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Director’s Notes


The city doesn’t exist on any map, so you don’t have to bother looking for it. But it’s there, nonetheless. There isn’t a whole lot to do in Almost. Most people pass the time doing what most people do when they pass the time. They fall in and out of love. Almost is a place you will recognize, and yet, all is not what it appears. Under the brilliance of the vast Maine night sky, something magical is about to happen.

It’s 9pm on a Friday night, and the people in Almost are doing what they usually do on Friday night, well . . . almost.

Thank you for coming out to support the theatre!

~Tyler Marchant
What if love were tangible? What would you do if someone broke your heart and it actually burst into a million pieces?

Welcome to the small town of Almost, Maine.

For this production, I had the great challenge of creating a world where the people of Almost try to articulate what love truly means to them. Because they speak of love in literal terms, I had to create a world that captured the complexity of the emotion that these characters experience on this one extraordinary night. Even though their world is different from ours, it is easy for us to connect with their situations.

When I began thinking about a design concept for the production, director Tyler Marchant introduced me to the work of Frank Gehry, an architect who inspired and greatly influenced my design. Gehry has created some of the most visually stunning buildings and architectural wonders, such as the Guggenheim Museum in Spain and the Walt Disney Concert Hall in LA. Another major inspiration for my design was the Opening Ceremony for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. By mixing Gehry’s innovative design with the spectacle of the Winter Olympics, I was able to create an abstract ‘snowscape’ which the people of Almost, Maine call home. To create the night sky, it took over five hundred yards of China silk and a team of six creative individuals. No matter where you are in the Studio Theatre, you will be enveloped by the magic that takes place in Almost.

Again, I welcome you to Almost, Maine and I hope you enjoy your visit!

~Nicholas J. Reising
The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
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Presents  
Almost, Maine  

by  
John Cariani  

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Professional Premiere Production:  
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Some music selections have been used from Julian Fleischer’s  
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Scenic Designer  
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Almost, Maine

Cast

Pete ................................................................................. Evan Garry
Ginette, Gayle .................................................. Andrea Boehlke
East ......................................................................... Zachary Spooner
Glory, Rhonda ................................................ Maggie Raymond
Jimmy, Phil ................................................... John Ford-Dunker
Sandrine ........................................................ Tricia Collenburg
Waitress .......................................................... Molly Adams
Marvalyn, Chorus ....................................... Kate Vander Velden
Steve ................................................................. Dan Olson
Lendall, Chad, Dave .................................. Jacob J. Horstmeier
Randy, Man ................................................ Matthew Briggs
Chorus .......................................................... Jordan Krsnak
Marci ................................................................. Emma Kennedy
Hope ................................................................. Grace Wales
Almost, Maine

Place: Almost, Maine
Setting: Friday night, 9pm. Winter

Prologue

Act I
Scene 1: Her Heart
Scene 2: Sad and Glad
Scene 3: This Hurts
Scene 4: Getting It Back

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Act II
Interlogue
Scene 5: They Fell
Scene 6: Where It Went
Scene 7: Story of Hope
Scene 8: Seeing The Thing

Epilogue

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Assistant Lighting Designer.................................................Neal Javenkoski
Properties Technicians.................................John Laedtke, Amanda Martin
Deck Run Crew.........................................Thomas Bebeau, Hannah Carlson
                                                  Lizzy Joanis, Alyssa Pusch
Costume Run Crew.....Peter Hargarten, Emily Lawrence, Andrew McCann
Costume Shop Manager.........................................................Wendy Dolan*
Costume Shop Cutter/Draper...............................................Barbara Cirmo*
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