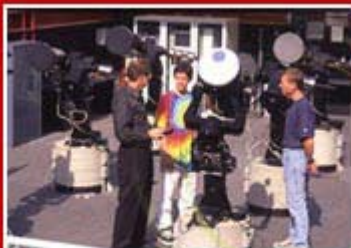




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Entertainer/Speaker Kevin Sharp Performing Tuesday at Rose-Hulman

Award-winning country music vocalist and cancer survivor Kevin Sharp will perform a special concert and discuss his inspirational story on Tuesday starting at 7 p.m., at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's Hatfield Hall Theater. The event is free and open to the public. A free-will donation will be taken, with all proceeds going to the Make A Wish Foundation.

As a senior in high school, Sharp was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer (Ewings Sarcoma) that has spread to his lungs. His chance for survival was viewed as slim. Through the Make A Wish Foundation, he met producer/performer David Foster, whose friendship sustained Sharp through two grueling years of chemotherapy, experimental drugs and radiation treatments. Foster also opened Sharp's door to pursue his goal to become a country artist.



In 1991, Sharp's cancer went into remission. He has gone onto have a platinum debut album, "Measure Of A Man", scores of award nominations and a string of chart topping hits, including "She's Sure Taking It Well," "If You Love Somebody" and the highly-acclaimed "Nobody Knows" -- which topped Billboard's country singles chart for four weeks, marking the best debut by a new male country singer in five years.

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“Everything I learned throughout my illness is priceless and in many ways I'm grateful for the experience. It has made me the man I am today, a better man than I once was,” said Sharp in a recent interview. “As deep as these changes are it can't help but influence my music and everything I do in my lifetime.”

A Nashville, Tenn., resident, Sharp was nominated for New Male Vocalist from the Academy of Country Music, New Touring Artist of the Year from the Country Music Association, Favorite New Country Artist from the American Music Association and The Nashville Network/Music City News Awards' Male Star of Tomorrow.

However, Sharp never forgot the generosity of the Make A Wish Foundation and now acts as the organization's national spokesperson.

“Though the miracle of modern science is important, I believe that the things that treat our hearts, our minds, our spirit and souls are far more valuable. Without them it's my belief that medical treatments won't be able to do their job effectively,” Sharp said. “The Make A Wish Foundation does exactly that -- it treats the heart, mind, spirit and soul of the ‘wish kids.’ It is so powerful that it can save a life. In fact I credit them for helping save my life, even if it's as simple as putting a smile on a child's face for a day when there isn't much to smile about in their lives. You can't put a value on that. It's priceless. That's why it's important to me that every child has the same opportunity that I did.”

Tuesday's concert and motivational testimonial is being sponsored by Rose-Hulman's Student Activities Board and the Office of Career Services. For more information, persons can call (812) 877-8346.

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