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October 21, 22, 23 / 28, 29, 30



Almost, Maine

by john cariani

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DIRECTOR gordon brooks
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR judy gallagher
PRODUCER jeannette d'onofrio

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Director's Note

When I agreed to direct "Almost, Maine," I had no idea what I was getting myself into. Nine separate stories. Nineteen unique characters. Lighting effects. Portraying a Maine winter at the end of July. But I was thrice lucky. First, I was presenting this play with The Village Players. Second, John Cariani wrote a play that I absolutely fell in love with. And third (and I take some credit for this), I ended up with a terrific cast. I now hand the show over to them, so that you can have as much fun watching the show as I have had helping to create it....

- **Gordon Brooks**, Director



Assistant Director's Note

After "Truth & Consequences" (typecast as Judge Judy) last December 31, I tentatively asked Gordon if he wanted help with the summer show. I never imagined he'd want me to be his assistant! He said we'd make a "good team". Now, it's hard to render me speechless, folks, but I was just that!

Honestly, I never tire of this show. Every rehearsal has something new and different that just keeps on adding to the fun. Some nights it feels like SNL! I really enjoy working with the cast and they are so hard working it is amazing. I thought my job would be taxing but I think of all the crew and cast, my work is the easiest - I mostly act as Gordon's second pair of eyes and read lines which I did in classes as a Reading Specialist for 20 plus years.

If navigating relationships is the theme of the play, this opportunity has taught me a lot about relating and keeping actors sane, confident and pleased with their portrayals. I will sorely miss this creation on August 7 when we close.

- **Judy Gallagher**, Assistant Director

Almost, Maine

PLACE

Various locales in Almost, Maine, a small town in northern Maine - that doesn't quite exist.

TIME

The present. Everything takes place at nine o'clock, on a cold, clear, moonless, slightly surreal Friday night, in the middle of the deepest part of a northern Maine winter.

SCENES

PROLOGUE

Pete Danny Catalano
Ginette Kim Brennon

ACT ONE

Scene 1: HER HEART

Glory Mandy Ferriman
East Bob Tuttle

Scene 2: SAD AND GLAD

Jimmy Wes Dean
Sandrine Kim Brennon
"Waitress" Mary Geller

Scene 3: THIS HURTS

Marvalyn Emily Marsh
Steve Jerrod Petterson

Scene 4: GETTING IT BACK

Lendall Paul Stewart
Gayle Kate Lizotte

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INTERLOGUE

Pete Danny Catalano
Ginette Kim Brennon

ACT TWO

Scene 5: THEY FELL

Randy Jerrod Peterson
Chad Wes Dean

Scene 6: WHERE IT WENT

Marci Katelyn Parker
Phil Chris Brennon

Scene 7: STORY OF HOPE

Hope Kaylin Dean
"Man" Russ Ellis

Scene 8: SEEING THE THING

Rhonda Lisa Penny
Dave Rick Tessari

EPILOGUE

Pete Danny Catalano
Ginette Kim Brennon

MEET THE CAST (in order of appearance)



Danny Catalano - Pete

I work at E.M.Healths Supermarket in Ctr Harbor and live in Ctr Sandwich NH. Some of my favorite roles include; *Dromio of Syracuse* from **Comedy Of Eras**, *Touchstone* from **As You Like It** (both from Perform It! Youth Shakespeare Company), and of course - *Pete* from **ALMOST, MAINE**.



Kim Brennon - Ginette and Sandrine

I'm a stay-at-home mom with a little catering job on the side in Wolfeboro. Favorite roles with the Village Players: *Mrs. Van Daan*, **Diary of Anne Frank**; *Liat*, **South Pacific**; *Dakota Melody*, **Rouge of the Railway**



Mandy Ferriman - Glory

I am a Medical Transcriptionist for Indigo Creations, a firm based in N. Carolina and work from home in Effingham, NH and was a Village Players Board Member from 2004-2010. I also own Lydia's Cafe in Wolfeboro with my husband, Hunter and Willow the dog. My favorite role - other than many with the Village Players, was "*Nameless Jet Girlfriend*" in **West Side Story** 1999 at Temple University Theater.



Bob Tuttle - East

I'm a teacher at the Wolfeboro Area Children's Center and Property Maintenance Care Taker. Loved playing the part of *Kilroy* in **Don't Drink The Water** but my most painful role was *Donny* in **Delemmas with Dinner**, and my most moving role was *Dr. Dussel* in **Diary of Ann Frank** all of them Village Players productions.



Wes Dean - Jimmy and Chad

I am a Security Officer for Securitas and reside in Ctr. Tuffonboro. Most recently played *Mr. Van Daan* in **The Diary of Anne Frank** and now *Jimmy and Chad* in **ALMOST, MAINE**.



Mary Geller - "Waitress"

I'm a Health Unit Coordinator, Transitional Care Center at Huggins Hospital, in Wolfeboro. This is my first show with The Village Players and am lovin' every minute of it!



Emily Marsh - Marvalyn

I am a student at the New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester, NH and majoring in illustration and will graduate in 2014. I'm working presently with the Kingswood Children's Summer Theater as assistant musical director and assistant set designer. My most recent roles; *Dromio of Ephesus* in Perform It's **The Comedy of Errors** and *The Queen of Hearts* in Kingswood Children's Summer Theater's **Alice in Wonderland** 2010.



Jerrod Peterson - Randy and Steve

I live in Ctr. Ossipee and will be graduating from KRHS in 2012. Previously with the Village Players, I played *Patrick Dennis* in **Mame**, *Peter Van Dan* in **Anne Frank**. I was *Snug the Joiner* in Perform It's! **A Midsummers Night Dream**.



Kate Lizotte - Gayle

Summers, I'm the "shop girl" at JC Signs here in Wolfeboro and will be entering my junior year at Maine College Of Art in Portland this fall. My past favorite roles: Kingswood Theater; **Silent Movie** - was one of three Student Directors, **Fiddler on the Roof** - role of daughter *Tzeitel*, **The Curious Savage** - lead role of *Mrs. Savage*.



Paul Stewart - Lendall

I call Somersworth, NH home and am Team Captain at eCoast Sales Solutions. Past roles were all at Spaulding High School; *Asher* in **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**, and as a *Waiter* in **Hello Dolly**.



Katelyn Parker - Marci

I reside in Pittsfield, NH and am a Development Assoc. at the American Cancer Society. Mostly recently I played the lead of **Cinderella** with The Village Players, *Lily St. Regis* in **ANNIE** at the Majestic Theater, and *Rita Laporta* in **Lucky Stiff** at Bay Path College.



Chris Brennon - Phil

I live in Wolfeboro and am an Electrician, at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. This is my first on stage role with The Village Players, however I was part of the crew in **She Loves Me** and am co-rehearsing now for a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater to benefit the Carpenter School PTO here in Wolfeboro.



Kaylin Dean - Hope

I reside in Tuftonboro and am a Dance Instructor at Expressions Dance Academy and Alton Dance Academy. Prior roles include; *Edith Frank*, **The Diary of Anne Frank**; *Dodger*, **Oliver Twist** - Studio 109; *Sir Studley*, **Once Upon A Mattress** - Lakeside Players (Yes, two of those roles are male. Thank you Village Players for casting me as a woman!!)



Russ Ellis - "Man"

I handle the maintenance at Purity Spring Resort in Freedom, NH but, home base is Wolfeboro. Most favorite roles with the Village Players; *Edward* in **The Drunkard**, the Director of **Unnecessary Farce** and *Luthar Billis* in **South Pacific**.



Lisa Rose Penny - Rhonda

"Throne-polisher", "castle-sparkler" aka general Cinderella type worker with HIS Cleaning and Home Services. Recently cast as *Portia*, in the Village Players production of **Cinderella**; *Philia*, **A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum** and *Celia*, in **As You Like It** with Perform It!



Rick Tessari - Dave

I am a Landscaper and Cook at Huck's Hoagies in Wolfeboro. Played many roles with the Village Players including; *Tony Kirby*, **You Can't Take It With You**, *Curly* in **OKLAHOMA!**, *Ralph Devine* in **Mame**.

CREW

- Director Gordon Brooks
- Assistant Director Judy Gallagher
- Producer Jeannette D'Onofrio
- Stage Manager Athena Ellis
- Set Design Gordon Brooks
- Set Construction Jerome Holden, Bob Zimmerman, Jeannette D'Onofrio, Doug Marshall
- Set Painting & Decor Jeannette D'Onofrio
- Props Joyce Wood
- Light Design Hunter Emory
- Lights & Sound Gordon Brooks
- Costumes Diane Sullivan & Cast
- Make-up Delina Bickford
- House Manager Carol Bense
- Ticket Sales Carol Bense
- Publicity Barbara Wilson
- Posters / Ads / Program Design ... Jeannette D'Onofrio
- Photography Michael Wilfert
- Front Banner/Sign Jerome Holden