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LAST TRAIN TO NIBROC
BY ARLENE HUTTON
Directed by Andrew Harris

September 7-8
Main Stage, Russell Hall, USM Gorham Campus

Thursday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m.  Friday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m.
Last Train to Nibroc
A Play by Arlene Hutton
Director Andrew Harris

Last Train to Nibroc was originally workshopped with the help of a development grant from Loyola Marymount University. It was first showcased at the New York International Fringe Festival, a presentation of The Present Company, and further workshopped at New Dramatists, premiering at the 78th Street Theatre Lab in a co-production with The Journey Company.

The play was subsequently produced Off-Broadway by Leonard Soloway, Chase Mishkin, and Steven M. Levy.

Last Train to Nibroc is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

The use of either video or still photography is not permitted.
Cast:
May             Emily Grotz
Raleigh         Luis Del Valle

Production Staff:
Director         Andrew Harris
Lighting Design  Austin Tomison
Sound Design     Colin Whitely
Stage Manager, Light & Sound Operator Sabrina Gauthier

Administrative Staff:
Theatre Administrative Specialist: Lil Campbell
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This production was originally produced for the Deertrees Theatre, (Harrison, Maine) Summer Season, 2017, where it successfully played for five performances.

The cast you see this evening, all U.S.M. Theatre students, were engaged as the theatre's summer staff, running every aspect of the theatre's operations over a ten week period.

'Last Train to Nibroc' was one of two fully staged productions each of the students were able to be involved in.

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SCENE ONE
December 28, 1940 - A train, somewhere west of Chicago

SCENE TWO
Summer 1942 - A park bench near woods

10 Minute Intermission

SCENE THREE
Spring 1943 - May's front porch

"It is beautifully written ... Every line is a heartbeat. "
- Financial Times

"NIBROC’S jokes are funny and its couple endearing because their emotional struggles ring true. "
- Time Out
Cast and Crew Biographies

Emily Grotz (May)
Emily is a senior theatre major at USM. She has appeared in USM's productions of Under Milk Wood and The Language Archive. Other roles include Abigail Williams in CLT's production of The Crucible and Raina in Pie Man Theatre Company's production of Arms and the Man. Coming up she will be playing Viola/Sebastian in USM's production of Twelfth Night.

Luis Del Valle (Raleigh)
Luis Del Valle is going into his junior year at USM, with a double major in theatre and communications. He appeared in Under Milk Wood and The Language Archive (Resten) at USM. Last year at Deertrees Theatre he appeared in Around the World in 80 Days (Passepartout). Earlier this season he was in Indoor/Outdoor as Oscar the cat.

Andrew Harris, Director
Andrew hails from the UK and has been active in professional theatre and theatre education for forty years plus. Now a full-time resident of Maine he has performed and directed both in the US and Internationally. Some theatre credits include projects with The Royal Shakespeare Company, The National Theatre and The Globe London.

He is currently the Artistic & Executive Director of Deertrees Theatre (Maine's Most Enchanting Playhouse) and he performs two one-man plays depicting the lives of Charles Dickens and Dylan Thomas.

In the recent past he has worked at Portland Stage as an actor, director, production manager, Affiliate Artist and Education Associate; and as an actor with The Public Theatre and on film with The History Channel. Through research and practical application, Andrew 'guest lectures' in two areas of theatre: The Craft of The Medieval Players and Direction and Acting for Theatre-in-the-Round. Past affiliation with UK colleges include, The Guildhall, The Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama and Middlesex University.

Sabrina Gauthier, Stage Manager, Light & Sound Operator
Sabrina Gauthier is a 4th year theatre major at the University of Southern Maine. In addition to her major, she has received a minor in business and a 200 hour Yoga Teacher Certification. Indoor/Outdoor is the first professional show that she will be performing in. Mostly a techie at the University, she is excited to have made her onstage debut at Deertrees Theatre!

Austin Tomison, Lighting Designer
Austin is a 3rd year theatre major at the University of Southern Maine after returning from a year long internship at Portland Stage Company in the electrics and sound department. Recent works include lighting design for 90 Acres Theatre's production of Salome and Student Performing Artists' productions of Beyond Belief, Stop Kiss, and An Evening of Feminism. Assistant lighting designer for Portland Stage Company's They Don't Pay, We Don't Pay and USM's Reefer Madness and As You Like It.

Colin Whitely, Sound Designer and Engineer
Colin Whitely is a sound designer from New York City who has recently relocated back up to Maine. He has done sound design and engineering for a vast variety of shows all over the country, including many years with Maine State Music Theatre, and multiple theaters in NYC. He is especially proud to be a part of this USM production seeing how this is the very theater in which he learned his craft.
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