming production of Hairspray, and a couple of her favorite previous roles include Thea in the VAHS production of Pippin and Gabriella in High School Musical Jr. When she’s not acting, Zaria enjoys singing in choir and vocal jazz.

**Clary Miller**
Claire is ecstatic to be portraying Sandrine in this production of Almost, Maine. This is her second play at Verona and she is excited to start and have an amazing time with the rest of the amazing cast and crew. In her free time she’s either running, drawing or reading a good book.

**Lauren Sandler**
Lauren is a high school sophomore at Verona Area High School. She is ecstatic to be playing the role of Glory in the production Almost Maine. Her previous roles include Gregory in Romeo and Juliet and props manager for two other Shakespeare shows. Lauren is delighted to be on stage and act for all of you.

**Isaac Schroeer-Hannemann**
Isaac, a cheerful nerd, is very happy to be playing Jimmy in this production of Almost, Maine. Isaac has recently been in Midsummer Night’s Dream, where he played Egeus. He has also been in many VACT productions, usually as a small part. Isaac enjoys talking with his friends and playing video games (also with his friends).

**Olivia Stacionis**
Olivia is very excited to be playing the part of Ginette in the production of Almost Maine. Also, she totally isn’t nervous about having the first line of the show, that was sarcasm. Anyway, her recent theater experiences were in Pippin with the role of a player, The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza where she was Narrator 2 and she is currently part of the Forensics team. Offstage she can be found drawing, reading, playing, and goofing around.

**Erin Zenk**
Erin is very excited to have the role of Rhonda, a tough girl in the production Almost Maine. Erin’s theatrical experience includes the evil tyrant of the Red Queen in Dorothy in Wonderland, Grace in Annie, Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz, along with smaller roles in Hairspray and Captain Louie. Erin loves to sing, read and write, and dote on her two dogs, while she is not running around stage yelling for people’s heads to be cut off.
Matthew Erickson
Matthew Erickson is involved in this production, and is co stage managing with Cece Kaeder. Matthew has done multiple productions in the past in theatre, none of which he remembers when he is writing this, but he has mostly done tech and focused on soundboard in previous shows. He would like to thank his wonderful co stage manager Cece, his family, and his comfy bed for supporting him. (And the spinny stage manager chair)

Cecelia Kaeder
Cecelia is very excited to extend her experience with the VAHS technical crew as stage manager of this production of Almost Maine. Cecelia has experience with lights, ropes and run crew in various shows, such as Pippin and Into the Woods. She also has done shows with the Fair Verona Shakespeare Company as actor, costumer, and now stage manager as well.