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## **ALMOST, MAINE**

### **Flinders University Performing Arts Society**

Bakehouse Theatre

Until 5 February 2022

Review by Chrissy Gow

Directed by Alana Lymn and Assistant Director Anna Wilhelm, "Almost, Maine" by John Cariani navigates the complexities of love for nine couples at various stages of love while circumnavigating love almost lost, almost refund, almost ready for commitment, almost missed opportunities, almost being just friends, and almost ready to try again. All scenarios are clearly relatable to anyone who has ever been in love.

"Almost, Maine" is humorous and quirky, where love can be broken into pieces or even bagged up and retuned. The play comprises twelve cast members, with nine actors seamlessly playing multiple roles. Tianna Cooper as Ginette/Shelly, Eryn Kralj as Glory/Marvalyn, Liam Warneant as East/Chad, Dennis Broadby as Jimmy/Phil and Vee Rodgers as Deena/Hope, Emma Batten as Sandrine, Alex Reader as Randy, Jack Chaplin as Man.

Olivia Case is a standout as the waitress and in her portrayal of Gayle, who wants to return the love given to her by Lendall, played by Aiden Fitzgerald. Lucas Tennant as Steve was touching and humorous, as he tried to apply logic to the feelings and emotions of love. Strong performances are given by the final couple, Luna Grzan as Rohnda and Lucas Tennant as Dave, as they portray the naivety of new love with humour.

At times some of the other character portrayals lacked a little depth and connection, however as "Almost, Maine" is set in a fictional American town, it was pleasing to hear throughout the performance all character's accents were continuous and convincing.

Undoubtedly, the Flinders University Performing Arts Society cast and crew have an enjoyment of the Arts and they should be proud of this solid performance.