



## RADIUM GIRLS: THEIR TIME IS RUNNING OUT

By Megan Price, Class of 2020

The Drama Department showcases its spring play, *Radium Girls*, on Friday, April 3, under the lights at NSU's Rose and Alfred Mimiaci Theater. Based on a true story set in the 1920s, the drama is about female factory workers who suffered radiation poisoning due to the luminous paint they used on clock and watch dials.

The story traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a watch dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the illnesses among his employees. The case brought by the "radium girls" that inspired this play is often thought of as a turning point in the labor rights movement. These women's efforts are credited with significant improvements in industrial safety standards that workers everywhere benefit from even today. Senior Emily Perkins shines as Grace Fryer alongside her faithful friends and factory co-workers, Claire Bedley, junior, as Katherine and Emma Gidlow, senior, as Irene. They are accompanied by a talented lead cast, including Parker Greenblatt, Gabe Sweeney and Maria Tovar.

Erick Crow, director of choral activities and drama, when asked about the challenge of putting on this show, pointed out, "There is an element of pressure when you are dealing with a true story. We want to do justice to these women and their place in history, while at the same time, we want audiences to walk away thinking we made some great theatre. The show's production crew is equally talented and is led by stage manager, Julia Nicolaus; asst. stage manager, Brooke Cooney; head costume designer, Megan Price; head props designer, Madison Mishkin; and head makeup designer, Lily Krause.

Written with warmth and humor, "*Radium Girls*" has a powerful and relevant message for today - that fighting against inequality never stops. We know that you will ache for these young lives that didn't want to be martyrs but ended up having a far bigger impact than they might have had otherwise. You'll mourn the loss and thank these women for not backing down.

### PERFORMANCE TIMES

April 3 - 5, 2020. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

### PERFORMANCE LOCATION

Rose and Alfred Mimiaci Performing Arts Center Nova Southeastern University 3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Blvd., Davie, FL 33314

### TICKETS

Tickets on sale at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets \$17 in advance and \$23 at the box office.