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# ALMOST, MAINE

A PLAY BY JOHN CARIANI



**FRI, MARCH 5, 12 • 7:00 PM**

**SAT, MARCH 6, 13, 20 • 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

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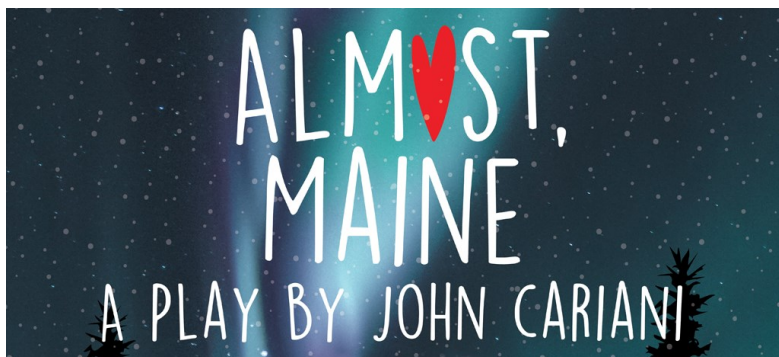
## A Note from the Director

2020 was quite the year. The cast and crew wish to thank our first responders, doctors, nurses, teachers and everyone thrust into the “essential” employee role. They have all been asked to put their safety and the safety of their loved ones at risk for the rest of us. We appreciate all you have done.

We also want to mention another group of people near and dear to us - all of the people in the entertainment industry: actors, singers, dancers, tech people and everyone involved in keeping us entertained. Theaters all over the world, including movie theaters and film houses from London’s West End and New York’s Broadway to community theaters and schools across the world have been dark practically since this started. Thousands of people unemployed with some not sure if they would ever be able to go back to their chosen professions. Yet through it all, many of these people still did their best to keep our spirits up during a bad situation. From live video and zoom concerts to recordings of productions in empty theaters they continued to make us laugh, cry and run the gamut of human emotions. How much more uncomfortable would we have been during quarantine if we hadn’t been able to watch movies, plays, tv shows, concerts and other forms of entertainment from the comfort of our socially distance homes? And now, after what seems to some to be an eternity, live theater is making its way back to the stage.

We’d like to thank our sponsors who stood by us during these times and a special thanks from me to Dark Door Spirits of Tampa for the loan of the barrel for our set. Lastly, to all our theater guests for coming back to live theater and trusting us to do our best to keep everyone involved safe. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

*Michael Cote, Director*



## **CAST & CREW**

### **Crew:**

Director.....Michael Cote

Stage Manager .....Dominique Frederick

Props and Costumes .....Susan Dearden

### **Cast:**

Amy Lyn Howell

Jeffrey Waitkevich

Michael CJ Cote

MaryKay Cyrus

Dominique Frederick

David Nisson

John Sallustio

Gloria DeLuna

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.

Almost, Maine is presented by special arrangement  
with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

# ***Almost, Maine***

In the town of Almost, Maine under the mystical northern lights on a mid-winter Friday night, we explore the mysteries and complicated nature of love and the human heart. The play's pro/inter/epilogues and eight scenes delve into the various types of romantic love with often surprising outcomes: friendships that blossom into more, the failings of past love, the hope of new love, love that persists for far too long and love that has gone stale. We observe that love's circumstances can change in a mere heartbeat under the mystical northern lights.

## **Prologue**

**Scene 1:** Her Heart

**Scene 2:** Sad and Glad

**Scene 3:** This Hurts

**Scene 4:** Getting It Back

## **Interlogue**

**Scene 5:** They Fell

**Scene 6:** Where it Went

**Scene 7:** Story of Hope

**Scene 8:** Seeing the Thing

## **Epilogue**



### **Michael Cote, Director**

Mike is a 40-plus year veteran of the theater having produced, directed, choreographed and performed in scores of productions. He was owner and creative director of Mel O'Dee Entertainments Services and Theater ala MODES in southern New Hampshire, which produced stage shows and original interactive murder mysteries, among other forms of entertainment. A published playwright, his shows have been performed from New England to Florida to Hollywood, CA. He thanks his cast and crew for all their hard work. He sends love always to Susan and a proud papa hug to Michael, keep reaching for the stars.



### **Dominique Frederick, Stage Manager as Glory and Marvalyn**

Dominique is currently a student at the Mississippi University for Women studying for her MFA in Theatre Education. During the week, she spends her time as a COA at the Eye Institute of West Florida. She is grateful to be a part of this production and thankful for Michael Cote for working so hard to put this show together throughout everything that's been thrown at him. Dominique would also like to thank her husband, Jonathan, for being so supportive while she's been working on two shows!



### **Amy Lyn Howell as Gayle and Rhonda**

Amy is thrilled to be returning to Tarpon Arts in this heart-felt show. Her most recent roles include Shelia in *Sorry! Wrong Chimney* (Tarpon Arts), Hayley Quinn in *Mama Won't Fly* (TA), Sagot in *Picasso at the Lapine Agile* (Richey Suncoast Theatre), Mrs. Bradman in *Blithe Spirit* (RST), and Alice Milne in *Sherlock Holmes and the Spinsters of Blackmead* (Dunedin Showcase Theatre). Amy previously owned a commercial/theatrical talent agency for 7 years. In addition, she has produced/written/directed over 20 short films. She would like to thank director Mike Cote, her mom, her daughters Kelsie and Charlotte, her scene partners John and Jeff, and lastly all her castmates for their encouragement and support. Love is Love!



### **Michael CJ Cote as East, Steve and Chad**

Michael is very excited to be a part of such a wonderful show and cast. He has been involved in theatre since he was six. His most recent productions include: *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* where he played Picasso, *Cabaret* where he played Cliff Bradshaw and *Shakespeare's Greatest Hits* where he played Hamlet and multiple other characters. He also recently understudied the role of Nick in Early Bird Dinner Theater's production of *Over the River and Through the Woods*. Michael would like to thank his parents for their love and support, and he would also like to thank his girlfriend and friends for being so supportive.



### **John Sallustio as Jimmy, Lendall, and Phil**

John is excited to be back at Tarpon Arts! His last show here was as the director for the hilarious *Mama Won't Fly*. He would like to thank all of you for coming out and supporting local theatre. John is an award-winning actor, writer and a non-award-winning stand-up comedian. Some of John's previous roles are Vinny the Enforcer in *Love, Lies, and the Doctor's Dilemma*, Petruchio in *The Taming of the Shrew*, Charles Condomine in *Blithe Spirit*, Lloyd in *Noises Off* and Sir John Falstaff, Touchstone, and Banquo in *Shakespeare's Greatest Hits*, *Fits and Starts*, and *Slings and Arrows*.



### **Jeffrey Waitkevich as Randy and Dave**

Acting since July 2019, Jeffrey has lived in Florida all of his life. He graduated from Hudson High School and completed a bachelor's degree in Criminology with a minor in Mass Communications from the University of South Florida St. Petersburg in 2019. He recently played Clown 2 in *The 39 Steps* and The Visitor, a character with a strong resemblance to Elvis, in *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, both at Richey Suncoast Theatre. He hopes to continue acting as he pursues his career goals of becoming a librarian and novelist.



### **MaryKay Cyrus as Ginette, Sandrine, and Marci**

MaryKay Cyrus has been active on Tampa Bay stages since moving to Florida, but this is her first time on the Tarpon Arts stage. She very recently played Aida in the Early Bird Dinner Theatre's production of *Over the River and Through the Woods*. In the past few years, MaryKay has also received Best Actress awards for her portrayal of Thelma in *'Night Mother* and Kate Keller in *All My Sons* with Carrollwood Players. She thanks all for supporting live theatre. God Bless.



### **David Nisson as Pete and the Man**

Dave is appearing for the first time in Tarpon Springs. He has played with Gypsy Stage, St. Pete City Theater, Theatre Exceptional, The Little Theatre Group of Costa Rica, Dunedin Showcase Theater and West Coast Players.

In 2019, he received a S.T.A.R. Award nomination for his role as Dr. Watson in Dunedin Showcase Theater's production of *Sherlock Holmes and the Spinsters of Blackmead*. He looks forward to working with Mike Cote and this wonderful cast.



### **Gloria DeLuna as the Waitress and Hope**

Gloria is a retired software developer who began her acting career at Dunedin Showcase Theater. She was a member of Gypsy Stage Repertory Theater, appeared in short plays in the Tampa Bay Theater Festival and was a cast member in the touring production of *War Virgin*. She is grateful and delighted to be in this production and thanks Mike Cote, her first director at DST, for the opportunity.





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Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum

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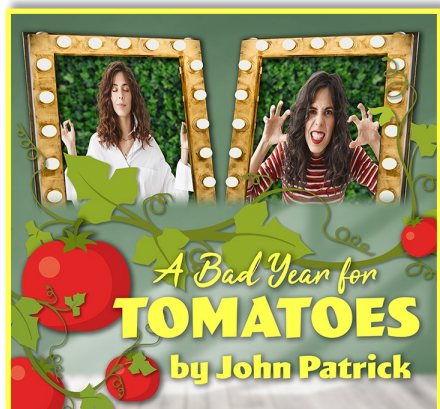
SAT, APRIL 10, 17, 24

2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

SUN, APRIL 11, 18 • 2:00 PM

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Dealing with her nosy neighbors is a never-ending struggle. In an attempt to shoo them away, Myra invents a mad, homicidal sister who is kept locked in an upstairs room but who occasionally escapes long enough to scare off uninvited visitors. The ruse works well at first, but hilarious complications result.



## Victorian Garden Party with Dr. Mary Jane Safford

SAT, MAY 1 • 2:00 PM

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Join us to celebrate May Day at a Victorian-themed Garden Party with your hostess, Dr. Mary Jane Safford. Partake in some cold lemonade, an assortment of delectable confections, and spend a memorable afternoon as Dr. Safford shares stories about her fascinating life.



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