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Pittsburgh Playhouse Hosts Pittsburgh Premiere of *Robin & Me: My Little Spark of Madness*

Point Park University Alumnus Dave Droxler Returns to Pittsburgh to Share His Special Connection with Robin Williams

Pittsburgh (December 14, 2024) – The Pittsburgh Playhouse at Point Park University proudly presents the Pittsburgh premiere of *Robin & Me: My Little Spark of Madness*, written and performed by acclaimed actor and playwright Dave Droxler, directed by Chad Austin. The production will run from **January 22–26, 2025**.

Dave’s got a lot on his mind. And the only person who can help him unpack it all is his imaginary friend and real-life idol: Robin Williams. An autobiographical play that follows Dave Droxler as he becomes multiple characters and whimsically relives hilarious and difficult life moments, including the times when his father dropped the ball and Robin stepped in to get him through. But how long will it take before Dave learns how to do it without Robin’s help?

Robin & Me: My Little Spark of Madness premiered Off-Broadway at Abingdon Theatre Company, where it won five BroadwayWorld Awards, including Best Actor, Best Director, and Best New Play. The play continued with a Philadelphia-based production at Hedgerow Theatre in October, 2024. Now, Droxler is bringing this acclaimed production to Pittsburgh audiences, offering a heartfelt story that celebrates imagination, resilience, and the profound impact of our heroes.

Point Park University alumnus **Dave Droxler** premiered his one-man show, *Robin and Me: My Little Spark Of Madness*, at Abingdon Theatre’s One Night Only Series at the Lucille Lortel Theatre. Dave’s play, *Walken On Sunshine*, premiered at FringeNYC, winning the “TheaterMania Audience Favorite Award” and “Outstanding Excellence in Acting” for Dave’s performance. His most recent play, *BEYOND*, received a staged reading with New Feathers Productions in Bucks County, PA. Select New York Theater acting credits include *Candide*,

directed by Hal Prince and choreographed by Pat Birch (*NYC Opera*), the Drama Desk nominated production *The Man Who Laughs* (Stolen Chair Theater), *Sweetee*, directed by Pat Birch (Signature Theatre), NYTimes Critics' pick *Honky* (Urban Stages) and his first one-man show he wrote and performed, *Character* (Prospect Theatre Dark Night Series). Dave voices Kiko and dozens of other characters on Nick Jr's Emmy nominated show "Santiago Of The Seas," as well as Ranger Nat on Sesame's Emmy nominated show "Mecha Builders" on HBO Max. Other voices of his are heard on Nick Jr's "Sunny Day," PBS's "Alma's Way," Apple TV's "Get Rolling With Otis," "Noggin" and the upcoming Sesame show "Bea's Block" on HBO Max. Other TV/Film credits include "How to Get Away With Murder" and "Limitless."

Press Passes are available for Opening Night on January 22 at 7pm, and Dave Droxler is available for interviews. Production details, along with public ticket pricing can be found: <https://playhouse.pointpark.edu/shows-events/index>

About the Pittsburgh Playhouse – The Pittsburgh Playhouse at Point Park University, is a 90,411 square-foot center for arts and entertainment that serves as an artistic laboratory for the prestigious Conservatory of Performing Arts (COPA) and Downtown Pittsburgh's newest home for arts and entertainment. The Playhouse is comprised of professional, artist educators dedicated to an approach to training that enables students to pursue careers as professionals. COPA includes Departments of Theatre, Dance and Cinema. The four-story facility, located in Downtown Pittsburgh at 350 Forbes Avenue, features the 550-seat PNC Theatre, the 200-seat Highmark Theatre and the 99-seat Rauh Theatre. Support for the Pittsburgh Playhouse comes from The Charity Randall Foundation, Two Men and a Truck, Forbes Tavern, Dinsmore Legal Counsel, and Ardent Interior Design.

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