

UC Alumni Maryann Carroll Carolan '86 and John Rotondo '07

Write and Direct Theatrical Production *Love (Awkwardly)*

Love (Awkwardly) is a collaborative process by playwrights Maryann Carroll Carolan '86 and John Rotondo '07 and twelve juniors and seniors from Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. The play is a comedy that follows the relationships of eight juniors and seniors and focuses on the wonderful, painful, exhilarating and awkward moments of relationships. Maryann, a teacher and director of the Performing Arts Company at Union Catholic, and John, a sophomore at New York University studying in the Tisch Department of Dramatic Writing, approached the students in March to begin brainstorming ideas. The collaborators are: Chris Brown '09, Angelo Cerimele '09, Alex Cortés '09, Greg Gedman '10, Arielle Gonzalez '10, Jenna Lloyd '09, Conor McDonough '10, Samantha Mellina '10, Taziana Molinaro '09, Jordan Morrisey '10, Justine Mujica '10 and Jeanette Rudnicki '09.

The play is being directed by Carolan and Rotondo and assistant directed by Jordan Morrisey '10. The cast features Alex Cortés, Greg Gedman, Arielle Gonzalez, Conor McDonough, Sammie Mellina, Taziana Molinaro, Jordan Morrisey and Justine Mujica.

Junior Arielle Gonzalez feels the “show is for anyone who has ever dated, had a crush, or been a teenager.” The play has the “sincerity and detail of real teen lives mixed with the humor of theatre,” adds Taziana Molinaro.

Love (Awkwardly) performances will be on June 25, 26 and 27 at 8pm at Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains. Tickets can be purchased in advanced by calling (908) 889-1600 ext. 318.