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THE NEW NORMAL
Jim Parsons, Mark Ruffalo, Matt Bomer, and Julia Roberts star in the HBO adaptation of *The Normal Heart*, Larry Kramer's groundbreaking play about AIDS

ON THE COVER Matt Bomer, Jim Parsons, Julia Roberts, and Mark Ruffalo photographed exclusively for EW by Cliff Watts on Jan. 9, 2014, in Pasadena

ROBERTS' STYLING: ELIZABETH STEWART/THE WALL GROUP; MEN'S STYLING: MICHAEL NASH/THE WALL GROUP; ROBERTS' HAIR: SERGE NORMANT/JED ROOT; MAKEUP: GENEVIEVE HERR/SALLY HARLOR; MANICURE: LISA JACHNO/AM ARTISTS; PARSONS' GROOMING: AMY FREEMAN/THE CELESTINE AGENCY; RUFFALO'S GROOMING: GEORGIE EISELL/THE WALL GROUP; BOMER'S GROOMING: DAVID COX/THE CELESTINE AGENCY; SET DESIGN: JESSE NEMETH/BERNSTEIN AND ANDRULLI; PRODUCTION: PRODUCE IT, BOMER'S SUIT: DOLCE & GABBANA; SHIRT: BALENCIAGA; TIE: THE ROW; SHOES: SOCKS: MISSONI; ROBERTS' DRESS: THE ROW; SHOES: CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN; PARSONS' SUIT AND SHIRT: BURBERRY; TIE: CALVIN KLEIN; SHOES: TOM FORD; RUFFALO'S JACKET: RAG & BONE; SHIRT: MAJESTIC; PANTS: TOM FORD

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THE NORMAL HEART

GET READY FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT, INFURIATING,
HEARTBREAKING MOVIE OF THE YEAR

June 5, 1981
Date the Centers for Disease Control publish a report of a rare infection in young gay men in Los Angeles

20,849
Number of Americans who die of AIDS before President Reagan makes his first speech mentioning the disease in 1987

1994
Year AIDS becomes the leading cause of death among Americans 25 to 44 years old

60
Percentage of young Americans living with HIV today who are unaware they're infected

22
Percent increase in new infections among young gay and bisexual men in the U.S. from 2008 to 2010

36 million
Number of people who have died from AIDS worldwide since 1981

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