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GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN

Announces Full Cast for World Premiere Musical This November



Playing November 11-22 at Pittsburgh Playhouse

(New York, NY and Pittsburgh, PA – October 26, 2026) **Pittsburgh Playhouse**, **Lively McCabe Entertainment**, and **Primary Wave Music** are thrilled to announce full casting for the world premiere production of ***Girls Just Want to Have Fun***, a new musical inspired by the cult-classic film written by **Amy Spies** and featuring a score of 1980s chart-toppers. The show will play at the **Pittsburgh Playhouse's PNC Theatre at Point Park University** this November 11-22 only.

The 21-member company of ***Girls Just Want To Have Fun*** includes **Paige Schmella** as Janey Glenn, **Caroline O'Neil** as Lynne, **Alejandro Tinnell** as Jeff Malene, **Bee Walker** as Natalie Sands, **Autumn Papczynski** as Mother Superior, **Bianca Dixon** as Sister Eileen, **Marshall Benton** as Colonel Glenn, **Devin Claudio** as Drew, **Isabella Corea** as Mrs. Glenn/Mrs. Dobson, **Evan McGregor Williams** as Mr. Malene, **Cadee Velasquez** as Rikki, **Sam Welborn** as DTV Assistant/J.P. Sands, and **Jacqueline Trinh-Juarez** as Maggie Malene. The ensemble also includes **Eric Acosta**, **Joel Balinao**, **Casey Rose Colcombe**, **Kaylee Deenihan**, **Melissa Garlock**, **Anthony Raymond**, **Amber Gibson**, and **Lucas Lee**.

This production endeavors to create a new model and unique opportunity for Point Park University's Conservatory of Performing Arts students to work side-by-side with Broadway and entertainment industry professionals providing invaluable hands-on experience and firsthand insight into the creative process of developing a new musical from the ground up.

[Tickets for the production are available now.](#)

The musical, adapted for the stage by **M. Dickson** ("How I Met Your Father") and actor/singer/songwriter **Lauren Marcus**, tells the story of Janey Glenn. Janey is a natural-born dancer, but as the timid, straitlaced daughter of a strict colonel, she only lets loose in front of her bedroom mirror. When Janey transfers to yet another new school, she finds her first real friend: bold, fearless Lynne. United by their obsession with *Dance TV*, the two become inseparable, and Lynne helps Janey work up the nerve to defy her father and try out for the show. Before she knows it, Janey has a ride-or-die BFF, a first love straight out of a power ballad and a spot on the dance floor she's only ever dreamed of. The only catch? It's live TV, and Dad can never find out.

The characters of Janey and Lynne were originally played by Sarah Jessica Parker and Helen Hunt in the 1985 film, which also featured Shannen Doherty, Jason Silverman, and Lee Montgomery.

Girls Just Want to Have Fun features a score of hit songs arranged and orchestrated by Broadway composer and music director **Georgia Stitt**, and made famous by artists such as **Whitney Houston**, **Huey Lewis and the News**, **Olivia Newton-John**, **Culture Club**, among others. Stitt's score also includes iconic songs from the original film such as "Dancing In Heaven" and "I Can Fly."

Jennifer Werner (*The Book of Mormon*, *Mystic Pizza* National Tour), a long-time collaborator of Lively McCabe and Lauren Marcus, directs and choreographs the World Premiere. The creative team also includes **Christian Fleming** (scenic design), **Michael Montgomery** (costume design), **Dalton Hamilton** (lighting design), **Zach Moore** (sound design), **Camille Villalpando Rolla** (music director/conductor), **Leonard Sullivan** and **Saki Kawamura** (associate directors), and **Kristyn Pope** (associate choreographer). **Olivia Mohnkern** is the production stage manager. **Kobi Kassal** is the line producer on behalf of Lively McCabe Entertainment.

Following its World Premiere at the Pittsburgh Playhouse, ***Girls Just Want to Have Fun*** is expected to continue its trajectory toward future productions and become a part of the Lively McCabe's 'Hits' Musicals Collection, exclusively available via Music Theatre International.

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Lively McCabe Entertainment is a global theatrical development, acquisition, and management company founded in 2017 by Chairman Michael Barra, and led by President Allison Bressi with Associate Producers Kristi Hess and Kobi Kassal. The company is best known for its collection of theatrical properties including: *Clue: A New Comedy* (currently touring the US) its UK siblings *Cluedo*, and *Cluedo 2, Clue: Another Bloody Murder* (premiering July 2027), the musical adaptation of *Mystic Pizza* (currently touring the US), country music musical *May We All* (developed with Florida Georgia Line), and Joe Iconis' *Punk Rock Girl!*. The company is also developing the stage musical adaptation of the iconic films *Girls Just Want to Have Fun* and *Can't Hardly Wait*. For more information, please visit livelymccabe.com.

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