

The Huntington High School

Drama Club

invites you to

join us again on

March 24th and 25th

for our spring musical.

Enjoy the show!



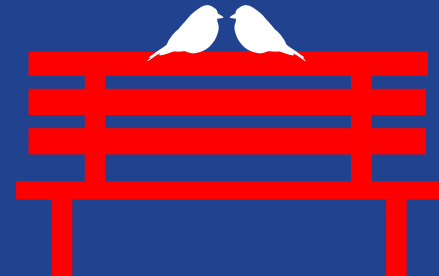
HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



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HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB  
PRESENTS

ALM♥ST,  
MAINE



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – 2:00 & 7:00 PM

## Special Thanks

*"Well... Thank you."*

– Hope

### **The Semelsbergers**

For always making this process a family affair

#### **Darin Reed**

For the photos

### **Laura Tierney & Katie Dopico**

For taking the reins

#### **Theresa Sullivan**

For the showcase

#### **Shane Zigon**

For the extra set of hands

### **Arienne Lima, Erin Hannigan & the Huntington Band Parents Association**

For saving us at the last minute

#### **All the Parents**

For understanding the crazy hours  
and all the pickups & deliveries

and for all your work with the Parent's Association

#### **Custodial**

For keeping us clean

### **Janet, Sandy, Fran & Patrice**

For keeping me up to date and paid in full

#### **Brian Stellato**

For everything

### **HHS Administration & Central Office**

For always supporting us

# 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.

Original Music by Julian Fleisher

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#### **Director**

Michael Schwendemann

#### **Technical Director**

Michael Zigon

#### **Student Director**

Victoria Hart

#### **Set Dressing**

Carrie Semelsberger  
Michael Schwendemann

#### **Backdrop**

Grosh Backdrops  
& Drapery

#### **Costumes**

Carrie Semelsberger  
Aria Hannah

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## Director's Notes

What is love? A simple question that has no answer. If I asked everyone who is reading this right now, each and every definition would be different. *Almost, Maine* addresses love from all directions — lost love, unknown love, new love, undiscovered love, and true love. Words, words that translate to emotions — what does it feel like to lose the love of someone? What if that undiscovered love stays a mystery forever? The joy of finding that special someone that is there just for you, or that simple glance as someone looks into your eyes and you know that they are yours for the rest of your life. Whether we believe in love at first sight or think that love needs to be nurtured and will bloom over time — this much is true — it is something we all yearn for — that connection with another human being that we can share our hopes, our dreams, our hearts, and ultimately our lives with... enjoy the show and share it with someone you love...

## Almost, Maine

### Prologue, Interlogue, and Epilogue

Ginette Lily Tierney

Pete Alex Tine

Who have been dating for a while...

### Her Heart

East, a repairman Will Berry

Glory, a hiker Layna Abraham

### They Fell

Chad Jack Semelsberger

Randy Dylan Brinn

Two "Country boys."

### Sad and Glad

Jimmy, a heating and cooling guy Sam Soric

Sandrine, his ex-girlfriend Michaela Dopico

Waitress, she's no-nonsense Alexa Schrippa

### This Hurts

Steve, an open, kind fellow whose brother protects him. Dylan Brinn

Marvalyn, a woman who is good at protecting herself. Sofia Rodriguez

### Getting It Back

Gayle Emily Kustera

Lendall Will Berry

Longtime girlfriend and boyfriend.

## Almost, Maine

### They Fell

Dean Sam Soric

Shelly Josie Sullivan

A "Country boy" and a "Country girl."

### Where It Went

Phil, a working man Jack Semelsberger

Marci, his hard working wife Landry Flynn

### They Fell

Shelly Kyra Scott

Deena Maggie O'Toole

Two "Country girls."

### The Story of Hope

A Man, who has not travelled the world Mason Gomez

Hope, who has travelled the world Sofia Rodriguez

Suzette Sophia Tine

### Seeing the Thing

Rhonda, a rough woman Josie Sullivan

Dave, the not-so-tough man who loves her Dylan Brinn

## UNDERSTUDIES

Isabella Cruz Ginette

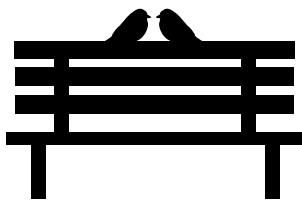
Daniela Ibarra Waitress Jade Mejia Shelly

Jay Hoff Isabell Man Emily Guevara Suzette

## Stage Crew

Ethan Ambrosio	Mariana Diaz Gonzalez
Lily Froggatt Bale	Matthew Jimenez
Kellee Benitez	Clarissa Marcelino-LaQua
Hannah Byers	Danielle Mendikyan
Ada C.	Rachel Learned
David Chavez	Renata Meiram
Koi Crowder	Ibukun Olabomi
Dianna D.	Reina Andrade-Ortez
Katerina Damiano	Jillian Pascucci
Rihard Davis	Toni Reyes
Annika Galvin	Deandre Simmons
Jonah Gillenwater	Anne Tyrrell
Sofia Gomez	Madeline Zelaya

# ALMOST, MAINE



## Who's Who in the Cast



**LAYNA ABRAHAM** (Glory) is excited to be back in the Huntington High School Drama Club for the third year! This year, Layna is an ensemble member. In previous

years, Layna has acted in *42nd Street*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Curious Savage*, *The Addams Family*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Frozen*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The Jungle Book*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *High School Musical*. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, as well as acting and singing with her great cast members.



**WILLIAM BERRY** (East, Lendell) is excited to return to the HHS stage once again. Ever since the last show, *42nd Street*, he has not stopped thinking about the fall play. He would like to thank his parents, his sister, and the entire cast and crew.



**DYLAN BRINN** (Randy, Steve, Dave) is ecstatic to be in the fall production of *Almost, Maine!* Although it is bittersweet because it will be his last school play of his high

school career, he is incredibly grateful for having been involved in the drama club. From his first role in 2019 in *Harvey*, to his first leading role in *The Curious Savage* in 2021, Dylan has always enjoyed the experiences he has had in the Drama Club, and holds them near and dear to his heart. He would like to thank his family and friends who have helped support

him in every step of his journey. And of course, he would also like to thank the amazing Mr. Schwendemann for not only being an amazing director, but a beacon of inspiration and an amazing role model.



**MICHAELA DOPICO** (Sandrine) is so excited to be in this year's play. She loves the show and the cast, and is looking forward to doing it again. She loves doing the

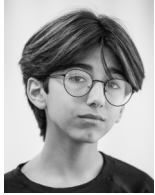
school shows, as she loves being with her friends within the cast, and her amazing director Mr. Schwendemann. Michaela has also been in *The Sound of Music*, *Peter Pan*, *Annie*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Mary Poppins*, *Willy Wonka*, and *Grease*. This is her third high school show, as she was in both the fall play and the spring musical as a freshman last year. She would like to thank her parents for making this experience possible, her amazing friends for supporting her throughout the entire timeline of this, and the cast for being an amazing group of people that made this a great show.



**LANDRY FLYNN** (Marci) is beyond excited to be a part of Huntington High School's production of *Almost, Maine*. She has loved every second of the past two months

working on this incredible show with this incredible cast. This will be Landry's fourth production with Huntington High School. These shows always end up becoming the highlight of her year, and she hopes the audience will regard them in the same way.

## Who's Who in the Cast



**MASON GOMEZ** (Man) has been in multiple plays before, but this is his first ever play in the high school! He is ready to take the stage as the Man from *Almost, Maine!*

He hopes you enjoy the production!



### **EMILY KUSTERA**

(Gayle), a sophomore, is so incredibly excited to be a part of this year's play. Past credits include *42nd Street* as Peggy Sawyer, *Peter Pan* as

Wendy, and *The Sound of Music* as Marta. She also took part in the Woodhull and Finley musicals. She would like to thank her amazing friends, family, and cast.



### **MAGGIE O'TOOLE**

(Deena) is ecstatic to be participating in her third Huntington High School production. She has loved working with Mr. Schwendemann, the cast

and crew. She has been in many other productions such as *Newsies* (Nun/newsboy), *Beauty and the Beast* (Mob folk), *Shrek* (Mama Ogre), *Mary Poppins* (Kite flyer), *Matilda* (Miss Honey), and *42nd Street* (ensemble). She is very proud of everyone for all their hard work, and she hopes you enjoy the show!



### **SOFIA RODRIGUEZ**

(Marvalyn, Hope) is a sophomore at Huntington High School and is thrilled to be a part of this year's fall play. She appeared in both of the

Drama Club's productions last school year, playing Miss Willie in *The Curious Savage* and Bert Barry in *42nd Street*. She was recently in her first community theater production at the Cultural Arts Playhouse in Merrick, where she played Little Red Riding Hood in their main stage production of *Into the Woods*. She has also been in productions of *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* (Lumiere), *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Burt), *Annie Jr.* (Miss Hannigan), *Fiddler on the Roof Jr.* (Hodel). She is grateful to have been able to work on this production with such amazing people and hopes you enjoy the show.



### **ALEXA SCHIRRIPA**

(Waitress) is thrilled to be a part of this year's fall play as the role of the waitress! She loves the community and the experience of theater.

*Almost, Maine* is Alexa's second production at Huntington High School, with her first being *42nd Street*, where she played Anytime Annie! She hopes you enjoy the show!



### **KYRA SCOTT** (Shelly)

is so excited to be partaking in her first Huntington High School production! She has enjoyed working with Mr. Schwendemann and

the rest of the cast; she can't imagine a better group of people to be doing this with! Kyra has also participated in many ballets over her life. Kyra can't wait to participate in future productions and she hopes you enjoy the show!

## Who's Who in the Cast



**JACK SEMELSBERGER** (Chad, Phil) is incredibly excited to be involved in another HHS Drama Club production! He got his first acting experience during the S.C.O.P.E.

summer program at the high school, but started acting on stage at Finley in their production of *Bye Bye Birdie* as Mr. McAfee. Jack went back to the S.C.O.P.E. program where he played Donkey in *Shrek: The Musical*. In eighth grade, he got to perform as the White Rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland*. Last fall he played Dr. Emmett in HHS's production of *The Curious Savage*, and he was nominated for a Hunting-Tony award for this role. Later that year, in the spring production of *42nd Street*, he played Julian Marsh. He'd like to thank his parents and sister for inspiring him and furthering his love for theater, and to thank Mr. Schwendemann for his incredible directing over the course of his time in the theater department.



### **SAM SORIC** (Jimmy,

Dean) is very excited to be performing again. He was in *42nd Street* last year and enjoys acting with his friends. He hopes for the crowd to enjoy

the performance!



### **JOSEPHINE SULLIVAN**

(Shelly, Rhonda) is so excited to be in the high school's production of *Almost, Maine!* She is so proud of everyone in the cast and can't wait to perform. This being her first non-musical production, she is happy to have tried

something different and been able to work with such an amazing group of people! She hopes you enjoy the show!



### **LILY TIERNEY** (Ginette)

is very happy to be returning to the HHS Drama Club as the love-struck Ginette in *Almost, Maine*. She was previously featured as

Fairy May, the eccentric comic relief in *The Curious Savage*, Mr. Dussel in the club's production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and a chorus girl in *42nd Street*. Lily is a junior and looks forward to the rest of her shows with Mr. Schwendemann and all of the amazing people behind every performance.



### **ALEX TINE** (Pete) is

excited to partake in the production of *Almost, Maine* this year. In prior years, Alex has participated in *Mary Poppins*, *The Wizard of*

*Oz*, and *The Alibis*. He would like to thank Schwendemann for his "constructive criticism" during the rehearsals.



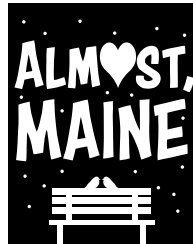
### **SOPHIA TINE** (Suzette)

is excited to be a part of this year's production. This is her sixth year acting in the district and she loves every minute of it. She has worked on

*High School Musical Jr.*, *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, *Alice in Wonderland Jr.*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The Curious Savage* & the incredible *42nd Street!* Sophia would like to thank everyone who has made these shows a wonderful experience to be part of.



**Congratulations and welcome back to  
the accomplished members of the  
HHS DRAMA CLUB!!**



**Looking forward to an outstanding  
performance of *Almost, Maine!***

Jim Polansky, Superintendent  
Kathie Acker, Assistant Superintendent  
Beth McCoy, Assistant Superintendent  
Chris Hender, Assistant Superintendent

## **Michaela**

Congratulations on being a part of your third Huntington High School Drama Club production. You make us proud every day. Looking forward to watching you shine on stage in your performance of *Almost, Maine!*

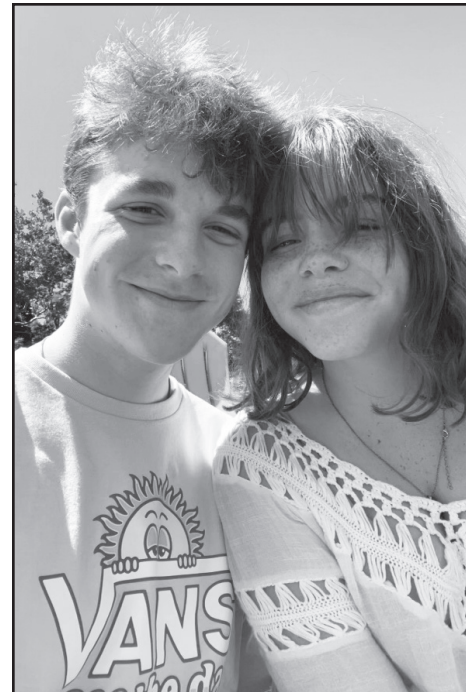
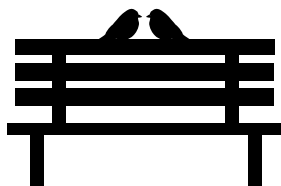


*"If you're happy doing what you love,  
nobody can tell you you're not successful"*  
-Harry Styles

Love,  
Mommy, Lauren, Grammy, Pappy, Aunt Kerry, Matt, Bella, and Tristan

The Office of  
Fine and Performing Arts  
congratulates the cast, crew, staff, and  
all involved in this year's production of  
*Almost, Maine.*

You should all be so proud!



To Jack, Kyra and the  
entire cast and crew of  
*Almost, Maine* —

Break a leg and have  
so much fun performing  
this show!

Love,  
The Semelsberger Family

**Schwen,**

**Thank you for the  
direction, guidance  
and loving support  
for your cast.**

**Mrs. Semelsberger and Mr. Zigon**

**Thank you for  
making us look great and  
keeping us shining on stage.**

**With our love and  
appreciation,  
Your Cast & Parents**

Josephine  
and the entire cast and crew of Almost, Maine,  
we are so excited to see your performance!

Congratulations and break a leg!

♥ The Sullivans

Dear Josie,

We know you and the cast will give  
a great performance of Almost, Maine!

Break a leg!!

Love,  
Maga and Pop



Find yourself in whatever you do. Make the magic in your life happen.  
You have 86,400 seconds in each day so you do you!

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Congratulations to Huntington High School & the cast of  
Almost, Maine for putting together another successful show!  
We are so very proud of you Maggie,  
keep smiling and shining!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Leila and Cece



## Boosters

Alexa – we are so proud of you and love watching you follow your dreams.  
Break a leg! – Love, Mom and Dad

To Schwen, and the amazing Cast & Crew of *Almost Maine* – Have a great show! – Love, The Schirripas

Congratulations Jack! I am so proud of you today and every day. You're a star!  
– Abby

Congratulations Mom! Nobody can put an outfit together like you can – Abby

Jack – we are so incredibly proud of you! Keep on shining bright! – Mom & Dad

Aria – thanks for all of your hard work and for sharing your amazing talent with us! – Carrie

To the cast of *Almost, Maine* – you all have made this such a fun experience!  
You look great up there! – Carrie Semelsberger

To Schwenn – thanks for everything that you do for our kids. We are all lucky to have you! – Carrie

Sophia Tine – it's so hard to believe you're already a junior! Congratulations on another wonderful performance. We are so proud of you and all your hard work! Keep reaching for the stars. – Love You, Mom and Dad

Alex Tine – Congratulations on your first high school production. We are so proud of you and look forward to what lies ahead for you! – Love You, Mom and Dad

Emily – Break a leg this weekend! We are so proud of you and can't wait to see you perform in *Almost, Maine*. – Love, Mom, Dad, and Ally

Mason – We are so proud of you! We always knew you had a special gift and have loved watching you perform over the years. – Love, your family

Lily ... Congratulations on your fifth HHS Drama Club production! Every performance has been a Memory of Loveliness. – Love, Mom, Dad & Miles

## To Our Senior: Dylan

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"Dylan, you will outgrow my lap, but never my heart."

– Schwen