

**Amos Comenius Memorial School, Hopedale
presents**

“The Time Of Our Lives”

Cast

Bubba.....David Isaac Abel
Tiffany.....Tiffany Flowers
Sheldon.....Sheldon Lane
Tommy Lane (Bubba’s Dad).....Sheldon Lane
Tracey.....Tracey Lynn Martin
Tracey’s Dad.....Trevor Broomfield
Troy.....Troy Vincent
Julian.....Julian Gear

Teacher Advisors

Heather Rendell
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SCENE I

(Tracey, Bubba sitting on stage with spotlight on them. Party scene)

Tracey: So, when does your flight leave?

Bubba: I dunno.

Tracey: What do you mean you don't know?

Bubba: I dunno!

Tracey: What do you mean you don't know? You've been talking about this all year. I thought you wanted to go right bad boy.

Bubba: Ask my daddy, dummy.

Tracey: What do you mean, ask your daddy? What does he have to do with it?

Bubba: He's got his mind made up already.

Tracey: That's his mind, not yours. What do you want to do?

Bubba: *(Silence)*

Tracey: What do you want to do?

Bubba: I don't think I want to go.

Tracey: How sick! Why didn't you tell your daddy?

Bubba: I'm scared he'll be disappointed.

Tracey: Be disappointed about what? That's your decision.

Bubba: My dad doesn't think so.

Tracey: Well, tell him what you want to do.

Bubba: What's wrong with you? You're always talking about what other people are doing, but I don't hear you talking about your plans.

Tracey: *(Silence)*

Bubba: Shut you up! Not as easy as you think is it?

Tracey: I just don't know what I want to do. Sometimes I think I should stay, but then I see all my friends leaving and think I should go too.

Bubba: What do your parents think?

(Trevor and Sheldon enter. Trevor is dropping Sheldon off from the graduation ceremony)

Sheldon: Thanks for giving me a ride home boy.

Trevor: Oh no problem.

Sheldon: So what did you think of the ceremony?

Trevor: It was all right. Can you believe they have finally graduated. Now they can finally get out of this place.

Sheldon: What are you talking about? I'm not looking forward to Tracey going away but I know eventually that she might decide to.

Trevor: Tracey hasn't decided if she's going away or not? Not Bubba. He knew since the day he started junior high that he was going away. He can't wait to get out of here and start university.

Sheldon: Well, it must be nice that he knows what he's doing with his life.

Trevor: Yeah, I'm pretty proud of him.

Sheldon: Yeah, you must be. He's a good kid.

Trevor: He is a good kid. I just hope he does something with his life, like a doctor or a policemen or something. So what's Tracey going to do this year? She going to be a crab fisherman.....nah boy!

Sheldon: Well, I don't think she has really made up her mind yet. It's hard for kids to make such a big decision and I don't want her to feel pressure. She has to make up her own mind.

Trevor: Well, I think she better start thinking hard, because graduation is already over. If she doesn't watch it, she is going to be stuck doing something she doesn't want to do.

Sheldon: She'll come up with something. There are jobs around the community that she might apply for. She'll make up her mind eventually.

Trevor: Well I got to be going, so I'll see you tomorrow.

Sheldon: Right on. See you tomorrow.

(Scene switches to Bubba and Tracey)

Bubba: I don't know why everyone has to go anyways.

Tracey: I want to go away and get a job and see what's out there.

Bubba: I'm not sure I want to see what's out there. I want to stay home.

Tracey: I know what you mean. At times I don't really think I want to go either.

Bubba: But I thought you wanted to go.

Tracey: I'm not sure if I want to go. It's one of the toughest decisions I've ever had to make.

Bubba: Yeah, but I guess we'll have to decide quickly. Graduation is already over.

Tracey: But man, I still can't believe we're finished school already.

Bubba: Time flies, doesn't it?

Tracey: Yeah, I think it's flying to fast. I'm not sure if I'm ready for this or not.

Bubba: My dad certainly thinks I am.

Tracey: Aaaahh your dad thinks you are, but what to you think?

(Troy walks in and over to Tracey and Bubba)

Troy: Hey, why so dull?

Bubba: Oh nothing. We were just talking that's all.

Troy: What do you mean, you look so bored and serious/

Bubba: Mind your own business, boy!

Tracey: Yeah, mind your own business.

Troy: Geez boy, don't bite my head off.

Tracey: Well, it's just that we're not sure if we want to go away or not.

Troy: Wha?

Bubba: Yeah, I'm not sure if I want to leave either.

Troy: Well, whatever you're doing, I'm leaving, no matter what.

Bubba: Cripes, I don't know why you're in such a hurry to leave. Our parents did alright here.

Troy: It's just that I want to go so bad. There's more to life than here. Don't you want to see what's out there?

Bubba: Your problem is that you can't see what's in here.

Troy: What's so good about this place, huh?

Tracey: We grew up here and our parents grew up here.

Bubba: Plus all the memories we have are in this town.

Troy: All the bad memories.

Tracey: Not even! Not all bad memories. Some good ones too.

Bubba: Yeah, they're not all bad.

Troy: Like what?

Bubba: Like remember the times we went swimming off the dock. Or when you got your skidoo for Christmas.

Tracey: And then when you busted your daddy's skidoo out climbing.

Bubba: Exactly. I don't think I want to go try live in a different culture.

Troy: Yeah, it might b hard, but it will be a different experience. You got to go out there and get an education.

Bubba: You can get an education here, can't you?

Tracey: Yeah, the College of the North Atlantic.

Troy: Yeah, but they don't train cops at CONA. And Tracey, what do you think you want to do?

Tracey: I was thinking of becoming a nurse.

Troy: Yeah well, where are you going to train to be a nurse huh? You've got to go outside. See what I mean?

Tracey: Yeah, maybe I will go outside and get my training there and then come back and work in the community. Too many people are leaving and never coming back.

Bubba: Yeah, look at what's happening in our community. No one speaks our language any more. Our culture is dying. We really need to pay attention to this before it's too late.

Tracey: *(nodding her head in agreement)* So where are you going anyway troy?

Troy: I think I'm going to university.

Bubba: University sounds so big.

Troy: Yeah I guess, but I need to go there to get my education.

Tracey: And then come back to the community?

Troy: Maybe.

Tracey: We need as many skilled people as we can get to live and work here.

ACT I SCENE II

(Troy and Trevor are grads already at the party. Tiffany enters and walks over to them)

Troy: What took you so long?

Tiffany: I couldn't find a baby sitter and my boyfriend was working.

Trevor: Cripes! What kind of a boyfriend is that he couldn't take a day off! It's your graduation for God's sake!

Tiffany: I wish! That boy can't make enough money to take a day off!

Troy: I can't believe it! We're finished school already.

Trevor: Yeah I know. So when are you guys leaving for university?

Tiffany: Me leaving? I wish! I can't leave because of the baby. There's no one to take care of her while I'm in university.

Troy: Well why did you have a baby in the first place?

Tiffany: Umm. It's a bit late for that. I didn't plan on having a baby anyway.

Trevor: Exactly, you didn't plan. You didn't think about your future.

Tiffany: I sure wish I had the opportunity to plan now.

Troy: Well don't give up now dummy. Have you talked to Sheldon about this?

Tiffany: I've tried talking to him. It's just every time we get a chance to talk about it something comes up..... the baby....work.....school. There's just so much going on.

Troy: What about you Trevor? What are you doing next year?

Trevor: I'm definitely getting out of here.

Tiffany: I sure wish I could.....

SCENE III

(Sheldon's and Tiffany's place. Tiff just got home)

Sheldon: So how was the party?

Tiffany: Alright, but all they talked about was what they are going to do next.

Sheldon: What do you mean what they are going to do next?

Tiffany: Like go off to college or get a job.

Sheldon: Well, you don't have to worry about that.

Tiffany: What do you mean, I don't have to worry about that? Am I not good enough to go off to university or what?

Sheldon: I've got a good job. I can support the family.

Tiffany: Just hear me out okay. AT the party tonight everyone was talking about their future and I feel like I'm being left out, like I'm putting my life on hold or something because of the baby. I really would like to go off to university and become something.

Sheldon: Your future is here with me and the baby. You don't really have the option or the freedom to go away like your friends do.

Tiffany: Don't you think I deserve a chance to make something of myself? There must be a way. My mom and dad and your parents could help babysit while you're off at work or what about daycare?

Sheldon: I don't really think that's a way to raise a child....the mother being away from the child.

Tiffany: It might be hard now, but you have to look at it this way. If I go off and get an education, I could get a good job which would be really better for the baby in the long run.

Sheldon: How come you never mentioned this before?

Tiffany: Well, it just never seemed to be the right time.

Sheldon: Well, Tiff, you're not like everyone else. You already have your path chosen. I think right now is too soon, but maybe when the baby gets older we can talk about it.

Tiffany: Maybe I should wait until the baby gets older, I guess. You know all the talk about what people are doing with their future just got me thinking.

Sheldon: Well, right now I'm working at the store but during the other seasons I'll be able to make more money by wooding and trapping. We'll make enough to get by for a couple of years and then we'll be in a better position to talk.

Tiffany: Yeah, that sounds like a good plan and maybe by that time you'll want to look into going back to school too.

SCENE IV

(Bubba and Dad at home)

Bubba: Look Dad we need to talk.

Trevor: What is it son?

Bubba: Well you see *(pauses)* I don't know how to say this.

Trevor: Just say it son. I'm your father, you can say anything to me.

Bubba: I've been doing a lot of thinking Dad. I'm not sure if I really want to go away this year,. I really want to stay home.

Trevor: What are you saying. This is something I've been planning for a long time. Of course you're going away.

Bubba: That's just it. You've been planning, not me. You're the one who really wants me to go away.

Trevor: You need to get out of here and get an education and then find a good job. You can't stay around here forever. You've got to get out of the house boy.

Bubba: Oh so that's it! You just want me out of the house!!

Trevor: That's not it at all. I just want you to get a good job to support yourself.

Bubba: But I should decide what I want, not what you want me to do.

Trevor: If you do what you want, you'll probably end up in the gutter but if you do what I want you could end up a rich man.

Bubba: I'm not a child!

Trevor: I know that, but you're still too young to understand the way things are.

Bubba: I think I'm old enough to decide what is right for me.

Trevor: I just don't think you're ready to make big decisions like getting married, having kids.

Bubba: I know that!

Trevor: I know I might push you too hard sometimes. It's just that I want so much for you.

When your mom died, I realized that you are all I have in this world. I want you to have a better life than you could have if you stayed here.

Bubba: You haven't done bad here. I could get a job at the fishplant in the summer and then do what I really love ... hunting, fishing, trapping in the winter. I just don't think university is for me. I want you to be proud of me, but I don't think I would be happy if I left here.

Trevor: Well, in the end I want you to be happy. So I guess you'll have to do some thinking and decide what will make you happy.

Bubba: Yeah, I guess I still have a lot of thinking to do.

SCENE V

(At the airstrip. Tracey and Troy look over and see Trevor and Bubba walking towards the strip. Bubba and his dad part. Bubba approaches Tracey and Troy)

Tracey: What are you doing here? I thought you decided not to go.

Bubba: I did a lot of thinking and I think school is a good start for me. I'm going to give it a try. I'll see how this year goes.

Troy: Yeah boy.

Tracey: Yeah, your dad must be proud.

Bubba: Yeah, he thinks I should try it out for a year - give it a chance. Tracey, I heard your dad was telling my dad you are going to stay.

Tracey: Well, I'm going to stay home and work at the store. I'm not ready to go away this year. *(Looks off)* Looks like your plane is landing guys, so I'm going to take off. Email me when you get a chance. Good luck! *(Exits)*

Troy: Oh man, this is it! All this time up to this point talking about it and trying to decide what we're going to do with our lives, and now the moment is finally here. I mean, we are taking action! Boy!

Bubba: Scary, eh?