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UNION CATHOLIC STUDENTS RETURN TO NEW YORK CITY STAGE

Scotch Plains, NJ, December 29, 2009—Members of the Union Catholic High School Performing Arts Company will be performing the original play *Love (Awkwardly)* at Union Catholic on January 7 and 8th and at the Manhattan Theatre Source at Washington Square Park, New York City on January 9, 10, and 11th

The production won the Series Audience Favorite Contest after a three-day run on the NYC stage in November as part of The Manhattan Theatre Source Playground Development Series. This award allowed for their return in January.

Love (Awkwardly) is a collaborative process by playwrights and Union Catholic graduates Maryann Carroll Carolan '86 and John Rotondo '07. Maryann is a teacher of Humanities at Union Catholic as well as the director the Union Catholic Performing Arts Company. John is currently a student at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. Twelve current and former students of Union Catholic were also involved in the collaboration in various roles.

This original work focuses on the wonderful, painful, exhilarating and awkward moments of relationships. It follows the relationships of eight juniors and seniors as they are confronted by how to handle emotions that are adult in magnitude but are cramped by the confines of high school.

The Manhattan Theatre Source is located in the West Village at 177 MacDougal St (between Washington Square North and W 8th St). Tickets can be obtained at www.theatresource.org or for more information visit the shows website at: <https://sites.google.com/a/unioncatholic.org/love-awkwardly/>. Tickets for the Union Catholic performances can be reserved by calling (908) 889-1600 ext. 318.