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*Almost,
Maine*
By John Cariani

A simple line drawing of a pair of boxing gloves. The gloves are dark with white cuffs and white on the palms. They are connected by a thin line, suggesting they are hanging from a string.

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Almost, Maine

Prologue, Interlogue, and Epilogue

Pete Aaron Price
Ginette Megan Price

Her Heart

East John Claes
Glory Anne Claes

Sad and Glad

Jimmy Jim Leeper
Sandrine Karly Hagen*
Waitress Frances Paterik

This Hurts

Marvalyn Jolene Gentzler
Steve Joseph Gentzler*

Getting It Back

Gayle Morgan Mulford*
Lendall Nicholas Root

15 minute intermission

They Fell

Deena Lauren Stratton
Shelly Nicole Titus

Where It Went

Phil Troy Gould
Marci Lisa Gould*

Story of Hope

Hope Peggy George*
Man Greg Romans

Seeing the Thing

Rhonda Ali Kirwen
Dave Joe Kirwen

*ACT Debut

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.

Place: Various locales in Almost, Maine, a small town in Northern Maine that doesn't quite exist

The videotaping or other photography or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

Almost Maine is produced by special arrangement with
Dramatist Play Service, Inc.

Production Team

Director	Barbara Wagner
Assistant Director	Ali Kirwen
Producer	Michael Hollister
Stage Manager	Dagan Peacock
Set Design	Al Witte, Barbara Wagner
Set Construction	Al Witte, Keith Mullen
Set Painting	Al Witte
Set Decoration	Ali Kirwen, Tamie Mullen, Barbara Wagner, Cast
Lights Technician	Matt Tuttle
Sound Technician	Nicole Sulls
Costumes	Barbara Wagner, Cast
Props	Keith Mullen, Tamie Mullen, Barbara Wagner
Special Artwork	Nicole Titus
Program	Lynn Arterburn
Photographer	Lynn Arterburn
Marketing	Doug Arterburn, Lynn Arterburn, Stacie Bendixen, Susan Casber, Adam Haselhuhn, Tammy Sposeto, Nicole Titus, Rebekah Tuttle, Barbara Wagner
Logo Design	Nicole Titus

Cast Biographies



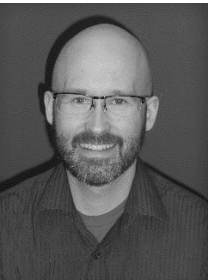
Anne Claes (Glory) was last seen on the ACT stage back in April during *A Delightful Quarantine*. She loves to bake and is a teacher at ACT's Summer Drama Camps. Anne is pleased to be sharing the stage again with her husband, John. They have a daughter, Katherine, who is a junior at Drake University. Anne is a paraeducator for Johnston Community Schools.



John Claes (East) is back on his perfectly natural spot on stage after trying his hand at assistant directing for the season's opener, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. His favorite ACT roles have been George Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life*, Pseudolus in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and Jesse Kiplinger in *Plaza Suite*. John is an instructor for ACT's Summer Drama Camps and has served two terms on ACT's Board of Directors. He is the Director of Philanthropy and Corporate Relations at Lutheran Services in Iowa.



Jolene Gentzler (Marvalyn) was last seen on the ACT stage in *Death by Chocolate*. She spends most of her theatrical time at Class Act Productions in Altoona, most recently playing Piglet in their *Winnie-the-Pooh* shows. Jolene also teaches youth improv games and skills through MadCAP Improv along with her husband, Joseph. She works at Wells Fargo and she and Joe have two dogs, Gus and Peanut Butter.



Joseph Gentzler (Steve) is making his ACT debut. He is a resident director, instructor, and performer at Class Act Productions in Altoona. Joseph is a member of the improv troupe, Comedy XPeriment. He is currently a grad student at Drake University and works at Wells Fargo. Joseph and his wife, Jolene, have two dog children!



Peggy George (Hope) is a veteran of the Des Moines theatre community; however, is making her debut with ACT. Audiences have seen Peggy at the Des Moines Playhouse as well as others throughout the state and even in Michigan. She has a private music and theatre studio where she teaches voice, piano, guitar, and stage dialects. Many thanks to her husband, Phil, and her son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Michelle, for their support!



Lisa Gould (Marci) is a regular volunteer for ACT. She is making her stage debut, alongside her husband, Troy. This is her first time on stage since high school/college. Lisa works at Metabank and is kept busy with activities for her children, Jordan and Alexis. She is so excited for her first time with us ON stage.



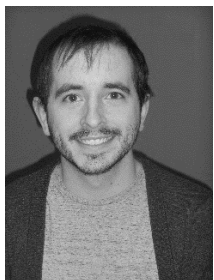
Troy Gould (Phil) is a regular member of the ACT theatre family! He serves on the board of directors and was last seen in *The God Committee*. Troy works as CFO at Serve Credit Union. He and wife, Lisa, have two children that keep them very busy. He is proud to have Lisa on stage with him this time.



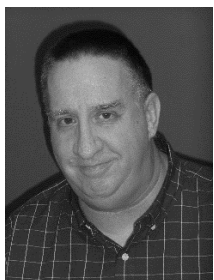
Karly Hagen (Sandrine) is a newcomer to ACT. It is her first time back on a stage in about five years. She is excited to be back performing in theatre and looks forward to continued involvement with us. We are glad she's here.



Ali Kirwen (Rhonda/Assistant Director) is doing double duty with this show - performing and first-time assistant directing. She was last seen at ACT in *Unnecessary Farce* portraying Officer Billie Dwyer for which she received the ACT 2016-2017 award for Best Actress. Ali is a PhD student at Iowa State. She is happy to be sharing the stage with her husband, Joe, and getting to speak to him this time!



Joe Kirwen (Dave) was last seen on our stage in *The Middle of Yesterday*. He was assistant director for our first Studio Series show, *The God Committee*. Joe is a QA engineer and is thrilled to share the stage with his lovely wife, Ali.



Jim Leeper (Jimmy) last appeared on our stage in *The God Committee*. Audiences have also enjoyed seeing him at the Des Moines Playhouse, ACTORS (Ames), and Urbandale Community Theatre. Jim loves nature photography and playing/watching sports.



Morgan Mulford (Gayle) is a student at Iowa State University where she is also an office assistant at the ISU Seed Lab. Morgan is appearing at ACT for the first time, but has performed at ACTORS (Ames) and at the ISU theatre. We welcome her to our stage.



Frances Paterik (Waitress) has done forty shows in forty years - what a veteran of the stage! She last appeared at ACT in *Musical Chairs* for which she was nominated for the Favorite Supporting Actress award that season. Frances is a retired music teacher from Des Moines Public Schools and now substitutes for them. She is also the children's choir director at Faith Lutheran Church in Clive.



Aaron Price (Pete) hasn't been on our stage since 2010 and we've missed him! He has made appearances at other area theatres since then - Class Act Productions (Altoona) and the Des Moines Playhouse. He met his wife, Megan, performing here in *Don't Drink the Water* and they finally get to share the stage again. Aaron works in customer service at Zimmer Biomet.



Megan Price (Ginette) is excited to be on stage again after an eight-year absence. She is a trainer/dance teacher at Club B-Fit and is the owner of the knitwear line, Nineteenhundred Designs. She is thrilled to be sharing the stage beside her husband, Aaron, whom she met here in *Don't Drink the Water* in 2005.



Greg Romans (Man) was last seen on our stage in *The Velveteen Rabbit* and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. He volunteers at Hope Ankeny in the video production department. Greg lives in Ankeny with his wife, Amber, and sons, Jon and Nick.



Nicholas Root (Lendall) most recently directed *The Music Man* at SE Polk High School. He last appeared on our stage in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* and *The Fantasticks*. Nick works for National Bankruptcy Services and is excited to share our stage with his girlfriend, Morgan Mulford.



Lauren Stratton (Deena) was last seen on our stage in *Francine's Will* and *Drinking Habits*. She is a doctoral student at Iowa State University. Lauren loves playing with her two bunnies, singing, volunteering at church, and watching *Doctor Who*.



Nicole Titus (Shelly) has performed on the ACT stage many times - most recently in *A Christmas Chaos*. She has tried her hand at assistant directing during *Musical Chairs*. Nicole has appeared in Newton Community Theatre's *Ham Buns and Potato Salad*. Nicole is currently a member of the ACT board. Her hobbies include painting, acting, and writing. Nicole is the owner of Titus Designs. Her grandma and mom are her biggest fans!



Barbara Wagner (Director) is directing her 12th show for ACT - most recently last season's *Unnecessary Fave*. Her last appearance on our stage was *A Christmas Chaos*. Barb has performed in and/or directed approximately 175 shows in the Des Moines area. During the day, Barb is the administrative assistant to the Director of Financial Aid at DMACC Ankeny. Residing in West Des Moines with their cat, Wizard, she and Don Wagner have been married for 21 years. "Thank you to my friends and family for their ongoing support of my 41 year theatre addiction! Love you more, Mom!"

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