

# Thief River Falls Community Arts Council presents

Gretchen Weinrich, Director

almost,  
maine  
a new romantic comedy

by John Cariani

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July 23 – 26, 2013  
NCTC Theatre  
TRF~7pm

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.



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**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.

## Act I

**PROLOGUE** ~ PETE (Matthew Lundeen) and GINETTE (Emma Halvorson), who have been dating for a little while.

**HER HEART** ~ EAST (Andrew Lundeen), a repairman, and GLORY (Emma Halvorson), a hiker.

**SAD AND GLAD** ~ JIMMY (Matthew Lundeen), a heating and cooling guy; SANDRINE (Mindy Rist), his ex-girlfriend; and a WAITRESS (Reese Vedbraaten).

**THIS HURTS** ~ MARVALYN (Reese Vedbraaten), a woman who is very good at protecting herself, and STEVE (Andrew Lundeen), an open, kind fellow whose brother protects him.

**GETTING IT BACK** ~ GAYLE (Emma Halvorson) and LENDALL (Matthew Lundeen), longtime girlfriend and boyfriend.



~ 15 Minute Intermission ~



## Act II

**INTERLOGUE** ~ PETE (Matthew Lundeen), from the "Prologue."

**THEY FELL** ~ RANDY (Andrew Lundeen) and CHAD (Matthew Lundeen), two "County boys."

**WHERE IT WENT** ~ PHIL (Matthew Lundeen), a working man, and his hardworking wife, MARCI (Mindy Rist).

**STORY OF HOPE** ~ HOPE (Emma Halvorson), who has traveled the world, and a MAN (Andrew Lundeen), who has not.

**SEEING THE THING** ~ RHONDA (Reese Vedbraaten), a tough woman, and DAVE (Matthew Lundeen), the not-so-tough man who loves her.

**EPILOGUE** ~ PETE (Matthew Lundeen) and GINETTE (Emma Halvorson), from the "Prologue."

## CREW

**DIRECTOR/SETS/PROPS** ~ Gretchen Weinrich

**COSTUMES** ~ Gretchen Weinrich & the cast

**SET BUILDER** ~ Don Schindler

**LIGHTING/SOUND** ~ Max Anderson

**STAGE MANAGER** ~ Jane Anderson

**STAGE HAND** ~ Emma Anderson

**PUBLICITY/POSTCARDS/BOOKLETS/INSERTS/BOXOFFICE MGR** ~ Jean Larson



## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Welcome to Almost, Maine! It has been my pleasure to bring John Cariani's script to life. I love the old-fashioned feeling the play evokes, all while taking place in our modern world. I feel so lucky to have had this for my first show with the TRF Community Arts Council.

Warm thanks to the members of the board for all their help and welcome; to my husband and son for many bedtimes without me; and to my parents for letting me raid their house for props. Mostly, I want to thank these wonderful young actors, who have showed all the talent, commitment and energy that I'd expect from professionals. I hope you will enjoy their hard work as much as I have!

~ Gretchen Weinrich, Director

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