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Town Hall Arts Center Presents *Next to Normal*

Littleton, CO – The next production in Town Hall Arts Center’s 2014-2015 Season will be *Next to Normal*, music by Tom Kitt, book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey. Winner of the Outer Critics' Circle Award for Outstanding Score and nominated for Drama Desk Awards for Outstanding Actress (Alice Ripley) and Outstanding Score. It was nominated for eleven 2009 Tony Awards and won three: Best Original Score, Best Orchestration and Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical for Alice Ripley. It also won the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Drama becoming the eighth musical in history to receive the honor. *Next to Normal* is directed by **Nick Sugar**, Henry Award winning director of Town Hall’s 2012 production of *The Who’s Tommy* and 2010 Henry Award winning production of *RENT*, and most recently seen directing and choreographing *Anything Goes* for Town Hall in 2014. Musical direction is by **Donna Kolpan Debrecei**, Henry Award Winner, *The Who’s Tommy*.

Next to Normal is a contemporary musical that explores how one suburban household copes with love and crisis. With electrifying **LIVE** music and lyrics, *Next to Normal* shows how far two parents will go to keep themselves sane and their family’s world intact. Ben Brantley from the New York Times called it “A brave, breathtaking new musical. It is something much more than a feel-good musical; it is a feel-everything musical.”

Featured in this production is **Margie Lamb** as *Diana*. Margie is reprising her role after performing it at Ignite Theatre and **Daniel Langhoff** returns to Town Hall in the role of *Dan*. Daniel most recently was seen as *Daddy Warbucks* in the 2013 production of *Annie*. **Jacquie Jo Billings** also returns to Town Hall in the role of *Natalie*; last seen here as *Thea* in **Spring Awakening**. Making their Town Hall debuts at and rounding out the cast are **Josh Bess** as *Gabriel*, **Ethan Knowles** as *Henry* and **Jared Ming** as *Dr. Madden/Dr. Fine*.

Town Hall favorite, **Donna K. Debrecei** (2012 Henry Award winner for Outstanding Musical Direction for *The Who’s Tommy*) returns as musical director and will lead a live band on keyboards. Keeping her company are **Austin Hein** (Bass), **Kevin E. Johnson** (Cello), **David Paul** (Violin), **Scott Alan Smith** (Guitars) and **Tag Worley** (Drums/Percussion).

Town Hall’s production of *Next to Normal* opens **Friday, February 13, 2015** and runs through **Sunday, March 15, 2015**. Show times are **Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. (& 2:00 p.m. on 2/28) & Sundays at 2 p.m. (& 6:30 p.m. on 3/8)**.

Ticket Information:

Reserved seat tickets are currently on sale, priced \$23.00-\$42.00 at the Town Hall Arts Center box office, 303-794-2787 ext. 5 (**Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1 Hour prior to Shows**) or on-line at <http://www.townhallartscenter.org/next-to-normal/>. Group discounts available for purchasing ten or more tickets. In a continuing effort to make plays at Town Hall Arts Center accessible to all, ten value seats at \$10 each will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis one-hour prior to each published curtain time.

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