

BISHOP CHATARD THEATRE PRESENTS



RADIUM GIRLS

A PLAY BY D.W. GREGORY

Bishop Chatard
High School Theatre Presents

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Written by D.W. Gregory
Nov. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th

Director: Tristan Zavaleta
Artistic Director: Holly Stults
Stage Manager: Georgia Kramer

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during the performance.***

Director's Note

Thank you all for coming to this production of *Radium Girls*. It has been an absolute joy diving into this world and bringing this story to life with this incredible cast and crew. *Radium Girls* is based on the tragic true story of factory workers, hired to paint watch dials with radium paint. The radium in the paint made it glow in the dark, but it also made it highly toxic. Our story begins well before anyone was aware how dangerous the radium was, with many believing it to even have healing properties. Unfortunately, the radium in the paint caused the dialpainters to be poisoned. The dialpainters were instructed to point the brushes on their lips, causing them to develop necrosis of the jaw. The US Radium Corporation, worried about the bad press, did everything in their power to silence the girls and shift the blame away from the radium and themselves. All the while, these girls were slowly dying, fighting for justice and for their voices to be heard. This is a story about standing up for yourself against unspeakable odds. Many of the characters depicted were real people, and the events shown are surprisingly accurate to what actually happened. Grace Fryer, Irene Rudolph, and Kathryn Shaub were real radium girls and we treated their story with great care and respect. I read that despite being dead for over 100 years, their bodies are still glowing in their graves. There is something poetic about knowing that as their bodies still glow, so too does their story shine to educate and inspire us all.

Please enjoy the show.

-Mr. Z

CAST

Grace Fryer.....	Marguerite Bourgeois
Irene Rudolph.....	Maggie Croddy
Kathryn Shaub.....	Samantha Byrd
Arthur Roeder.....	Benjamin Lam
C.B. "Charlie" Lee.....	Louis Rivelli
Ms. Wiley.....	Aly Polackin
Nancy Jane Harlan.....	Ellie Christenberry
Jackie Youngwood.....	Anastazia Wentworth
Diane Roeder.....	Megan Kramer
Mrs. Fryer.....	Lena Stickel
Dr. Von Sochocky/Edward Markley.....	Phil Tuohy
Tom Kreider.....	Marcus Pivec
Raymond Berry.....	Jackson Donnelly
Mrs. Alma MacNeil.....	Olivia Krause
Dr. Knef.....	Lucy Babbey
Dr. Flinn.....	Caroline Mason
Mrs. Michaels/Elderly Widow.....	Clare LeMark
Harriet Roeder/Shopper.....	Kiera Brothers
Lovesick cowboy/Board Member/Dr. Drinker.....	Oliver Lam
Venecine Salesman/Bailey/Board member.....	Sean O'Gara
Society Woman/Shopgirl.....	Lilly Dangler
Photographer/Customer/Madame Curie.....	Lucy Acklin
Clerk/Court.....	Madison Robinson
Store owner/Board Member.....	Charlie Sheets
Dr. Martland.....	Andie Papesh

CREW

Stage Manager:

Georgia Kramer

Assistant Stage Manager:

Trent Blume

Building Crew

Theresa Surinak - Crew Head

Zoe Williamson - Crew Head

Mark Gejdos

Lola Kobets

Elena Garner

Painting Crew

Grace Lloyd - Crew Head

Lucy Acklin - Crew Head

Amia Collins

Sally Otte

Lola Kobets

Costuming/Makeup Crew

Courtney Kramer - Crew Head

Abby Fix

Molly Faris

Jules Frank

Lily Conard

Ava McCurdy

Charlotte Becker

Lights Crew

Jake Weber - Crew Head

Grace Lloyd

Noeily Ramos

Srey Folck

Jonathan Taylor

Makhia Smith

Zachary Pacheco

Sound Crew

John Doyle - Crew Head

Emily Meckauskas - Crew Head

Simon Lehmkuhler

Matthew Olivares

Zach Smith

Griffin Larsen

Props Crew

Georgia Kramer - Crew Head

Srey Folck

Jonathan Taylor

Zach Pacheco

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CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL,
AND GUERIN CATHOLIC** for borrowed props and costumes

Meet the Cast

Lucy Acklin is a Junior and is excited to be both a part of the crew and the cast for this show. She will be playing Marie Curie, Customer, and Photographer, along with being the head of paint crew. She has never been part of a cast for any BCHS show before, and is very excited. She has always enjoyed painting the sets in the past. She would like to thank all her pets.

Lucy Babbey is a Junior at Bishop Chatard who is excited to play Dr. Knep. Her favorite rehearsal memory is when Miss Holly had to keep on correcting her walk so she wouldn't walk backwards or sideways on stage.

Kiera Brothers is a freshman. She is playing the role of Harriet Roeder, as well as performing the ensemble. Her favorite theatre memory is hanging out with friends during practice. She would like to thank her family who puts up with her dramatic personality everyday.

Marguerite Bourgeois is so excited to be in Radium Girls. She is so excited to be given the opportunity of playing Grace. Marguerite has been in six main stage shows (this will be her 7th) as well as multiple one acts. She has previously played Villian in *Almost, Maine* (Freshman year) and Yente in *Fiddler on the Roof* (Junior year). She has made so many friends through the theatre community here at Chatard. She is so grateful for all that Ms. Holly, Mr. Z, Mr. Duray, her aunt and her mom have presented to her.

Samantha Byrd is a senior at Bishop Chatard high school. She has been in *Fiddler on the Roof* (Golde), *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, *Godspell* (ensemble), and *Oklahoma* (ensemble). She has always loved theater and enjoys every second she gets to perform and plans to pursue it further after graduating. She wants to thank her friends and family and wants them to know she loved them all.

Ellie Christenberry is very excited to be playing Sob Sister in *Radium Girls!* Her favorite theatre memory is when she made her debut as the spider in *All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten*. She would like to give a huge shoutout to her mom and dad for being so supportive and driving her to rehearsals (so real), Anthony, and her friends and family

Maggie Croddy is a Junior this year, playing Irene in *Radium Girls*. Last year she was in *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*. She's been excited for the interesting set and design that this play takes on, especially the intricate make up.

Lilly Dangler is a freshman. She is involved in golf, best buddies, and theatre. She is excited to start her theatre career at Chatard. She enjoys going to the football games, hanging with friends and watching movies.

Jackson Donnelly is so happy to be a part of the show. He loves his role as Raymond Berry. He is a junior and his favorite Chatard theatre moment is doing the To Life scene in *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Megan Kramer is absolutely elated to perform as Diane Roeder in her 7th BCHS production! She is a senior and is currently considering a double major in pre-med microbiology and Spanish. Her favorite production so far was *Footloose* her freshman year, but her favorite song has to be 'To Life' in last year's *Fiddler*. Her favorite theatre memories include all the pre-show target runs with friends and working on her Senior One-Act with her co-writer Jake. She would like to thank her family, especially her younger sister Georgia, for always being supportive and pushing her to be the best version of herself. She hopes you all enjoy the show!

Olivia Krause is a sophomore at BCHS and loves being a part of the theater program. *Radium Girls* is her third Chatard production along with being casted in senior directed one acts last year. She is also involved in *Vox Troiano*, *Sounds of Silas*, mock trial, and is a member of the Thespian Society. She loves books, music, hiking, and swimming in her (limited) free time.

Ben Lam is a senior and is playing the character of Arthur Roeder. He is very excited about this role in *Radium Girls* because it is his first time playing a main antagonist. Ben was in *Fiddler on the Roof* last year as Fyedka, and his favorite Chatard theater memory is singing the song "To Life!" He was also in one-acts last year and plans to direct one this year. Ben would like to thank his family, his fellow cast and crew members, Mr. Z and Miss Holly, and everyone else who has supported him. He plans on majoring in engineering but his college is not yet decided.

Oliver Lam is very excited to be playing the roles of Dr. Drinker and Lovesick Cowboy. He is a freshman, and has never been in a theater production before, so this is his debut as an actor. His favorite memory from rehearsal was reciting his lovesick cowboy monologue with the accent for the first time. Oliver would like to thank all of the cast and crew from last year's production of *Fiddler on the Roof* for inspiring him to join the theater program.

Clare LeMark is a sophomore and is so excited to be part of the cast! Clare plays the part of Mrs. Michaels, Elderly Widow, and Lena McCarthy. Clare's favorite memory of the show is trying to do her Bronx accent and everyone making fun of her. She would like to thank her parents for picking her up from practice, her friends and the cast and crew.

Caroline Mason is so thrilled to be playing Dr. Flinn in this production of *Radium Girls*. Caroline is in 9th grade (freshman) and her favorite memory at rehearsal is doing fun warmups and hanging with friends. Caroline would like to thank all the cast for making her feel welcome with her first Chatard production. Caroline would also like to thank her parents and friends for helping her memorize her lines and having fun with it.

Sean O'Gara is very excited to be playing the multiple roles he has in his theatrical debut in *Radium Girls*, those being Dr. Bailey, a board member, and the Venecine salesman. He is a freshman, and he would like to thank his parents and siblings for being supportive of his decision to try theatre.

Marcus Pivec is a freshman at Bishop Chatard high school and is super excited for the play *Radium Girls*. He is the fiancé of Grace Fryer, Tom Krieder in the show, and this is his third show ever and his first play. His favorite rehearsal memory is when the cast played the game whoosh.

Andie Papesh is so excited to be playing the role of Dr. Harriet Martland in this production "Radium Girls." Andie is in her freshman year at Chatard and has been looking forward to this moment since she was little. Her favorite Chatard theater memory so far has been performing "A Whole New World" and "I See the Light" with Louis and Ellie in the band room after rehearsal one day. She had a blast acting out the scenes and trying to remember what the lyrics were. Andie would like to thank her parents and her best friend, Oella, for supporting her. "We hope you enjoy the show!"

Aly Polackin is so excited to be acting as Ms. Katherine Wiley in *Radium Girls*. She is a junior and has been in *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and was in the crew of *Oklahoma*. Her favorite memory is before the show in *Fiddler on the Roof* when the cast would sing their ISSMA song, "My Souls Been Anchored in the Lord"

Louie Rivelli is a senior and is super pumped for his last senior play. He's been in many plays and musicals over the years, from *Shrek Jr.*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Done to Death*. One of his favorite theatre memories is when he performed his solo as Jud for the first time during *Oklahoma*. He's considering a major in acting, psychology, culinary arts, or college seminary at Ball State University, Marian University, Wabash, Anderson, or the University of Evansville. Lastly, he'd like to thank all of his friends for always being there for him when he needed them, his teachers, his mom and dad for birthing him, and God for willing that to happen.

Madison Robinson is very excited to be in this year's play as the clerk and court. She is a freshman here at Bishop Chatard. Her favorite memory was her first rehearsal. Even though there weren't a lot of people there, She could feel the sense of family and everyone was helping each other with lines and blocking, it was just great to know she was a part of a great community. She would like to thank her parents for driving her to everything and supporting her. She would also like to thank her fellow classmates who have encouraged her to audition for the play and supported her through it.

Lena Stickel is very excited to be playing the role of Mrs. Fryer in this production of *Radium Girls*. Lena is a junior at Chatard and has been in multiple Chatard shows over the past two years like the musicals, plays, and senior directed one acts. She also runs track and is even learning how to play the piano! Lena's favorite theater memory is attempting (and failing) to fly a kite before opening night of *Fiddler on the Roof* with Zeke, Aidan, Shafer, and Van.

Phil Tuohy is so excited to be a part of the production this fall. Phil is the secretary for the Thespian Society and loves working with every one of the cast and crew members. Phil has been involved in the theatre and music program all 4 years of high school. Phil intends to attend a big 10 school and major in biochemistry and neuroscience. This is one of Phil's favorite plays and he can't wait to bring the story of *Radium Girls* alive.

Anastazia Wentworth is ecstatic be playing The Reporter: a.k.a Jackie Youngwood in this production *Radium Girls*. She is a senior, and her favorite would probably be when the Oklahoma! Cast stacked at least 30 cowboy hats on Sarah Semon's head, as well as performing with her classmates. She will be majoring animation at either Ball State or IU

Meet the Crew

John Doyle is a Senior and is excited to be Sound Crew Head for this production *Radium Girls*. One of his favorite memories from being on crew was when the sound system seemed to magically fix itself when it stopped working right before the production of *Oklahoma*. John is glad to be able to continue working on the best crew for his last year at Chatard.

Molly Faris is a freshman and is so excited to be part of costume crew for the first time! She has never done crew before but has enjoyed it. She would like to thank Mrs. Lam for teaching her the ways of costume crew and her family for encouraging her to try crew.

Abby Fix is a junior at BCHS and is very excited to be a part of costumes crew for her third year. In the past she has been in the cast for *Oklahoma* and *Fiddler* and multiple one acts. She enjoys helping out and being with her friends backstage during the fall plays. Her favorite theater memory is dancing with Megan Kramer backstage during *Oklahoma*. She hopes you enjoy the show!!

Srey Folck is a senior who has been on crew for all four years. Throughout the years they have been in lights, stage, advertising, and props crew. They have worked for six plays so far

Jules Frank is a sophomore and is on costume crew. She is very excited about the up and coming *Radium Girls* play; this is her first time being a part of the BCHS theater department!! Her favorite memory is spending time with her best friend Lily and helping cast find the perfect costume. She wants to give a big thank you to her mom for always being her gracious chauffeur and her friend Lily for always making her laugh.

Mark Gejdos is very excited to be on set crew! This is his second year in crew. He loves building things and his favorite memory is building the bar for *Fiddler*, the one thing that didn't have to rebuild twice!

Georgia Kramer is a Sophomore and is the Head Stage Manager. Her favorite theater memories are her late night drives home from rehearsal with her sisters, Megan and Olivia. She would like to thank all of the seniors who graduated last year for the profound impact they had on the theater community! She would also like to thank her sister Megan for always paying for her food. ;)

Griffin Larsen is a freshman and this is his first production. He is excited to be a part of the *Radium Girls* production (behind the scenes). Griffin is interested in how things work which led him to the sound crew. Outside of school, he enjoys going to sporting events, hanging out with friends and family, singing in the choir at BCHS, and participating in the gaming club.

Simon Lehmkuhler is a senior who is a part of the sound crew. His favorite memory is doing mic switches backstage with Zach Smith. Simon wants to go to college for health and is considering IU, Purdue, and the University of Cincinnati.

Emily Meckauskas is a junior and super excited to be head of sound crew for *Radium Girls*. She has worked on other shows such as *Fiddler On The Roof*, *Oklahoma*, and *Done to Death*. Her favorite theatre memory is going out to Graeter's after shows. She would like to thank all of sound crew for being the best crew there is!

Zach Pacheco is a senior and is so very excited to be part of lights crew again this year. His favorite theatre memories are doing spots freshmen year for *Footloose* and randomly building a bookshelf in the Chatard parking lot at some point. He would like to thank his amazing friends for their endless support, inspiration, and love. <3

Noeily Ramos is a Senior and is excited to be a part of Lights Crew for *Radium Girls*. One of their favorite crew memories is mimicking the cast from *Fiddler on the Roof* whenever there would be a "mazel tov chavaaa" with their dear friend Gavin. They would like to thank Sam Byrd, Makhia Smith, and Gavin Miller for being amazing, caring, and overall very fun friends. She will deeply miss all of them after the school year is over.

Zach Smith is a Junior and part of the most epic, most cool, and best crew, Sound! His favorite memory of Bishop Chatard theatre was when he played the cajon in Chris Board and Agnes Moriarty's One Act, *Star*.

Jake Weber is a senior and is so excited to be Lights Crew Head for *Radium Girls*! His favorite Chatard Theater memory is sprinting between crew rehearsals and volleyball practice during *Fiddler on the Roof* his Junior year. He would like to thank last years seniors, especially Chris Board and Agnes Moriarty for encouraging him to join theater last year.

Zoe Williamson. This is Zoe's 3rd year doing crew and started building sets during Oklahoma. What is seen is what was built.

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OVATIONS

Aly Polackin

Break a Leg Aly! We are so proud of you and your hard work in this play.

Love, Mom & Dad

Andie Papesh

We are proud of you! Break a leg and remember to give all glory to God. Love you!

Nana & Papa

Ben Lam

Congrats on your role, Ben! Watching you gives us more vitality than Radithor!

Love, Your Family

Clare LeMark

Clare Marie! You amaze us when you're on stage and you keep us in stitches at home!

Your Family

Lena Bean

Go Lena... Mrs. Fryer...Go Lena You will light up the stage and delight all of us.

Proud! Of! You!

Ellie Christenberry

Break a Leg Ellie! We're proud of you and all your hard work!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Tyse

Ellie we are so incredibly proud of you. You are a talented young woman in so many ways.

♥♥Papa&Gram

We love your enthusiasm for the arts! Just have fun. Can't wait to see you shine.

Love, Papa & Gee

Kiera Rose Brothers

A star in the making. Think big and fly high. We will always be your fans.

Love, Mazsa and Papa

We are excited to watch you continue to shine! We love you to the moon and back.

Love, your family

Louis Rivelli

Break a leg, Lou! We love you and are so proud of you! Mom, Dad & your Bros

Lucy Acklin

We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Eli & Graham

Lucy Babbey

Bravo, Lucy!! We're so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Monica, and Kathleen

Marguerite Bourgeois

To our Radiant Radium Girl, we can't wait to see the glow as you light up the stage!
- Your Family

Megan Kramer

Second to last performance! We love watching you perform. Break a leg, but not a foot!
Luv u, M & D

Oliver Lam

Congrats on your stage debut! Bet we'll read about you in the Billings Gazette!
Love, Your Family

Olivia Krause

Break a leg Liv! We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

Samantha Byrd

To our rising star. Continue to shine! God bless.
Love Mommy, Daddy, Joe, Max and Riley

**Congratulations Bishop Chatard students
on your enlightening performance of
*Radium Girls!***



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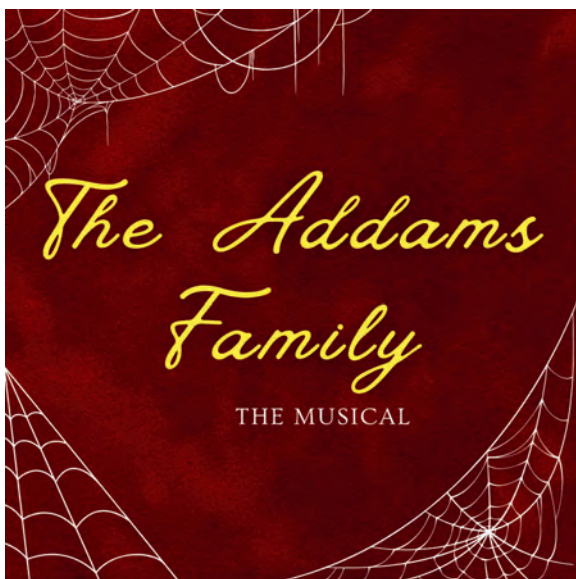
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