

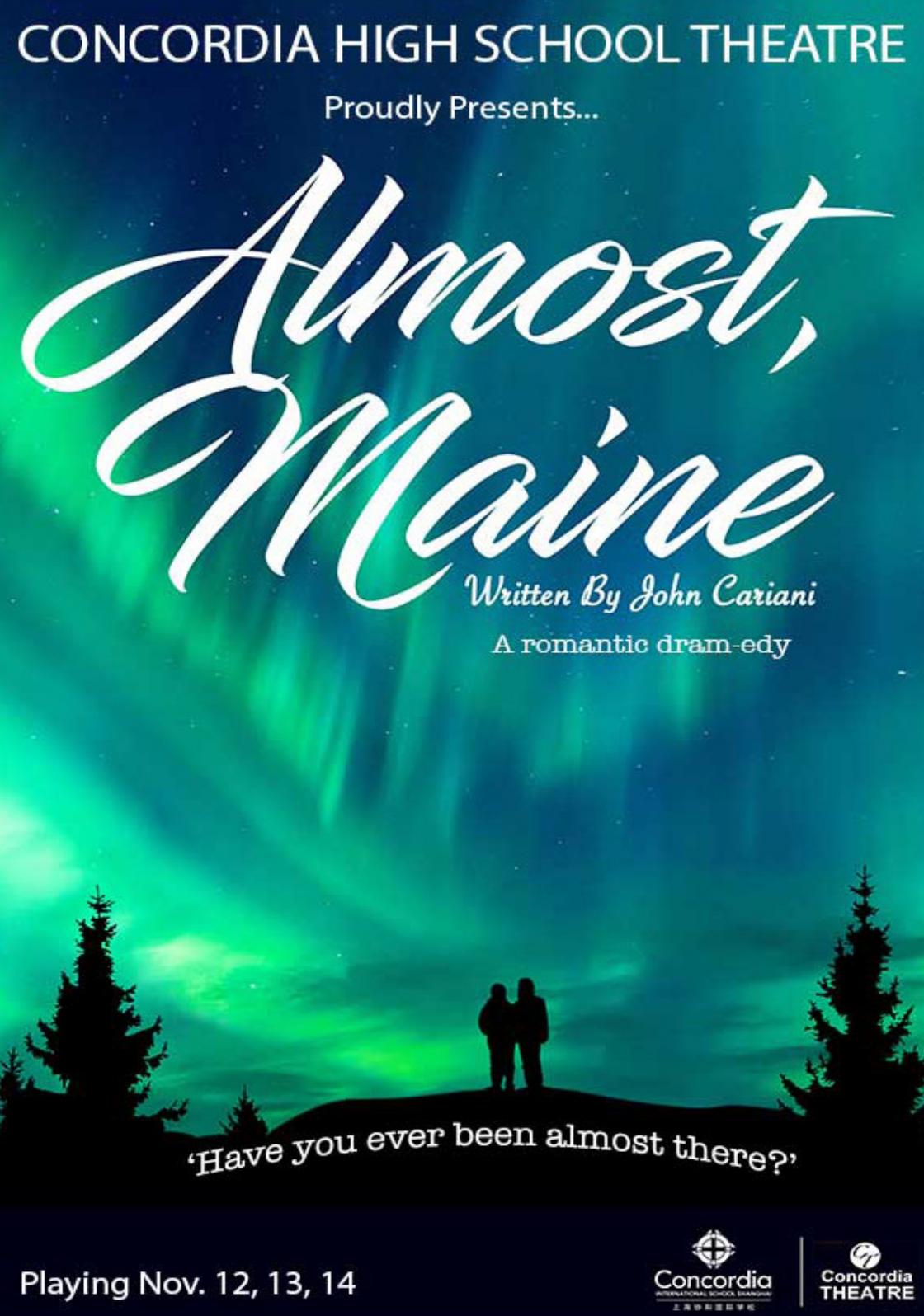
CONCORDIA HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE

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# Almost, Maine

*Written By John Cariani*

A romantic dram-eddy



'Have you ever been almost there?'

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# *ALMOST MAINE*

by John Cariani

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Directed by Chad Doering

Stage-Managed by Allison Chen and JingXi Yap

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*ALMOST MAINE* was developed by The Cape Cod Theatre Project.

Professional Premiere Production:

Portland Stage Company,

Anita Stewart, Artistic Director,

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# SCENES

## PROLOGUE

Oval Park, Almost Maine

## ACT ONE

Scene 1: HER HEART - A potato field

Scene 2: SAD & GLAD - The Moose Paddy

Scene 3: THIS HURTS - Ma Dudley's Boarding House

## INTERLOGUE

Oval Park, Almost Maine

## ACT TWO

Scene 4: WHERE IT WENT - Echo Pond

Scene 5: STORY OF HOPE - Daniel's home

Scene 6: GETTING IT BACK - Lendall's home

## EPILOGUE

Oval Park, Almost Maine

# CHARACTERS

## PROLOGUE

PETE and GINETTE, who have been dating awhile.  
*[Raymond Cao & Julia Ferguson]*

## HER HEART

EAST, a repairman, and GLORY, a hiker.  
*[Liam Richmond & Elizabeth Kim]*

## SAD & GLAD

KATHERINE, a heating and cooling gal; SANDRINE, her ex-friend; and a curious waiter.  
*[Masha Doering, Diya Prashantham, Liam Richmond]*

## THIS HURTS

MARVALYN, a woman who is very good at protecting herself, and STEVE, an open, kind fellow whose brother protects him.  
*[Ellie Wang & Felipe Paraguassu]*

## INTERLOGUE

PETE, from the “PROLOGUE.”

## WHERE IT WENT

EMMA, a woman on the verge and her sister, MIA, with a job to do.  
*[Kylie Borg, Katia Borg, & Felipe Paraguassu]*

## STORY OF HOPE

HOPE, who has traveled the world and a MAN, who has not.  
*[Elizabeth Kim and Liam Richmond]*

## GETTING IT BACK

GAYLE and LENDALL, longtime girlfriend and boyfriend.  
*[Katia Borg & Felipe Paraguassu]*

## EPILOGUE

PETE and GINETTE, from the “PROLOGUE.”

# THE PLAY

## PLACE

Various locales in Almost Maine, a small town in northern Maine, USA 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.

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## THE CREW

Stage Manager \_\_\_\_\_ JINGXI YAP  
Stage Manager \_\_\_\_\_ ALLISON CHEN  
Light Console \_\_\_\_\_ MINDY WANG  
Assistant Director \_\_\_\_\_ FELIPE PARAGUASSU  
Audio Console \_\_\_\_\_ NATALIE YANG, SULYNN YEH  
Makeup Crew \_\_\_\_\_ JIHYUN CHUN  
SEEUN KIM, JIWON LEE  
Running Crew \_\_\_\_\_ FINNA WANG  
EMILY PAN, ASHLEY YU, EVA HICKS, KATHERINE PAN,  
SOPHIA XIN, EMMA FENG, KEVIN WANG  
Costumes & Wardrobe \_\_\_\_\_ SOPHIA XIN

# THE PERFORMERS

**ELIZABETH KIM** feels as if it has been over a decade since she last performed, which was in *Little Shop of Horrors* as Chiffon. Worried that the fall play would be cancelled, she is very grateful that it was not. After years of participating in theatre productions, serving in ITS, and growing a passion for the spotlight with a wonderful theatre family, she hopes to make her last high school fall play as Glory and Hope the most memorable. She would like to personally thank Mr. Doering for his delightful teaching, heartwarming inspiration, and strenuous efforts to give us an audience tonight. She also gives a huge appreciation for the cast, crew, and stage managers for demonstrating their amazing talents, endeavoring to make this an unforgettable fall play. But she could not be more grateful for the support of her family. Although they are unable to be a part of this physical audience, she is thankful for the SMS that they can still view our show online. Lastly, she would like to welcome and thank you for coming to watch *Almost, Maine*.



**LIAM RICHMOND**, is anxiously anticipating the play this year as he's ready to jump back into theatre from his long quarantine-based break. With his roles of Easton and Daniel prepared, he hopes everyone in the audience and watching over video enjoys the performance despite the small change to the usual viewing experience. After all, as they say, the show must go on! And Liam hopes you love this show."



# THE PERFORMERS



**KATIA BORG** is a senior this year at Concordia International School and could not be more thrilled to be a part of this year's production *Almost, Maine* for her final fall performance! From being the esteemed patroness Lady Catharine De Bough to the snappy Carmen Bernstein. From the charismatic protagonist Ralph from *Lord of the Flies* to the mystical fairy queen Titania, Katia Borg is proud to take on the roles of both Mia and Gayle this year. Reflecting on these past four years, Katia Borg wants to thank everyone who has been a part of her thespian journey- these include past and current cast members and crew, her friends, her family, and above all her mom. For the past four years, the theater has opened its

arms to Katia Borg, and in her final remarks, she would like to give a special thanks to Chad Doering for not only being the best director she could ever ask for but for making her journey all the more meaningful.

"When is a door not a door? When it's a jar!" - Cassie, Susan, Mr. Doering

"I don't get it." - Katia Borg



**FELIPE PARAGUASSU** is a Junior at Concordia and this is his fourth year here. He has been involved in 3 theatre productions, firstly as Roger in *Lord of the Flies*, as Lysander in *A Midsummer Nights Dream*, and now as multiple characters in *Almost Maine*. This is the first year Felipe will be working as the Assistant Director for the production. He has had experience directing with a short film titled *The Intentions of Strangers* which was accepted into the Montreal Independent Film Festival and Venice Beach Short Film Festival. In his free time, Felipe likes to make and watch movies. He would like to thank his friends, family, and fellow actors.

# THE PERFORMERS

**MASHA DOERING** is ready to jump back into another high school play production! She is a sophomore and attending her 13th year at Concordia. Masha has played many roles throughout elementary and middle school musicals. You might recognize her from last year when she played Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which is her favorite role that she has played. She takes great pride in what she does as an actor and hopes to continue her acting career all throughout high school, and possibly in college. But she couldn't be where she is right now without the support and guidance from all of peers. She would like to thank her past and current cast mates for making theater an amazing experience each time; her friends and family for continuing to support; and Mr. Doering, for his guidance and encouragement as a mentor and as a father. As for the audience, please sit back and enjoy the show!

"I know I spelled it wrong." – Katherine



**ELLIE WANG** is brand new to Concordia this year! She came from good ol' Chicago: the Windy City! *Almost, Maine* is her first time participating in a Concordia theater production, and she couldn't be more thankful for such a supportive and compassionate cast and crew! They've made her feel so welcome, and she can't possibly express how much she loves each and every one of them! Ellie is also super grateful for all of her incredible friends and family. She loves cheer, dance, and of course, theater! Ellie hopes that you enjoy the performance; she knows it'll be a good one! <3

# THE PERFORMERS

**JULIA FERGUSON** is working hard on her fourth time of participating in Concordia Theatre as Ginette. You may recognize her acting in previous shows such as *The Audition*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Midsummer Night's Dream*. Julia's favourite subjects at school are Choir and Biology, and she sings and draws in her spare time. Lastly, she would like to thank everyone she has acted with in the past, and her family and friends for supporting her throughout her journey in acting. Julia hopes that her audience enjoys the show and does not feel too awkward in relation to the shy, nervous character she is playing.



**KYLIE BORG** is a sophomore attending her fifth year at Concordia. In the five years she has attended Concordia, she has tried to be in every theater production she could be in as either cast or crew. She has been in seven Concordia theater productions and has loved every single one. She is excited to act as her role of Emma this year alongside her sister Katia Borg who has given her support throughout her entire acting career. This being her sisters senior year at Concordia, she is honored to be acting alongside her one last time before she goes off to college. With that being said, thank you and enjoy the show!

# THE PERFORMERS

**DIYA PRASHANTHAM** is a freshman who is honored to be participating in her very first HS production, *Almost, Maine*. She has been a part of all the musicals in her middle school years, including *Annie Jr.*, *Guys and Dolls Jr.*, and *Xanadu Jr.*, but this is her first time performing with a larger role! Apart from theatre, Diya especially enjoys sketching, singing, dancing, as well as playing volleyball. Diya would like to thank her welcoming cast, crew, and director for supporting her as she strives to give the HS play a go. She sincerely hopes everyone will fall in love with the show! s stage crew. Apart from theater, Raymond also enjoy



**RAYMOND CAO** is a sophomore who can't wait to jump into this year's production as Pete, especially after taking part in this year's fall play as stage crew. Apart from theater, Raymond also enjoys riding his bicycle and listening to music. He would like to thank his friends, family, and the fellow actors and crew members from *Almost, Maine* for their support and hopes everyone enjoys the show! "Like a snowball-the farthest away you can be from somebody is if you're sitting right next to them." -Pete

# THE STAGE-MANAGERS

**ALLISON CHEN**, a junior, is happy to participate in her fourth production: *Almost, Maine*. Previously, she also stage-managed the musical *Little Shop of Horrors* and the play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Allison would like to thank the cast, crew, and creative team for all their hard work, dedication, and energy that they bring into the theatre. She would also like to especially thank JingXi Yap for being a wonderful friend and fellow stage manager. She is also incredibly grateful for all her friends and family for their endless love and support, as well as you, the audience, for coming to see the program! In the new circumstances that have arisen this year, she is grateful for how resilient and kind everyone has been. Stay safe and healthy, and please enjoy the show! :)



**JINGXI YAP** is a junior who has acted in *A Midsummer's Night Dream* and *Lord of the Flies*; this year she is incredibly excited to walking behind the curtain to stage manage the fall play, *Almost, Maine*. She wants to thank the cast, crew and creative team for all their hard work in preparing for this show and persevering through these COVID-19 times. Moreover, she would like to especially thank Allison Chen for being her emotional support as she learns the ropes to becoming a stage manager. While this year's show is certainly different from her past experiences, she still hopes that the audience can sit back and enjoy the performance! :)

# Thanks and Gratitude

Sincerest gratitude to Laurie Szabo and Jon Baermann for their help with reservations and campus operations. Their dedication to the details helped ensure our audience was present, safe and accounted for. Kudos!

Thank you to Lisa Baermann for her work behind the scenes.

Gracious thank-yous to our school administrators:  
Head of School, Dr. Doug Grove; Assistant Head of School, Brenda Petersen; High School Principal, Aaron Chowning; Assistant High School Principal, Eileen Beckman, and CFO Curtis Larsen.

Many thanks to the following for supporting the show:  
Allen Zhu, Miles Mei, Karen Ma, Lilian Liu, Amber Gao, Brandon Fisher, and Bo Hardegree.

Heart felt appreciation to Brian Lavender and the SMS squad for video taping and live-streaming the show.

And to our amazing parents, thank you for supporting your child's passion for the Theatre Arts. Your blessings led to our cast's and crew's commitment to one another and their ultimate success.

## FINE ARTS EVENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES:  
GRADE 7-8 Musicians- Thursday, Dec. 17 @ 8:30am- Theatre  
GRADE 5-6 Musicians- Thursday, Dec. 17 @ 2:15pm- Theatre