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## LIVE FROM COLUMBIA COUNTY... IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT!

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CAST OF "SATURDAY NIGHT LIV"

Liv Cummins made her professional debut when she was just 10 years old by playing the piano and singing—at a funeral. Ironically, Cummins is now a comedian, who, along with her husband, Sandy McKnight, produces the Saturday Night LIV variety and sketch comedy show in New York's Columbia County. "My older brother was kind of an intellectual genius," says the 33-year-old Cummins, whose first name—and the "LIV" in Saturday Night LIV—rhymes with "leave." "I think what I was this sort of whimsical, funny person so that I could be different from him."

Cummins honed her talent, first at Skidmore College and then at New York University, where she earned a Master's of Fine Arts in 2000. At Skidmore, Cummins was heavily involved in theater, and it was there that she began acting, directing and writing scripts and song lyrics. McKnight has written comedies for VH-1, MTV and live shows across the country. "We just combined forces," she says.

McKnight picked the name for the show because Saturday Night Live, featuring Gilda Radner and John Belushi, was an inspiration to both of them. McKnight writes the show and leads the band for monthly performances held three months in the spring and fall. In the style of the Carol Burnett Show, Cummins

hosts, plays piano and sings and leads a cast of six area professionals. "I really gravitate towards humor that has heart, not the angry humor that pokes fun at people and is mean," says Cummins. "I get off on funny stuff that is sort of observational, looking at the world."

Saturday Night LIV's next performance will be held September 17 at North Pointe Cultural Arts Center in Kinderhook, N.Y. A performance will also be held on September 18, at a venue to be announced. Visit [www.saturdaynightliv.com](http://www.saturdaynightliv.com) to learn more.

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