

INSIDE OUT!

Where It's At ...

Aurora Hospital presents **NORMAL LIVE** February 26

In honor of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, **NORMAL** will be presented live at

Aurora Hospital's Norris Auditorium
1220 Dewey Street
Wauwatosa,
Wisconsin

Friday, February 26th
7:30pm

*free
open to the public
no reservations
required*



INSIDE OUT GALA To Transform Turner Hall

Historic Turner Hall Ballroom is about to be transformed into a multi-media art gallery with work created by a range of local and international artists including patients in recovery for eating disorders.

On Saturday, February 27th, **NORMAL** In Schools will launch its first annual gala: **INSIDE OUT! Celebrating Inner Beauty Through Theatre Music and Art!**

Kirsten Haglund, Miss America 2008 and President of the Kirsten Haglund Foundation for Eating Disorders, will host the fun, funky and chic benefit.

A professionally trained actress and vocalist, Ms. Haglund will not only host the **NORMAL** in Schools gala, but will also join **NORMAL** book writer, lyricist and composer (Yvonne Adrian, Cheryl Stern and Tom Kochan) and members of the professional cast of "**NORMAL**" and sing a very special song that is not to be missed!

Milwaukee's very own Swing Nouveau will light up the stage at 9:30pm, and the swing dancing will continue until the event ends at 11pm.

The artsy event will be fabulously fun, relaxed, inspiring and upbeat. Recommended attire is "informal and funky" to fit the theme of "Celebrating Inner Beauty through Theatre, Music and Art." The event is suitable for ages 21 and up.

Tickets can be purchased on this newsletter, online at www.normalinschools.org or by calling 414.732.0535.

Tickets On Sale FOR INSIDE OUT!

General Admission (Includes 6:30pm admission to art gallery / sale and silent auction, party with heavy hors d' oeuvres catered by Louise's, live performances and dancing. Tickets are regularly \$100 -- \$75.00 if purchased prior to February 15, 2010)

VIP Admission (Includes the above plus an exclusive meet-and-greet from 5:30pm - 6:30pm with Ms. Haglund and Dave Cook. Tickets are regularly \$150 -- \$125 if purchased prior to February 15, 2010)



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NIS on MORNING BLEND!



Tune in to **The MORNING BLEND** on **TODAY's TMJ4** this Thursday morning, February 4th at 9am CST to catch a live interview with **NIS Founder, Robyn Hussa.**

Alex De Vinny Memorial Fund Awards Grant To NIS



Alex DeVinny

In the company of such organizations as Duke University Medical Center and The National Eating Disorder Association, NIS was awarded a grant by the Alex DeVinny Memorial Fund in January. A great source of inspiration for **TEAM NORMAL** (a program to educate athletes about the epidemic of eating disorders in sports communities), Alex died four years ago (this March) at the age of 20 after a notable amateur athletic career that included a state title in track. Alex lost her battle to anorexia nervosa, which, according to the **National Institute of Mental Health**, has the highest premature mortality rate of any psychiatric disorder. The Alex DeVinny Memorial Fund was established to honor Alex's life, to expand public understanding of and the prevention of eating disorders, and to promote sound research for those affected and their families. The grant is awarded to NIS to further its mission of educating and reducing stigma about eating disorders in schools and communities nationwide.

Write a review of NIS!

what is NOR•MAL?

NOR•MAL is a dynamic, fresh, and humorous rock musical characterized by short, episodic scenes, stylization, and deeply resonant storytelling. Based on the true story of Yvonne Adrian's family, this sensitive and heartfelt theatrical work was originally produced in New York City by Drama Desk and Obie award-winning theatre company, **Transport Group**, and is the winner of The Jonathan Larson award, which recognizes excellence in musical theatre. With book by New York Foundation Artists & Art award winner Yvonne Adrian, lyrics by Broadway veteran actress and writer Cheryl Stern, and music by Emmy award-winning composer Tom Kochan. Developed by Drama Desk and Obie award-winning director, Jack Cummings III, and adapted for the NIS program by Drama Desk award-winner, Robyn Hussa and award-winning high school theatre director, Eric R. Christiansen, **NOR•MAL** goes beyond a standard informational presentation. It is a highly artistic theatrical work meant not only to educate about eating disorders, self esteem and family communication, but also to demonstrate the healing power of theatre itself.