

**Things you should know about Maine and Almost, Maine:  
(from the Playwright)**

Maine is the easternmost and northeastern most state in the United States. Maine has 611 miles of international border with Canada, more than any other state except Alaska and Michigan. Maine is the only state in the country that's attached to only one other state. Maine is about the same size as the rest of the New England states combined, with a total area of about 35,400 square miles. The other New England states (Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island) have a total area of about 36,600 square miles. Although it comprises almost half of New England's total land area, Main contains only 9% of the region's population. With 1.3 million residents, Maine is the most sparsely populated state east of the Mississippi River. It has 40 people per square mile. Maine's largest city is Portland, pop. 65,000. Only Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming have smaller "largest cities." Maine's unorganized territories make up more than half of the state's total land area. Maine is more forested than any other state in the country. It is 90% woods. Maine has more moose per square mile than any other state. Maine contains the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail: Mt. Katahdin in Central Maine. Almost, Maine would be located 120 miles north of Mt. Katahdin, in the heart of Aroostook County. Aroostook is the largest county east of the Mississippi River, with a land area of 6,700 square miles. It is almost as big as Massachusetts. Aroostook County's population is about 72,000, making it one of the most sparsely populated counties east of the Mississippi. Population of "Almost, Maine": probably about 300.

Francis Marion University  
Department of Fine Arts - Theatre Program  
*Presents*



**By  
John Cariani**

This Play is produced in special arrangements with Dramatist Play Service. 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 composed by Julian Fleisher used by special permission from Dramatist Play Service.

Upcoming FMU Fine Arts Department  
Theatre Program Productions

*Back Back Back* by Itamar Moses – Directed by D. Keith Best  
February 20 – 24, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m., & February 25, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.  
At the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center

TBA - Directed by Dr. L. Dawn Larsen  
April 12 – 14, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m.  
At the FMU Hyman Fine Arts Center Theatre

Francis Marion University is a fully accredited institution with the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST). The Theatre Program is an organizational member of the South Carolina Theatre Association and the Southeastern Theatre Conference.

The play takes place in the mythical town of Almost, Maine

Characters - Scenes - Cast

### PROLOGUE

PETE and GINETTE, who have been dating for a little while.

PETE - **Scott Scruggs** / GINETTE - **Justine Sosa**

### HER HEART

EAST, a repairman, and GLORY, a hiker.

EAST - **Thomas Walker** / GLORY - **Michaela A. Gentry\***

### SAD AND GLAD

JIMMY, a heating and cooling guy; SANDRINE, his ex-girlfriend;  
a salty WAITRESS.

JIMMY - **Matthew Adkins** / SANDRINE - **Jessica Coleman**

WAITRESS - **Carissa Fazio**

### THIS HURTS

MARVALYN, a woman who is very good at protecting herself, and STEVE, an open  
kind fellow whose brother protects him.

MARVALYN - **Sharese Leggette** / STEVE - **Christopher Johnson**

### GETTING IT BACK

GAYLE and LENDALL, longtime girlfriend and boyfriend.

GAYLE - **Rebecca Whitten** / LENDALL - **Blake Graham**

### Intermission - Ten Minutes

### INTERLOGUE

PETE, from PROLOGUE

### THEY FELL

RANDY and CHAD, two "Good-ole-boys."

RANDY - **Treshawn Simmons** / CHAD - **Xavier Nettles**

### WHERE IT WENT

PHIL, a working man, and his hardworking wife, MARCI.

PHIL - **CJ Miller\*** / MARCI - **Rachael Clow**

### STORY OF HOPE

HOPE, who has traveled the world, and a MAN who has not.

HOPE - **Brooke Mogy** / MAN - **Daniel Price\***

### SEEING THE THING

RHONDA, a tough woman, and DAVE, the not-so-tough man who loves her.

RHONDA - **Katharine Lamb** / DAVE - **David Calvin Carothers**

### EPILOGUE

PETE and GINETTE from PROLOGUE

### Theatre Staff

Professor/Chair of the Department of Fine Arts - L. P. Anderson

Professor/Theatre Curriculum Coordinator – D. C. Granath

Professor/Director of Theatre – A. G. Gourley, Jr.

Professor of Theatre – D. K. Best

Associate Professor of Theatre – L. D. Larsen

Assistant Professor of Theatre – A. M. Steadman

Student Assistants – Michaela Gentry\*, Kyle Gilley\*, Blake

Graham, Adam Grazewski, Daniel Price\*

### Production Staff

Director..... A. G. Gourley, Jr.

Scenic Design..... D. C. Granath

Costume Design..... A. M. Steadman

Lighting Design..... D. C. Granath

Sound Design..... A. G. Gourley, Jr.

Publicity Art..... Kree Terry

Technical Director..... D. C. Granath

Stage Manager..... Tia Fulmore

Assistant Stage Manager..... Virginia Schleich

Assistant Director..... Tia Fulmore

Assistant Director..... Virginia Schleich

Master Carpenter..... Kyle Gilley\*

Shop Carpenters..... Blake Graham, Adam Grazewski

Lead Scenic Artist..... D. C. Granath

Scenic Artist..... Michaela Gentry\*

Paint Charge..... Daniel Price\*

Master Electrician..... Kyle Gilley\*

Costume Shop Director..... A. M. Steadman

Stitcher..... Tori LoPresto

Property Master..... Will Hixon

Lighting Operator..... Adam Grazewski

Sound Engineer..... C J Miller\*, A. G. Gourley, Jr.

Property Fabrication..... Drew Arnold, A. G. Gourley, Jr.,  
Tori LoPresto, A. M. Steadman

Special thanks to Bill Travis of *Travis Jewelers*, Matthew Reinert - Production Manager for the Geva Theatre Center, Lawrence Anderson - Fine Arts Department Chair

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