

THE FRIENDS OF THE SUNCOR ENERGY
CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS present:




THEATRE; JUST BECAUSE
2021/2022 YOUTH PLAYERS in

Almost, Maine

by **JOHN CARIANI**





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.

ACT 1 - 1 hour
INTERMISSION - 15 minutes
ACT 2 - 45 minutes



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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Hello, and welcome to the Theatre; Just Because Youth Player's Production of Almost, Maine. Firstly I want to extend an enormous thanks to you for joining us today, and supporting our local arts scene. The young artists you are about to see are some of the most wonderful, talented, and passionate people I have ever had the pleasure of working with. The play you are about to see is a work driven and created by the very people you will see on stage. From the lighting, to the direction, to the performance, these artists played a role in every aspect of it. Give them a huge show of appreciation when you see them! That is no easy feat.

Almost, Maine is, at its heart, a play about connection. From the good, the difficult, the awkward, and the magical. These past few years have proven to me that despite everything that has happened in the world, humans will find ways to connect. It is through one another that we find meaning in this unpredictable, and sometimes difficult world. Almost, Maine shows us that our relationships with others is where we can find magic in our mundane world, and these artists have encapsulated that beautifully. I have been gifted with the privilege of watching these young artists develop these connections and relationships to each other, both on and off the stage, and have seen the kindness, dedication, and commitment that they are capable of.

To be completely honest, I could fill pages and pages with all of the wonderful things I could say about these artists, but the show truly speaks for itself. Almost, Maine is bursting at the seams with heart, humour, vulnerability, and honesty. I hope you enjoy your time with us in Almost. We are so overjoyed to welcome you in.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bailey Yarkie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Artistic Director
Theatre; Just Because

PROLOGUE

Lily Donald – Ginette

Cleio Wendel – Pete

HER HEART

Directed by Lily Donald

Abigail McCrone Lehoczki – Woman

Auveen Amiri – Man

SAD AND GLAD

Directed by Jenny Bowie

Maisy Mandeville – Jimmy

Dania Jain – Sandrine

Cleio Wendel – Waitress

THIS HURTS

Directed by Rojeen Amiri

Hannah Wood-Gacem – Marvalyn

Grady Boogemans – Steve

GETTING IT BACK

Directed by Hannah Wood-Gacem
Abigail McCrone Lehoczki – Lendall
Lily Donald – Gayle

THEY FELL

Directed by Dania Jain
Rojeen Amiri – Shelly
Maisy Mandeville – Deena

WHERE IT WENT

Directed by Auveen Amiri
Jenny Bowie – Marci
Grady Boogemans – Phil

A STORY OF HOPE

Directed by Maisy Mandeville
Hannah Wood-Gacem – Woman
Spot Sturge – Man

TJB TEAM

Bailey Yarkie – Artistic Director & Youth Players Coordinator

Samson Nand – Company Manager

Emma Carter – Communications Manager & Youth Players Coordinator

TECHNICAL CREW

Zachary Barrett – Theatre Technician

Neil Manalo – Jr. Theatre Technician

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