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UNION CATHOLIC STUDENTS TO PERFORM ORIGINAL PLAY ON NEW YORK CITY STAGE

Scotch Plains, NJ, October 22, 2009—Members of the Union Catholic High School Performing Arts Company will be performing the original play *Love (Awkwardly)* at the Manhattan Theatre Source at Washington Square Park, New York City on November 15, 16 and 17th. *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.

Presented as part of The Manhattan Theatre Source Playground Development Series, *Love (Awkwardly)* 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 play is directed by Carolan and Rotondo and assistant directed by Jordan Morrisey '10. The cast features Greg Gedman '10 of Union, Arielle Gonzalez '10 of Kenilworth, Conor McDonough '10 of Berkeley Heights , Samantha Mellina '10 of Westfield, Taziana Molinaro '09 of Garwood, Jordan Morrisey '10 of Colonia, Bobby Dyckman of Scotch Plains/Fanwood High School and Justine Mujica '10 of Union.

The Manhattan Theatre Source is located in the West Village at 177 MacDougal St (between Washington Square North and W 8th St). Tickets are \$15.00 and can be obtained at www.theatresource.org. Showtimes are November 15th at 2pm and 7pm, November 16th at 7pm and November 17th at 7pm. For more information: <https://sites.google.com/a/unioncatholic.org/love-awkwardly/>

Pictured: Seniors Greg Gedman and Arielle Gonzalez in the Union Catholic summer production of *Love (Awkwardly)*.

