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ARLINGTON, WA – October 16, 2014 The wait is over and love is in the air! Once again, the Arlington High School drama department will stage an outstanding production for our community. John Cariani's Almost, Maine is quickly approaching and will be premiering in the Byrnes Performing Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. on November 7, 8, 14, and 15. Ticket prices are \$7 for students and \$10 for adults.

As students come to realize that performance art is more than entertainment, the cast and crew are starting to see John Cariani's adaptation as having a little something for everyone and is capable of engaging all audience members regardless of age. Even though the play is targeted toward high school students, an older audience will find it just as appealing. Almost, Maine shows the many different sides of love. The show is broken into nine scenes, all separate from one another. Each scene highlights a specific aspect of relationships that people face everyday. In some scenes the characters suddenly realize their love for each other, while others depict couples admitting that there's not much love left in their relationship. Each scene is seasoned with humor, touching moments, and impeccable acting. No matter what you're looking for in a play, you can find it in Almost, Maine.

Almost, Maine uses symbols throughout the entire play to represent love, such as one of the characters carrying around her own broken heart in a bag. The symbolism throughout the play is crafted with such care that even something as far-fetched as a literal broken heart is easily presented naturally and believably. Quintessential themes of love and loss are evident throughout the play.

Talented junior Emily Hawks, who has been cast in three previous Arlington High School productions, says about the play, "I would say that this play centers around the idea of

completeness. Not only does my character find her match in her scene partner, she also finds a way to complete herself. The characters are written as people with a goal singular to themselves that they are able to achieve while falling in love." She is currently playing the characters of Glory and Gayle in Almost, Maine.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.byrnesperformingarts.org/ as well as at the door on show nights beginning at 6:00 pm.

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