

# dirty girl

## some girls are born dirty

When the high school tramp runs away with the gay, fat kid in his homophobic dad's stolen car, all you need's an 80's soundtrack and a *Flashdance* routine for the most joyful treat since *Muriel's Wedding* or *Priscilla*, *Queen of the Desert*.

writer | director key cast

Abe Sylvia

Juno Temple, Sally Hawkins, William H. Macy, Lisa Kudrow, Jeremy Dozier

**producers** Rob Paris, Charles Pugliese, Rachel Cohen, Jana Edelbaum

**executive producers** Christine Vachon, Pam Koffler

synopsis

Danielle, the high school tramp, is sent to special ed class for one too many inappropriate comments during sex education lessons. There she meets Clarke, a shy, gay fat kid with no friends. Forced together for a school project, they become unwilling and unfit parents to a bag of flour called "Joan". Danielle is determined to get to LA to find her birth father; Clarke is desperate to escape being sent to military school by his homophobic dad, so he steals his car. With Joan along for the ride, the dysfunctional little family sets off for California with no money – forcing Clarke into performing his *Flashdance* routine at a gay strip club for the prize money. Add a glorious 80's soundtrack and *Dirty Girl* is the most joyful treat since *Muriel's Wedding* or *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*.

## writer | director

## Abe Sylvia

Abe Sylvia, a former Broadway dancer (including two years in *Cats*) and choreographer, retrained as a writer and director at UCLA film school where he won a slew of awards including Jack Nicholson's director award. With a body of award-winning shorts plus commercials for Svedka Vodka, Coca-Cola, and Chrysler under his belt, *Dirty Girl*, which he also wrote, is his first feature. To view a selection of Abe's work visit: www.abesylvia.com

cast

## **Juno Temple**



**Danielle** 

Cracks, Atonement, Year One

Juno Temple is an actress in the ascendancy, getting attention for her performances in *Atonement, Notes on a Scandal, The Other Boleyn Girl, St. Trinians* and *Wild Child.* She is the daughter of British director Julien Temple.

**Sally Hawkins** 



Sue-Ann, Danielle's mother

Happy-Go-Lucky, An Education

British actress Sally Hawkins won a Golden Globe for best actress for her performance in Mike Leigh's *Happy-Go-Lucky*. She stars here as Danielle's hopeless "reformed slut" mother Sue-Ann.

William H. Macy



Ray, Sue-Ann's fiancé Wild Hogs, The Cooler, Fargo

Veteran actor, William H. Macy stars as Sue-Ann's easily shockable Mormon fiancé, Ray.



#### **Lisa Kudrow**



## Peggy, Clarke's mother

Best known for playing the role of Phoebe in *Friends,* Lisa Kudrow stars as Clarke's mother, Peggy.

# **Jeremy Dozier**



#### Clarke

Newcomer Jeremy Dozier impressed in auditions and was subsequently cast in the role of overweight gay loner, Clarke. Please follow the link below to Jeremy's fantastic dance audition: clarkedance.phanfare.com

#### producers

## **Rob Paris | Paris Films**

Rob Paris began his career at CAA, representing Jerry Bruckheimer, Roland Emmerich, Dean Devlin, Mark Romanek and Richard Kelly amongst others.

Rob left CAA to form Mission Entertainment, where he acquired over a dozen projects, including *Whip It!* for Drew Barrymore. In 2006 Rob launched Paris Films, where his first film *The Maiden Heist* starred Morgan Freeman, Christopher Walken, William H. Macy and Marcia Gay Harden.

## **Charles Pugliese**

Charles co-produced Todd Haynes' Academy Award nominated film concerning Bob Dylan, *I'm Not There*, which starred Cate Blanchett, Christian Bale, Richard Gere and Heath Ledger. He associate produced Douglas McGrath's *Infamous*, which starred Toby Jones, Sandra Bullock and Daniel Craig and in 2008, co-produced Matt Aselton's *Gigantic*, starring Paul Dano and Zooey Deschanel.

Recently Charles executive produced *Cairo Time* and Jordan Scott's *Cracks* starring Eva Green and Juno Temple, both of which premiered at this year's Toronto International Film Festival.

#### Jana Edelbaum | iDeal Partners

iDeal Partners is an independent financing and production company founded in 2006 by Jana Edelbaum and Dr. Michael Lesser. iDeal's credits include: *Tenderness* starring Russell Crowe and Laura Dern and *An Invisible Sign of My Own*, starring Jessica Alba.

Prior to forming iDeal, Jana Edelbaum spent twelve years as an independent producer. Her credits include *Romance & Cigarettes*, directed by John Turturro and starring Kate Winslet and James Gandolfini, and *Advice from a Caterpillar*, which won the best feature award at the US Comedy Art Festival in 2002.

## Rachel Cohen | iDeal Partners

Rachel Cohen is head of productions at iDeal Partners. Rachel was previously an EVP at Tribeca Productions where she oversaw development on Robert De Niro's *The Good Shepherd*. Prior to that, she spent seven years as a SVP Production & Acquisitions at Artisan. Notable acquisitions include *The Blair Witch Project*, *Startup.com*, and *Roger Dodger*.

# executive producers

# Christine Vachon, Pam Koffler | Killer Films

Killer Films' movies have been nominated for 8 Academy Awards and 20 Emmys, and won the Oscar for Hilary Swank's transforming performance in *Boys Don't Cry*. As well as *Boys Don't Cry* they have produced *Far From Heaven, One Hour Photo, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, Happiness, Velvet Goldmine, Safe, Kids, I Shot Andy Warhol, Go Fish, Swoon, I'm Not There* amongst others.