

RADIUM



GIRLS

BY D.W GREGORY
DIRECTED BY KATHY PETRAKIS

THEY PAID WITH THEIR LIVES.
THEIR FINAL FIGHT WAS FOR JUSTICE

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About the Play

Set in New Jersey in the 1920's and inspired by a true story, *Radium Girls* traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, one of many dial painters, using radium to paint the watch dials. But the young girls start getting sick and now Grace finds herself not only fighting the deadly impact or radiation exposure but also 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 tumours could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. But Grace finds that it's not only the US Radium Corporation that she's fighting but also her family and friends who want her to accept her fate and take what she can. *Radium Girls* offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science.

Full script

[Act 1:](#)

[Act 2:](#)

Performance Dates:

Bump in: Sat 27 and Sun 28 July from 1-6pm

Tech and Dress Rehearsal: Sat 3 August and Sun 4 August from 1-6pm

Final Dress: Wed 7 August from 6pm

Performances: August 9,10,11,16,17,18,23,24,25 August

Fri and Sat evenings 7.30p-m and Sunday afternoons at 2.00pm

Auditions Times:

By appointment:

Sunday April 28th 2-6pm

Monday April 29th 7-10pm

Tuesday April 30th 7-10pm

Call backs (if required) Thursday May 2nd 7-10pm

Location: The Living and Learning Centre, Level 1/180 Longueville Rd, Lane Cove

Audition Requirements:

Auditions will be script readings in groups of 4-6. All but the two lead characters play multiple roles. Even the two leads play the same character over a wide span of time so agility is key.

Script readings are all available online as per the links below.

Allow half an hour for each audition.

Please note that auditions may be filmed for the director's review only and will be deleted on casting.

Characters and scripts:

Only the key characters have been included for readings. Total cast will be 9-12

Apart from Dr. Sochocky – New Jersey American accent.

All scripts can be found [here](#) under character names

Female Roles

Characters	Age	Role	Desn
Grace Fryer	15 at beginning and then 26 at end	Dial painter in factory	Gentle and placating in nature, uneducated, wants to do what's right, quiet strength
Kathryn Schaub	15 at start of the play, ages like Grace	friend of Grace –dial painter	feisty, outspoken
Irene Rudolph	17 at start and then late 20's	Kathryn's cousin, dial painter	Fun-loving, 'giggly'
Miss Katherine Wiley	20-45 -flexible	Exec Director, New Jersey Consumer's League	Public speaker, think suffragette – determined, fights for cause
Sob Sister -Nancy Jane Harlan (<i>reporters who specialized in newspaper articles with emphasis on the human interest angle</i>)	20-45 - flexible	Tabloid reporter, New York Graphic	Hustler, competing with male counterparts
Mrs. Diane Roeder	35-55 overtime	married to Arthur Roeder	Homemaker, upper class, believes in her husband
Mrs. Fryer	40+	Grace's mother	Does like conflict. Doesn't want to make a fuss about things.

Male Characters

Characters	Age	Role	Desn
Arthur Roeder	34 at beginning and 65 at end	President of US Radium Corp	More considerate and compassionate than colleagues, family man, conflicted
C.B Charlie Lee	late 40's	VP and later President of Radium Corp	About sales and marketing - a little on the cold side.

Reporter (Jack Youngwood)	20-40 flexible	Reporter - Newark Ledger	Hustler, after a good story
Tom Kreider	early 20's at start and then late 20's	Grace's boyfriend	Simple guy – just wants to get married and have kids, doesn't support Grace's fight but loves her.
Raymond Berry	35+ flexible	An attorney for dial painters	Comes across as genuine and concerned but can be swayed
Dr. Joseph Knef	35+ flexible	A dentist	Direct, no-nonsense, self-interested
Edward Markley	35+ flexible	Counsel for the Company	Lawyer, patient, practical.
Dr. Von Sochocky	45+ flexible	Founder of US Radium Corp., inventor of luminous paint	German accent, scientist, conflicted between innovation and consequences.

Rehearsal Schedule

Monday and Thursdays starting **Thursday May 9th**, 7-10pm

Sundays from **June 9th**, 2-5pm