

Girls Inc. Hosts Program on Media and Body Image

Sun Staff Reports

Girls Incorporated of the Island City will host a speaker program, "Media Literacy and Body Image" Feb. 22. The event is hosted by Girls Inc.'s Women of the 21st Century Club and is sponsored by the online auto insurance company Esurance. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the program is from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. at Alameda Hospital, Conference Room A (2nd floor). Tickets are \$10 for adults; teens can attend for free.

The discussion will cover the topics of fashion, health and media programming and will include a presentation by girls in Girls Inc.'s "Media Literacy," "Blueprint: Promoting a Positive Body Image," and "Out Loud Teen Zine" programs and a discussion with a panel of media and health experts, including:

■ Lori Hope, editor, author, journalist and Emmy-winning documentary producer from the newspaper *Bay Area Business Woman*

■ Renee Kemp, Emmy-winning freelance television news reporter

for KTVU-TV and international correspondent for Black Entertainment Television

■ Rebecca Randall, director of outreach for Common Sense Media, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the media lives of children and families

■ Emily Schmoekler, production assistant and project associate for Youth Radio

■ Andi Zeisler, co-founder and editorial/creative director for *Bitch: Feminist Response to Pop Culture*, a quarterly magazine of feminism and media criticism based in Oakland

■ Robin Raj, creative director and partner at the advertising agency Collaborate

■ Connie Sobczak of The Body Positive, a nonprofit dedicated to creating a cultural shift in people's attitudes about weight, health, movement and beauty

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