

THE CHARACTERS OF *COME FROM AWAY*



The company of the 2026 Ford's Theatre production of *Come From Away*. Photo by Scott Suchman.

Sensory-Friendly Performance

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OVERVIEW

The 12 actors in this show portray many characters. They play bus drivers, air traffic controllers, a pilot, a town mayor, passengers from the planes, people from Gander and more.

Each time they change characters, the actors put on or take off a costume piece, change their voice or change their body language.

These changes help identify which character the actor is pretending to be.

Characters

GANDER RESIDENTS

These are the characters that live in Gander, Newfoundland. They came together to take care of the plane people who were displaced from the attacks of 9/11. They fed them, housed them and clothed them.



Photo of Houssou Sémon by Scott Suchman.

ANNETTE

Annette is a school teacher who works with Beulah.



Photo of Kelli Blackwell by Scott Suchman.

BEULAH

Beulah is a school teacher who helps gather supplies and coordinate shelters for the plane people.



Photo of Erin Weaver by Scott Suchman.

BONNIE

Bonnie works with animals and she helps rescue the animals from the planes.



Photo of Lawrence Redmond by Scott Suchman.

CLAUDE

Claude is the Mayor of Gander. He helps organize the local community so they can provide supplies and shelter for the plane people.

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Photo of Joe Mallon by Scott Suchman.

DOUG

Doug is an air traffic controller and is married to Bonnie.



Photo of Michael Perrie, Jr. by Scott Suchman.

GARTH

Garth is the head of the union representing the bus drivers who are on strike.



Photo of Julia Wheeler Lennon by Scott Suchman.

JANICE

Janice is a reporter at a local TV station in Gander. Her first day of the job is 9/11 and she reports on everything that is happening.

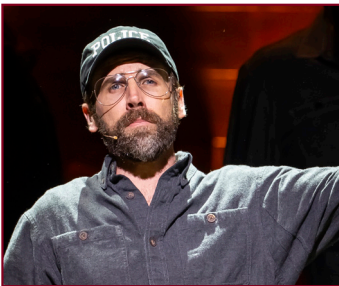


Photo of Evan Casey by Scott Suchman.

OZ

Oz is the local police officer in Gander. He helps get transportation for the plane people to get off the planes and to safety.

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THE PLANE PEOPLE

These are the characters who were traveling on 9/11. They all landed in Gander, Newfoundland, after their flights from all over the world were grounded there.



Photo of Jonathan Atkinson by Scott Suchman.

ALI

Ali is a chef for an international hotel chain. He is an Egyptian, Muslim man. Some of the people are not nice to him as they discriminate against him for his religion.



Photo of Montel B. Butler by Scott Suchman.

BOB

Bob is from New York City. At first, he is very suspicious about the kindness of the Gander residents. He comes to understand that their kindness is authentic and he is safe.



Photo of Houso Sémon by Scott Suchman.

CAPTAIN BEVERLEY BASS

Captain Bass was the first female captain for American Airlines. She was flying one of the planes that landed in Gander.



Photo of Caitlin Brooke by Scott Suchman.

DIANE

Diane is from Texas and was returning home from a trip to London. She spends a lot of time with Nick while they are stranded in Gander.

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THE PLANE PEOPLE



Photo of Sarah Corey by Scott Suchman.

HANNAH

Hannah is from New York City. Her son is a firefighter who went to help people in the World Trade Center.



Photo of Jonathan Atkinson by Scott Suchman.

KEVIN J.

Kevin is originally from New York City, but lives in Los Angeles with his boyfriend Kevin T.



Photo of Michael Perrie, Jr. by Scott Suchman.

KEVIN T.

Kevin is a businessman from Los Angeles. He finds ways to enjoy his time in Gander.



Photo of Joe Mallon by Scott Suchman.

NICK

Nick is from England and was traveling to Texas for work. He spends a lot of time with Diane while they are stranded in Gander.

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