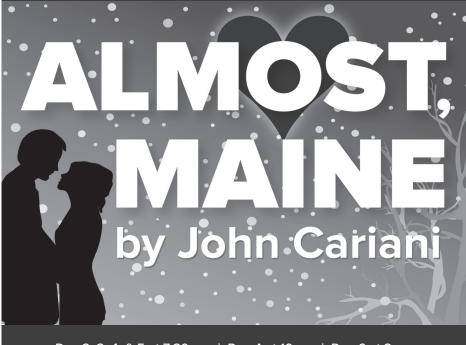
THE UW-PARKSIDE THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



Dec 2, 3, 4, & 5 at 7:30 pm | Dec 4 at 10 am | Dec 6 at 2 pm

THE LEAD PRODUCTION TEAM

Lisa Kornetsky Director

Jody Sekas Scenic Designer

Robin Feltman* Lighting Designer

Tayler Varney* Hair and Makeup Design Sound Design/Original

Michelle Housh* Stage Manager John Costigan Music

Tayler Varney* Costume Designer

Kally Riedell* **Properties Master**

Steven Novak* Technical Director

(*) indicates student

There will be one 15-minute intermission

Presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York

PLAYWRIGHT'S NOTES

ON PLACE | Almost, Maine is not a coastal town. It is nowhere near the ocean. And it doesn't exist. It is a mythical composite of several northern Maine towns. Were it to exist, Almost would be located in the remote heart of Aroostook County, the sparsely populated, northernmost county in Maine. It would occupy unorganized territory that is officially designated as Township Thirteen, Range Seven, or T13-R7. T13-R7 is some two hundred miles northwest of the ocean (at its closest); some three hundred miles north of Portland, ME; and some four hundred miles north of Boston, MA. It is far away from things.

Winters in Almost, Maine are long, cold, and snowy. It often feels like winter up there from October to May. The area's average January temperature is nine degrees Fahrenheit; average annual snowfall is 115 inches. Winters can also be pretty bleak, because the days are short and the town is in a rolling, empty land of wide open space and big sky. Potato farms dominate to the east; the expansive North Maine Woods are to the west. National Geographic once printed something to this effect: "they call Montana 'Big Sky Country.' Well... 'they' haven't seen Northern Maine."

ON THE NORTHERN LIGHTS | The northern lights are brilliant, ribbon-like, otherworldly displays of light. Northern Mainers are fortunate: They live just inside the southernmost tip of a ring defining the area in which the northern lights regularly appear.

The northern lights occur when atoms become "excited." During solar storms, electrons are sent streaming towards the earth. As these electrons enter the earth's atmosphere, they strike and excite atoms, ionizing them – charging them by knocking out an electron. When this happens to enough atoms, the brilliant light display that is the aurora borealis hovers and streaks across the sky. When the aurora fades, it's because the affected atoms have returned to their grounded state. Almost, Maine is a play about people who are normally very grounded, but who have become very excited by love... and other extraordinary occurrences.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Pete, Steve, Lendall, Randy, Man	Jarrod Langwinski
Ginette, Glory, Waitress, Gayle, Hope	Catherine Kleinofen
East, Jimmy, Chad, Phil, Dave	Zac Cooper
Sandrine, Maryalyn, Marci, Rhonda	Alyssa Mowrer

Ensemble/Understudies	Shane Richlen
	Gabriella Ashlin
	Maxwell Alexander
	Lyric Simonson

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, moonlit, slightly surreal Friday night in the middle of the deepest part of a northern Maine winter.

SCENE BREAKDOWN

Prologue

ACT ONE

Her Heart: East and Glory Sad and Glad: Jimmy, Sandrine, Waitress This Hurts: Marvalynn and Steve Getting it Back: Gayle and Lendall

Interlogue

ACT TWO

They Fell: Randy and Chad Where it Went: Phil and Marci Story of Hope: Hope and Man Seeing the Thing: Rhonda and Dave

Epilogue



CAST BIOS



Maxwell Alexander (Ensemble, Understudy) is starting his freshman year with a focus in acting and directing. He has previously

performed on stage in his hometown, Manitowoc, WI. Some of these credits include Rolf in *The Sound of Music*, Professor Willard/Sam Craig in *Our Town*, Agent Branton in *Catch Me if You Can*, Arthur Birling in *An Inspector Calls*, Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice*, and Aldolpho in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. He also directed a production of *Singin' in the Rain*, technical directed *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and has been on running crew for *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*.



Gabriella Ashlin (Ensemble, Understudy, Assistant Scenic Designer) is a new member to the Parkside Theater Company. She is

a transferring Junior from UW-Barron County, planning to obtain a BA in Theatre Arts with a concentration in Scene Design. Before coming to the company, she designed the set for Robin Hood: The Musical at her original campus, which she also acted in as the Sheriff's Wife. She is also accredited for scene artistry in the production of Fiddler on the Roof and The Last Five Years for Northern Star Theatre Company. Last summer, she acted in three productions at the Red Barn Theatre: Catharine Simms in The Foreigner, as part of the ensemble in Almost, Maine, and as a background character singer in They're Playing Our Song. She has also starred in the title role of Jean Racine's Phaedra at UW-Barron County.



Zachary Cooper

(East, Jimmy, Chad, Phil, Dave) is a senior Theatre Arts major at Parkside. Previously he was fortunate enough to spend a

term at the National Theatre Institute at the Eugene O'Neill Memorial Theatre Center and time in St. Petersburg, Russia, studving at the National Academy for Theatre Arts. Most recently, Zac played Greg in Reasons to Be Pretty, George/ Jake in It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play, Demetrius in A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Doug Panch in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. In addition to acting, he was the scenic designer for The 25th Annual Putnam *County Spelling Bee*, and the assistant scenic designer for The Taming of the Shrew. Zac is also an avid director and playwright.



Catherine Kleinofen

(Ginette, Glory, Waitress, Gayle, Hope) is a junior Theatre Arts major at Parkside with interests in every

aspect of theatre. In previous years she performed the roles Philostrate and Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream and Logainne Schwartzandgrubinierre in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee; as well as an understudy in The Arabian Nights, assistant stage manager for The Importance of Being Earnest, light board operator for How I Learned to Drive, and assistant stage manager for The Taming of the Shrew.

CAST BIOS



Jarrod Langwinski

(Pete, Steve, Landall, Randy, Man) is currently in his second semester as a Theatre Major with a minor in Communications. His

prior acting credits at Parkside include Jesus in *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, Francis Flute in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and John Dodge in the staged reading of *Middletown*. Over the summer he worked with the PM&L Theatre in Antioch, playing Richard Stanley in *The Man Who Came To Dinner*. Jarrod hopes that you enjoy the show and continue to support the wonderful work that Parkside puts on each year.



Alyssa Mowrer (Sandrine, Marvalynn, Maric, Rhonda) is a senior Theatre Arts major at UWP She is a graduate of Mishicot High School

in Mishicot, WI. She was recently in Parkside's productions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as Mustardseed, *It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* as Molly Tusselfrazz, *The Taming of the Shrew* as Gremio, and *The Arabian Nights* as Dunyazade, Azizah and others. She hopes to graduate with honors and pursue a career in performance and costume construction.



Shane Richlen

(Ensemble, Understudy) is in his first year at Parkside. Previously Shane has performed in UW-Marathon County's

productions of *The Importance of Being Earnest* as Algernon, *Of Mice and Men* as Curley, and *The Other Place* as The Man. He also performed in Wausau Community Theatre's production of *Shrek: The Musical* as Papa Ogre, a Duloc Dancer, and Rat Tapper.



Lyric Simonson

(Ensemble, Understudy) starts off her college career at Parkside after graduating from Riverdale

High School in southwest Wisconsin. Her past theatrical experiences include musicals such as *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and *Mary Poppins*, and various comedic plays. She also has various stage management and direction experience for regional and high school theatre. She was an active member in her high school's drama club and forensics team and was awarded the WHSFA Critic's Choice Award in 2015 for her work on the forensics team. She's excited to be a member of the Parkside theatre arts company and wishes to experience all that her college career will offer to her.

UW-PARKSIDE THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT GOLDEN HANDTRUCK REIGNING CHAMPIONS

The Golden Handtruck Award is the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival's highest team honor, recognizing the entire company for efficiency, professionalism, and technical expertise in preparing and installing the set, lighting, sound system, costumes, and props prior to the performance, and then taking them down afterward.



Beth Albrecht (Scenic Charge Artist) is a junior majoring in Theatre with a focus in design and technology. Past acting credits

include: Vice Principal Panch understudy in Parkside's The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee and Teenage Greek Chorus understudy in How I Learned to Drive. Past Parkside technical and design credits include: scenic charge artist on The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, scenic charge artist and makeup crew for A Midsummer Night's Dream, hair and makeup designer for It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play, properties coordinator and deck chief for Reasons to Be Pretty, sound board operator and scenic artist for Taming of the Shrew. scenic artist and deck chief for The Arabian Nights, and assistant stage manager for The Importance of Being Earnest.



Melissa Bekkers (House Manager) is in her final year at Parkside. Last year, Melissa was assistant director for *It's a Wonderful Life* and

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. She was the assistant lighting designer for A Midsummer Night's Dream as well as being cast as Cobweb and a Grunting Lug. She was on props crew for Threepenny Opera, The Taming of the Shrew, and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, master electrician for Dancing at Lugnasa, and assistant stage manager for How I Learned to Drive. This is Melissa's second year as a shop assistant for the Fireside's scene shop here at Parkside. Melissa is thrilled to be at Parkside.



Misti Bradford

(Costume Design Advisor) teaches courses in costume design, makeup, wig/ hair design, crafts and properties, and

principles of theatrical design, along with mentoring stage management students. Her most recent professional design credits include costume, makeup and craft designs at the Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theatre in Logan, Utah; PCPA Theaterfest in Santa Maria, CA; Milwaukee Chamber Theatre; Michigan Shakespeare Festival; Summer Repertory Theatre in Santa Rosa, CA; the Pacific Repertory Opera, and the Sierra Repertory Theatre. Here at UW-Parkside, selected designs include costumes for *Twelfth Night* (ACTF certificate of Merit), and *Three Penny Opera*.



John Costigan

(Sound Designer) has been the sound engineer in the UWP Theatre since 1986. He studied three years with Dr.

Augie Wegner, which helped to develop his song writing. He played in the pit band at UW-Parkside for *Working*, and was musical director for *Little Shop of Horrors*. Recently, John was the sound engineer for *The Threepenny Opera* and *The Importance of Being Earnest* and has been the Sound Designer for Parkside's *She Stoops to Conquer, Henry V, Twelfth Night, Great Expectations, Arabian Nights*, and *Taming of the Shrew*.



Robin Feltman (Lighting Designer)

is in her fourth and final year as a Theatre Arts major with a concentration in performance,

lighting, and costume construction. Performance credits from the Parkside Theatre program include Fabiana Aziz Cunningham (The Last Days of Judas Iscariot) Olive's Mom (25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee), Mistress Quince (A Midsummer Night's Dream), Sally Applewhite (It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play), Carly (Reasons to be Pretty), and Teenage Greek Chorus (How I Learned to Drive). Robin is returning from a summer with Peninsula Players in Door County, where she worked as a production intern in such areas as scenic construction. costume construction. and electrics. She hopes to move to Milwaukee in the spring.



Darice Damata-Geiger (Costume Lab Supervisor) has over 40 years of professional and educational experience as a

costume designer and costume lab supervisor. She earned her MFA in Theatre Design at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI, as a Hilberry Fellow. Prior to Parkside, she served as the Costume Lab Supervisor at Northwestern University. While at Northwestern, she worked closely with students and professionals from the Chicago theatre community to create costumes and crafts for shows directed by such renowned directors as Frank Galati and Mary Zimmermann. Darice also has extensive costume design experience at such professional Chicago theatres as Pegasus Players, City Lit Theatre Company, The Famous Door Theatre, and The Next Theatre Company to name a few.



Michelle Housh

(Stage Manager) is a Sophomore Theater Arts Major with an interest in design and stage management. She was the assistant

stage manager for *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, and light board operator for *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play, and sound board operator for The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* at Parkside. She has also been the stage manager for the Fresh Inks, *Mr. Marmelade* and *The Haunting of the Weave*. She is from Frankfort, IL. In her high school theater experience at Lincoln-Way North Community High school she was very involved in all the shows. She is excited for next semester.



Kellianne Keeler

(Sound Design Assistant) is in her fourth year as a Theatre Arts major at Parkside, pursuing interests

in both design and performance. Her primary roles have been backstage as the properties manager for The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, sound board operator for A Midsummer Night's Dream, on wardrobe crew for Twelfth Night and The Importance of Being Earnest, and on hair and makeup crew for Arabian Nights. Her performance credits at Parkside include one of the Foley Artists in It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play, an alternate speller/ Logainne's understudy in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, and North in the FreshINK production of Cupid, Stung by A Bee.



Lisa Korentsky (Director) is a nationally recognized artist/educator has worked in higher education for over 30 years. Lisa has

spent 20 years at Parkside as a Theatre Arts faculty member and sometimes department Chair. She received a Regents' Teaching Award, Stella C. Gray Teaching Excellence Award, Hesburgh Award for Faculty Development programming, and the Eugene Craven Award (given each year by UW System to a staff member for service). For ten vears she served as the Director of the Office of Professional and Instructional Development for the UW System. A founding member of Upstart Theatre, Lisa has also directed at the Piccolo-Spoleto Festival, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. and at the Milwaukee Chamber Theatre in collaboration with UW-Parkside.



Elliot Mahoney (Master Electrician) is a transfer student from UW-Waukesha. He is currently pursuing his degree in technical theatre

and focuses on pursuing a career as a technical supervisor. At Parkside, he has served on crew of past productions and was the master electrician for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, student technical director for *Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Twelfth Night*, and properties master for *Taming of the Shrew*.



Steven Novak

(Student Technical Director) is from Waukesha, WI and is currently a junior. Some of his past productions here at

Parkside include It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play (scenic carpenter/ assistant stage manager), The bard's own A Midsummer Night's Dream (assistant scenic designer/production carpenter/fly rail operator), and 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (technical director). His professional credits include a Scenic shop assistant position for The Fireside Theatre, production assistant for The American Players Theatre (summer 2014), and stage crew at The Santa Fe Opera (summer 2015). He looks forward to building his knowledge here at Parkside in the areas of scenic carpentry and technical direction (pun intended).



Carena Richter

(Assistant Stage Manager) is a Senior studying Theatre, International Studies, and German at Parkside. She is

excited to be back for another fantastic year. Her past Parkside credits include: How I Learned to Drive (Female Greek Chorus understudy), It's a Wonderful Life (Cigarette Girl), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Hermia), and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Leaf and Marcy understudy).



Kyle David Perry (Assistant Director) is a transfer student from College of Lake County. His credits include the role of Lovin' Al in Working, as

well as assistant director of *Crimes of the Heart,* and director of *Soap Opera* as part of CLC's annual student showcase.



Kally Riedell

(Properties Master) is a junior in the Theatre Arts department with a performance emphasis. Her previous credits

include: Olive in 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Egea/1st Fairy in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Carly understudy in Reasons to Be Pretty, Bianca understudy and Ensemble in Taming of the Shrew as well as several FreshINK series shows. Other credits include: wardrobe crew for Arabian Nights, wardrobe crew head for How I Learned to Drive, and sound board operator for It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play.



Jody Sekas (Scenic Designer, Lighting Advisor) is the Chair of the Theatre Arts Department as well as an Associate Professor of Scenic/

Lighting Design & Technology at Parkside. He came to us from Humboldt State University in California where he taught courses in scenic design, scene painting, technical production, properties design, theater history, and CAD and computer rendering. Prior to Humboldt, Jody was assistant professor and scenic and lighting designer for UW-Eau Claire and for four seasons was the resident scenic and lighting designer for the Sioux Falls Community Playhouse in South Dakota. In addition to his resident design and collegiate experience, he has worked as a freelance designer and technician for such venues as the North Coast Repertory Theatre, Dell'Arte International, Omaha Theatre Company for Young People, Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild, Eau Claire Children's Theatre, Ferndale Repertory Theatre, The Western Stage, Utah Shakespeare Festival, and on several independent films.



AWARD WINNING

The Parkside Theatre Arts program is the only arts program in the UW-System to win the coveted "Regents Award" for outstanding quality of education.





Nathan Stamper (Scenic Lab Supervisor) has been involved with amateur, professional, and educational theatre for the past

ten years, since his graduation from Parkside with a BA in Theatre Arts. He volunteered for local theatres and worked for professional theatres such as The Skylight Music Theatre, Next Act Theatre, the Fireside Dinner Theatre, and the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. He then went back to earn a Post-Baccalaureate teaching certification, working toward an M.A. in Teaching at Cardinal Stritch University. Most recently, Nate worked in the Kenosha Unified School District as a teacher, director, and technical director of the Theatre Arts Department for the past two years. His love for both Parkside and The Fireside Dinner Theatre has brought him back to this unique and great experience.



Tayler Varney

(Costume Designer) is a 5th year student at UW-Parkside and originates from Muscoda WI, where she graduated from

Riverdale High School in 2011. After her first year of college, Tayler joined the theatre department with a concentration in design and technology. She has a wide variety of interests and has served in several different positions for past shows including hair and makeup designer for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Arabian Nights*; scenic designer for *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*; assistant scenic designer for *How I Learned to Drive;* and scenic painter for *The Taming of the Shrew* and *The Importance of Being Earnest.* Tayler's scenic design for *It's a Wonderful Life* earned a certificate of merit from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. And her design and construction for a wolf costume earned her a KCACTF award for a week-long trip to study at the Stagecraft Institute of Las Vegas.



Vernon "Chip" Wienke (Scenic Lab Foreman) is the foreman for Parkside's scenic lab as well as for the many Fireside

Theatre sets built here at Parkside. A 1999 graduate of Parkside. His performance background includes roles in *Henry V*, Gregory in *Romeo & Juliet* and principle work on a Miller Beer industrial film. Chip's professional, behind the scenes work includes union stage crew work at The Milwaukee Ballet, Potawatomi Casino, and various touring road shows. He has also been involved in every Fireside Theatre Show since Christmas of 1994.



PRODUCTION PERSONNEL

Assistant Director	
	Misti Bradford*
	Jody Sekas*
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	Nathan Stamper*
	Beth Albrecht
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	Hannah Anderson, Christine Smith, Ryan Zierk
	Jennie Filippone*
Department Administrative Assistants	Brandi Liantonio*, Karen Sorensen
Markoting	
	Robin Feltman, Olivia Kraus
Costume Shop Assistants	Quinn Didier, Alyssa Mowrer
Seene Shan Assistants	Beth Albrecht, Melissa Bekkers
Scene Shop Assistants	Zac Copper, Steven Novak
Seenie Deint Teem	
	Bethanne Duffy, Tianna Field, Casey Lakatos
	Michelle Housh, Catherine Kleinofen
	Colin Kovarik, Jarod Langwinski, Matt Rangel
	Shane Richlen, Lyric Simonson, Christine Smith
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Scenic Construction Crew	Melissa Bekkers, Steven Novak, Zac Cooper
	Jesse Bourassa, Kyle David Perry, Zach Young
	Jordan McGraw, Tianna Field, Hunter Hough
	Dylan Meyer, Matt Rangel, Jarrod Langwinski
	Ben Carlstein, Alex Griffin, Catherine Kleinofen
	Cole Conrad, Maxwell Alexander
Lighting Crew Beth I	LeGreve, Jared Munro, Nick Wilckins, Zach Young
	Catherine Kleinofen, Hannah Anderson
	Shane Richlen, Ryan Zierk, Tyler Samolinski
	Robin Feltman, Elliot Mahoney, Jordan Stanek
	Penny Nichols, Lyric Simonson, Chelsea Strebe
	Bryan Byars, Anna Janicek, Joe Schwaller
Costume Construction Crew	Hannah Anderson, Quinn Didier, Cole Garland
	Olivia Kraus, Otto Krueger, Jazmin Medina
	Alyssa Mowrer, Christine Smith
	John Costigan
	Brian Gill
	Jordan Stanek
	Colin Kovarik
Deck Crew	Tianna Field

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Word of mouth is always the best form of advertising. If you enjoyed your time with us, please pass along any good words to friends, families, and acquaintances. This simple act also helps to keep our productions supported.

Very soon this show will end, the set will be dismantled, the costumes stored away, and all that will be left will be what you remember of your visit. That is the sum of all our hard work, and we hope we will leave some pleasurable memories. Your support – through purchasing tickets, telling friends, or making a donation to STAGE Club (dedicated to enriching production values and providing student scholarships) – is greatly valued.

Thank you for being a part of our work!

SPECIAL THANKS

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Last year more than 1,300 productions were entered in the KCACTF involving more than 200,000 students nationwide. By entering this production, our theater department is sharing in the KCACTF goals to recognize, reward, and celebrate the exemplary work produced in college and university theaters across the nation.