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Almost, MAINE

By John Cariani

Directed / Produced by Jonelle Kop



THE ROMANTIC COMEDY THAT WILL SPLIT YOUR SIDES AND MELT YOUR HEART!

THE STORY: Welcome to Almost, Maine, a place that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States. It's almost in Canada. And it's not quite a town, so, it almost doesn't exist. One cold, clear, winter night, as the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents of Almost, Maine, find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend—almost—in this delightful midwinter night's dream.

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with

Bill Cobey
Alejandro Godinez
Gaby Pozo

Robert Pozo
Luna Rivera
Julia Rush

Cristina Salvesen
Cindy Smith
Jay Ware

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Almost Maine takes place in the tiny town of Almost in the State of Maine. It tells the story of 9 couples in 9 different places in town, during the same 15+/- minutes of time on the same day. One cold, clear, winter night, as the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents of Almost, Maine, find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. A delightful midwinter night's dream!

Scene Breakdown

Prologue

Act one

Scene 1: Her Heart

Scene 2: Sad and Glad

Scene 3: Where it went

Scene 4: They Fell

Interlogue

Act two

Scene 5: This Hurts

Scene 6: Getting it back

Scene 7: Story of Hope

Scene 8: Seeing Things

Epilogue

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER NOTES



This is my 24th year with The Key Players and my 30th time directing, and/or producing or acting on stage and I love every minute. Tonight, our show is a tender-sweet romantic comedy that will melt your heart and make you laugh. While you will certainly recognize some of our wonderful and talented actors on stage, we have three newcomers joining us for their first time on stage: Alejandro Godinez, Gaby Pozo

and Cindy Smith. They have worked hard, and we welcome them to our happy band of thespians.

Special shout out to Christina Salvesen who designed and constructed our beautiful set with the help of Robert, Gaby, Bill, Jay, Julia and myself. We could not have done it without her. Also, a shout out to Bob Auer who helped with music and lights, Paul Messina who helped with Microphones and Cindy Smith for photography.

It takes a village to put on one of these shows. From set design and construction, props, costumes, lights, sound, advertising, and front of house. I thank all of the wonderful people who came together to bring us here tonight!!! And of course, Naomi Pagidas & The Plantation Key Community Center where we rehearsed, the Friends of the Murray Nelson as well as Leo Morrin with the Murray Nelson, as we would not be here without them!

As we are all volunteers here, please know that the only pay we receive is your joy and laughter so feel free to enjoy!!! Thank you for coming! Jonelle





Bill Cobey

Bill is back for his third valiant attempt to conquer the stage with the Key's Players and secure his elusive fifteen minutes of fame. From his Famous Key Largo, he "really" believes his Hollywood break is just a "taxi ride" of less than "163 miles" away (with a few alligator crossings). Cheer Bill on as he "hopes" to finally get his fame clock ticking!



Gaby Pozo

Gaby is excited for her debut performance. She will be joining her husband on stage, who encouraged her to take the leap, and she's enjoying every minute of it. The roles she is performing allow her to explore and express her vulnerabilities and sensitive nature. She is truly thankful to the rest of the cast and Jonelle for showing her "the ropes" and for their patience and understanding.

A native from Argentina, Gaby moved to South Florida 44 years ago and she has now been a resident of the Keys for the last 6 years. Having graduated with an accounting degree, Gaby has transitioned from practicing as a CPA, to being an entrepreneur, to currently a General Contractor. Her professional transitions reflect her love of exploring new experiences which have now led her to dabble in theatre. In her free time Gaby loves to travel with her high school sweetheart and husband Robert, and spending lots of time with her daughter Nina.



Robert Pozo

Robert is excited to be part of the show *Almost, Maine*. He has performed on previous Key Players productions... as Duke in *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* and Bubba "Wilberforce" Brown in *Sandy Toes and Salty Kisses*.

Robert is a Miami native who moved permanently to the Keys six years ago. He loves trying new things, traveling the world and learning from one another every day. When not on stage you can find him working with his wife, Gaby building homes, spearfishing, cruising or watching anything football (soccer) or Formula 1.

Robert would like to thank Jonelle and the Key Players for giving him the opportunity to enjoy this great journey and Gaby for taking the ride with him.

"Live like you'll die tomorrow, work like you don't need the money, and dance like nobody's watching." - B. Fosse

Be nice to each other in this crazy world!!

WHO'S WHO



Alejandro Godinez

Alejandro Godinez is a South Florida native with two dogs to keep him company and a passion for acting. Although this is his first official show, Alejandro hopes to use community theatre to become more confident, sociable, and overall a better person! He thanks you greatly for supporting The Keys Players!



Julia Rush

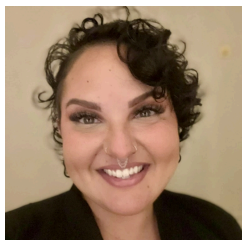
Almost, Maine is Julia's third show with the keys players. She was previously in Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville and The Addams Family. She is very excited for her first speaking role in the Keys players! She would like to thank Jonelle Kop for the acting guidance and knowledge she has shared, and Rita Leonardi for sparking her love for theater.



Cristina Salvesen

Cristina has been actively on stage in the community theater scene in Key Largo as part of The Key Players. Her more recent roles include Morticia in the Addams Family, the Inspector in The Play That Goes Wrong; I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change; Always Remember; Pippi in The Great American Trailer Park Musical; Violet in 9 to 5; Sheree Hollinger in Dixie Swim Club, and Mary Hatch in It's a Wonderful Life. She has also been on stage and performed songs from musicals and zarzuelas such as Oklahoma!, West Side Story, Fiddler on the Roof, Sound of Music, and Cecilia Valdez in Puerto Rico.

An Architect and SCUBA instructor, she loves to problem-solve and have fun. Whatever time is left in her day she invests in running TICATOVE, a non-profit focused on the conservation of natural resources in Vieques, PR. As chairman of the board, she aids and supports the organization which is greatly known for its monitoring of sea turtles and their nesting areas.



Luna Rivera

Luna Rivera, (soon to be Luna Ware!) is 32 and has been a part of Key Players productions since she was 12, loving every moment. She has been on stage, back stage, working sound and lights, and everything in between besides directing...yet! She is very excited to be a part of the small yet wonderful cast of Almost, Maine - this is her very first non-musical show, but certainly not her last.

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Cindy Smith

Cindy Smith has resided in the Upper Keys for 30 years. 28 in Key Largo and most recently Islamorada since 2022. After retiring from delivering mail at the Key Largo post office, her focus has shifted to delivering hope and joy both globally and locally to children. Cindy serves as a year round volunteer with Operation Christmas Child, as well as the CEO (and deliverer extraordinaire) of her own 501c-3 cindyclusinc.org. She is also a mentor with Take Stock in Children. Following the traumatic losses of her husband, brother and sister, she began facilitating Griefshare to help others. Locally, she sang in cantatas at church, narrated a few performances of the Upper Keys Christmas Project and also published 3 books. Grace through Grief, I See God and Calm in the Chaos. This is her first show with the Key Players and she is very excited to be part of the team.



Jayden Ware

Jayden is excited you are here to see the show! Thank you for coming! Jayden is 26 years old and Almost, Maine is the 3rd Key Players show he has participated in. This is the first non-musical he has been a part of, and is looking forward to seeing how it goes. He lives and works in Big Pine Key, working for Scouting America, and is very involved in Sugarloaf Church where he has just accepted a pastoral assistant position. He and his fiancée Luna are very excited to preform in this show. Thank you again for coming to the show and for your support!



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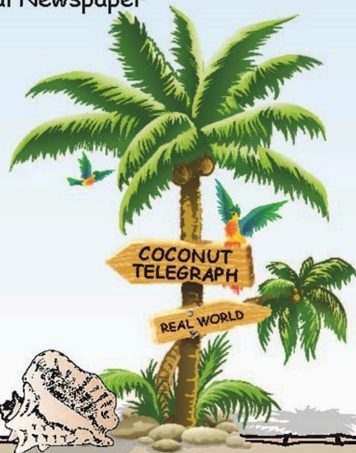
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1980

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1981

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Rich Have No Money
Oh! Coward - Musical Revue
Night of January 16th

1983

Rodgers & Hart Revue
Picnic

The Drunkard - Melodrama

1984

Mousetrap
Grandma and the Mistletoe
Some Enchanted Evening Review
Never Too Late

1985

Cole Porter - Musical Revue
Everybody Loves Opal
Lo and Behold

1986

Sing For Your Supper - Revue
The Enigma

1987

Opals Million Dollar Duck
2x5 - Musical Revue

1988

Forty Carats
Arsenic and Old Lace
Sound of Music

1989

Fantastiks
Oh Mama, No Papa
Trilogy

1990

Plaza Suite
Oliver!
Dirty Work at the Crossroads
Broadway to Hollywood - Revue

1991

Oklahoma!
Prisoner of Second Ave.
The Curious Savage

1992

My Fair Lady
Divorce Me, Darling
Dracula

1993

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A Night of Music - Revue

Rumors

1994

Fiddler on the Roof

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Wizard of Oz (Key Players Kids)
Nonsense
Norman, Is That You?

1995

A Funny Thing Happened
On The Way To The Forum
Cinderella (Key Players Kids)

The Night of January 16th

Lend Me A Tenor

1996

Kiss Me Kate
Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast (Kids)
M*A*S*H

Wait Until Dark

Barefoot in the Park

1997

South Pacific
Hurricane Smith (Key Players Kids)
Dreadful Doings at the Cider Mill
The Odd Couple

1998

Little Shop of Horrors
Aladdin (Key Players Kids)
Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In

You Can't Take It With You

1999

Heartbeats — A Musical
Robin Hood (Key Players Kids)
Tom Foolery

Arsenic and Old Lace

2000

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Murder at the Banquet
Nifty Fifties (Key Players Kids)

Cactus Flower

2001

Annie Get Your Gun
Stop The World I Want to Get Off
The Secret Garden (Kids)

The Nerd

2002

Personals
Kokonut Kapers (Key Players Kids)
The Affections of May

Don't Dress for Dinner

2003

Over The River and Through the Woods
The Magical Pied Piper (Kids)
The Odd Couple

2004

I Love You, You're Perfect...Now Change!
Steel Magnolias
Sheherizade (Key Players Kids)

Harvey

2005

The Sound of Music
Give My Regards to Broadway (Kids)

2006

Daddy's Dyin' Who's Got the Will?

2007

A Night at the Theater
Nobody's Perfect
The Taffeta's Memories

2008

Kitchen Witches
Radio TBS
Last of the Red Hot Lovers

2009

Meshuggah-Nuns!
Weekend Comedy
Don't Hug Me

2010

Dearly Beloved
Dixie Swim Club
Sex Please, We're Sixty

2011

Bingo
Unmentionables
Men Are Dogs

A Taffeta Christmas

2012

Til Beth Do Us Part
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2013

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Song Man, Dance Man
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2014

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Red, White & Tuna
Who's in Bed with the Butler

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Move Over, Mrs. Markham!

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2018

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