

Almost There



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Coventry High drama students at a dress rehearsal for "Almost, Maine," a play they will perform this weekend.

Coventry Drama Club goes another direction with latest performance

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COVENTRY— Members of the Coventry High School drama club will be hosting their spring production this weekend; a play the students said, will "bring everybody together."

Mychael Wilkinson, theatre director, explained that this year the production is titled "Almost, Maine."

This play was written by John Cariani and was featured in Smith and Kraus' "New Playwrights: Best Plays of 2006."

"I wanted to do something with a lot of people, but simple," he added. "I spent my nights looking through shows and found this play and I knew this was the perfect one."

The production includes nine separate plays in one as it focuses on the lives of nine couples in the town of Almost, Maine.

ALMOST, MAINE

- Performed by Coventry High School Drama Club
- Performances at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21; Friday, March 22; Saturday, March 23.
- Admission: \$10

"The northern lights that appear in town affect these couples," he said. "It shows each of their lives. Some of it is hilarious, some thought-provoking and some tearful; it's a nice mixture."

Emily Gamage, who's playing Marcy, said the play "has something for everybody." "The scene I do, it's a dramatic break-up scene," she added. "Everybody can relate to something in the play, which is what I like the most; it brings everybody together."

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The students playing the 18 lead characters began rehearsing in January and Wilkinson said rehearsing for this play was completely different than previous productions.

"Because each scene is only two people it's nice to have that time with each individual," he explained. "But I only see them once a week; the other plays you're working with the same people every day all the time."

Senior Tyler Vigent, who's playing East, said this was his last show at the high school and "it's a perfect end to my high school career."

"It's sweet, its funny, its traumatic and comedic," he said excitedly. "I really had to dig deep into my character."

Michael Bosvert—playing Steve—agreed with Vigent



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Emily Gamage, playing Marcy, is one of 18 leads in "Almost, Maine," performed starting tonight at CHS.

saying he became "obsessed" with his character. "This play draws me in and my heart always beats faster be-

tween each scene the more intense they get," he said.

While the lead characters rehearse their lines and choreography, students backstage prepare the props and ensure that everything goes according to plan.

Junior Jody Desrosiers said she typically auditions as a character for the school productions, but she wanted to try something new this time.

"This is the first time I've been the stage manager," she said. "I'm absolutely proud of this cast. I've watched them grow and it's beautiful to watch this process from a different perspective."

The Coventry High School spring production of *Almost, Maine* will be held March 21, 22 and 23 in the auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door.