

The Department of Theatre and Dance Presents:

Almost, Maine

By John Cariani

Sept. 22nd 7:30 PM

Sept. 23rd 2:00 and 7:30 PM

2017

Tustin Studio Theatre

\$7 Admission

Bucknell
UNIVERSITY

Director Samantha Norton

Stage Management Franz Schauer '20

Lighting Design Orli Bernstein '21

Sound Design Allen Taylor '18 ('19)

Director's Notes

The Summer of 1999 I met our playwright, John Cariani while debuting as the fight Choreographer for Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. For some, in the cast, it was “cute” to have a female choreographer. Many were distracted by my gender. John, however, gave me what everyone wants — an opportunity to tell a story.

It's only fitting, eighteen years later, I share John's gift and pass the torch of opportunity to the very talented and (mostly) female class of 2021. These actors are here to tell us stories of love found, love lost, love expected and unexpected. The relationships are real regardless of gender. Thank you for the opportunity to share this quintessentially human experience with you.

Samantha Norton

Cast List

Gayle	Libby Safir '21
Steph.....	Alisha Griffin '21
Marcy.....	Jessica Mount '21
Ginette.....	Emily Sharp '21
Pete/Paula	Christina Yu '21
Phyllis.....	Mary Scopelliti '21
Waitress.....	Catherine MacKay '21
Marvalyn.....	Nina Limongelli '21
Linda.....	Kate Cognard-Black '21
Dana.....	Ava Boudreau '21
Jenny.....	Brooke Echnat '21
Daniel	Boshan Chen '21
East.....	Shawna Vice '21
Glory.....	Mesa Ashton '21
Randy.....	Chris Phelan '21
Chad.....	Millo Lazarczyk '21
Sandrine.....	Lydia Kappelmeier '21
Hope.....	Mackenzie Gross '21
Rhonda.....	Emma Saloky '21

Production Staff

Assistant Stage Manager - Neil Lin '20

Master Electrician - Kyle Cohick '20

Props - Dean Patterson '20

Lightboard Operator - John Owen '21

Sound Board Operator – Megan Munter '21

Lighting Crew - Jamie Kenney '18

Publicity - Casey Venema '18, Jamie Kenney '18, Megan Summers '19, Mallory Steffey '19, Nina Limongelli '21, Kate Donithen '20

Special Thanks to Bloomsburg University

Cast & Crew Biographies

Artemisia Ashton '21 (Glory) Holy Redeemer: *Beauty and the Beast* (Belle); *Once Upon a Mattress* (Minstrel); *Seussical* (Sour Kangaroo); *Wonderland High* (Alice); Kiss Theater: *Jekyll and Hyde* (Emma); *Sweeney Todd* (Lucy/Beggar Lady); *Wonderland High* (Red Queen); *The Little Mermaid* (Aquata), *Les Miserables* (Ensemble); Little Theater: *West Side Story* (Ensemble); *Black Hole Sun* (Abby).

Ava Boudreau '21 (Dana). *It's Murder In The Wings* (Doris); *Museum* (Janitor/Ada Bilditsky); *Damn Yankees* (stage manager); *Harvey* (Myrtle Mae Simmons); *Holy Ghosts* (Muriel Boggs); *Hayfever* (Clara/stage manager); *Much Ado About Nothing* (a guard/Sexton); *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Priest 1/ Caiaphas 2); *Love and Information* (5 various roles).

Boshan Chen '21 (Daniel) Church Farm School Theater Club: *A Separate Peace* (Finny); Shiyan Theater: *The Story of Five Fingers*(Director/Lead); Hyde School Musical: *Willy Wonka!* (Ensemble).

Katharine Cognard-Black '21 (Linda) *Much Ado About Nothing* (Beatrice); *Taming of the Shrew* (Tranio); *Much Ado About Nothing* (Ursula); *All's Well That End's* (Helena); *Among Friends and Clutter* (Melissa); *Lend Me a Tenor* (Julia).

Brooke Echnat '21 (Jenny) Fox Chapel Area High School: *Into the Woods* (Florinda & Producer); *Our Town* (Mrs. Webb); *You Can't Beat the House* (Glenda Spears); *The Music Man* (Alma Hix & Producer); *You Can't Take it With You* (Mrs. Kirby); *A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody* (Julia Perry); *Kiss Me Kate* (Ensemble & Producer); *Beauty and the Beast* (Ensemble).

Alisha "Gryff" Griffin '21 (Steph) Pit orchestra (piano and baritone saxophone); *Our Town* (Church Pianist Mr. Morgan); She received a "Foxy Award" for Best Live Music (statewide competition held by Montclair State University).

Mackenzie Gross '21 (Hope) Acting Conservatory program at Imagination stage: *Seussical*, *Radium Girls*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Rule of Three*, *Bye Bye Birdie* and *High School Musical*.

Lydia Kappelmeier '21 (Sandrine) *Julius Caesar* (Caius Cassius); *A Mid Summer Night's Dream* (Titania); a *Series of Thornton Wilder One Acts*, and a *Series of One Acts Adapted from Mark Twain*.

Camillo Lazarczyk '21 (Chad) Papermill Playhouse Touring Broadway Show Choir; *McCarter Theater's A Christmas Carol*, *RPS: Seven Keys to Baldpate* (Mr. Magee); *Play On!* (Billy Carewe); *Almost Maine* (Phil and Dave); Downtown Performing Arts Center: *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Underling); *Annie* (Daddy Warbucks); *All Shook Up*, *Sleeping Beauty* (Prince Phillip); *Charlie Brown Christmas* (Charlie Brown); *A Christmas Carol* (Young Scrooge, Chimney Sweeps).

Nina Limongelli '21 (Marvalyn) *Pirates of Penzance* (Isabel); *The Odyssey* (Calypso); *Lost and Found* (Riley).

Catherine MacKay '21 (Waitress/Villain) *Beauty and the Beast* (Belle); *Sweeney Todd* (Beggar Women); *The Wedding Singer* (Holly); *Little Shop of Horrors* (Ronnette); *Loserville* (Leia).

Jessica Mount '21 (Marcy) *Hairspray* (Tammy); *Spring Awakening* (Assistant Choreographer); *The Miracle Worker* (Kate Keller); *Lord of the Flies* (Billie); and *A Chorus Line* with the Downtown Cabaret Theatre Company.

Chris Phelan '21 (Randy) *The Triangle Factory Fire Project* (Eddie Markowitz, Jury Foreman); *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Trevor Graydon III); *Museum* (Michael Wall); *Once on this Island* (Armand, Papa Ge U/S); and *Alice in Wonderland* (White Rabbit).

Libby Safir '21 (Gayle) *The Wiz*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Dastardly Dr. Devereaux*, *Pippin*, and *High School Musical*.

Emma Saloky '21 (Rhonda) Neshaminy High School Drama Department: *Pippin* (Ensemble/Featured Dancer); *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Kitty); *But, Seriously...* (Luella Ann Pringle); *Mary Poppins* (Mrs. Banks); *Waiting for Death* (Bonnie); *Lockdown* (Sarah); *Happily Ever, Once Upon* (Cinderella); *The Sound of Music* (Elsa Schraeder); Neil Simon's *Rumors* (Claire Ganz); *Juvie* (Jean Armstrong); *Godspell* (Emma); Neshaminy Summer Stock: *Carousel* (Featured Dancer); *Les Miserables* (Ensemble); *Catch Me If You Can* (Paula Abagnale).

Mary Scopelliti '21 (Phyllis) Southern Columbia Encore: *Into The Woods* (Sleeping Beauty); *Annie* (July); *Once Upon A Mattress* (Lady Rowena); *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (The Baroness); RiverStage Community Theater: *Of Thee I Sing* (Ensemble); ACT (Anthracite Community Theater); *Irish/Italian Wedding: A Climate For Murder* (Eileen Contralto: The Bride).

Emily Sharp '21 (Ginette) *Shrek the Musical* (dancer); *Young Frankenstein*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Hairspray*, *The Little Mermaid* (Sebastian); *Historically Bad First Dates* (Deborah); *The Perfect Ending*, *Oh No! We Shrunk the Substitute*, *Paper or Plastic*.

Shawna Vice '21 (East) Nautical Stars Theatre Company: *Bring It On: the Musical* (Cheerleader); *Grandma Sylvia's Funeral* (Helga); *9 to 5* (Margaret); *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Dr Chasuble); *Legally Blonde* (Ensemble); Holy Cross Theatre Group: *Oliver! The Musical* (The Artful Dodger).

Christina Yu '21 (Pete/Paula) *Almost, Maine* is Christina's first theatre production and she would like to thank Emily Sharp and Emma Saloky for encouraging her to audition for the cast.

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE

Paula D. Davis	costume design and history
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Heath J. Hansum, director of theatre.....	lighting and sound design
Er-Dong Hu (on leave).....	dance technique and theory
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Mark Hutchinson, director of theatre.....	technical coordination, stage management
Kelly Knox, director of dance.....	dance technique and theory
Dustyn Martincich	theatre and dance technique and theory
Pam Miller.....	costume studio manager
Gennie Neuman Lambert.....	visiting assistant professor of scenic design
Marita Mura.....	assistant costumer
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F. Elaine Williams (on leave).....	scenography

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Upcoming Mainstage Events:

Les Liaisons Dangereuses by Christopher Hampton
Directed by Anjalee Deshpande Hutchinson
October 20-23, 2017 - Harvey M. Powers Theatre.

Fall Dance Concert directed by Dustyn Martincich
December 1 & 2, 2017 - Harvey M. Powers Theatre

Emilie: La Marquise Du Châtelet Defends Her Life Tonight by Lauren Gunderson
Directed by Casey Venema '18
February 16-19, 2018 - Tustin Studio Theatre

Crazy For You Music by George Gershwin, Lyrics by Ira Gershwin, Book by Ken Ludwig,
Directed by Dustyn Martinich
April 13-16, 2018 - Harvey M. Powers Theatre

Spring Dance Concert directed by Kelly Knox
April 28 & 29, 2018 - Weis Center for Performing Arts.

Other Upcoming Events:

Fall Dance Showcase directed by Kelly Knox.
November 10 & 11, 2017 - Harvey M. Powers Theatre.

Cocktail Theatre One Act Plays directed by
Directing I students.
December 4 & 5 2017 - Tustin Studio Theatre.

Choreographer's Showcase directed by Er-Dong Hu and Choreography I students.
April 20 & 21, 2018 -Tustin Studio Theatre.