Almost, Maine by John Cariani, is a collection of short plays about a fictitious “almost” town in Maine aptly named Almost. The stories are cute and quirky and have that sweetness that appeal to all ages. Almost is a very snowy town so its very much in keeping with the upcoming holiday season, although we replace snow with rain here in the islands. And its fun to see local actors bundled up in ski parkas, knitted caps and long underwear playing in the “snow”.

This funky potpourri of stories is a favorite because the tales are easy to tell and they’re very relatable. Most of these stories can take place anywhere as really, love is universal! Directed by Christopher Patrinos, the cast of seven each portray more than one citizen of Almost, Maine, but most are always on stage as they assist to transition each story into the next scene.

SPOILER ALERT: There’s even a snowball fight! So have a late-night adventure and make it down to Earl Ernst Lab theatre at the Kennedy Theatre of UHM. The ensemble include Alten Kiakona, Qalil Ismail, Analiese Arle, Emily Hoadley, Emma DeMaris, Michael “Donut” Donato, and Tyler Haugen.

This production runs seventy minutes with no intermission and also includes original music by Julian Fleisher and will run Saturday November 11 at 11 pm and Sunday November 12 at 7:30 pm. For tickets and information visit the web at manoa.hawaii.edu/live onstage/kennedy-theatre or call 808-956-7655.

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