

NICOLET THEATER

presents

RADIUM GIRLS

Based on a true story

By **D.W. Gregory**

Directed by **Laura Anderle**

Technical Direction by **Colleen Lentz**

Lighting Designer
Michael Kimmel

Master Carpenter
Calissa Houlter-McCoy

Wig Master
Dana Rochester

Stage Manager
Yoana Petrinska*

Assistant Stage Manager
Sydney Bub*

Assistant Stage Manager
Gabe Smith*

Stage Management Intern
Shayla Gwinn

Construction Lead
Will Rigby

Props Master
Lou Miller

Costume Directors
Meghan Dziengel*
Priyanka Guptasarma*

Master Electricians
Svetlana Lerner*
John Paul Penoske*

Sound Consultants
Paul Kneever
Kat Kneever

Sound Engineer
Suzy Muldowney*

Makeup Designer
Callie Greene*

Lead Hair Stylist
Alayna Mayer*

Lead Photographer
Emilie Haworth

Original Music Composed by
Ben Kramer*

Original Poster Design by
Jennie Babisch*

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with a commissioning grant from The Ensemble Studio Theatre/Alfred P.
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*Produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY
of Woodstock, Illinois*

THE CAST

Grace Fryer.....	Avery Mitchell*
Arthur Roeder	Ben Kramer*
Kathryn Schaub.....	Megan Gendelman*
Tom Kreider	Aiden Kidd
Nancy Jane Harlan	Jennie Babisch*
Jack Youngwood.....	Parker Sulcer*
Dr. Von Sochocky/Ed Markley	Jesse Mendiola*
Ms. Wiley	Grace Greene*
Raymond Berry/Dr. Flinn	Jackson Folstein*
Mrs. Roeder.....	Evelyn Deitrich*
Irene Rudolph	Libby Noll*
Charlie Lee	Caleb Mistir*
Mrs. Fryer/Ms. Bailey.....	Luma Lubbad
Cora Middleton	Ellie Olson*
Madame Curie/Mrs. Michaels	Emma Lloyd*
Mrs. MacNeil/Dr. Martland	Kal Kaiser
Dr. Knief.....	David VandeWettering
Harriet Roeder	Katarina Jaglinski

Ensemble

Jennie Babisch*, Evelyn Deitrich*, Jackson Folstein*, Sophonisba Franecki, Grace Greene*, Katarina Jaglinski, Kal Kaiser, Emma Lloyd*, Luma Lubbad, Seona Maskara, Jesse Mendiola*, Libby Noll*, Ellie Olson*, Parker Sulcer*, David VandeWettering

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THE CREW

Crew Mentor	Sam Grant*
Deck Chief.....	Sophie Packman*
Associate Photographers.....	Annika Billhartz, Carsen Vela
Costume Department.....	Avigail Boland, Hannah Kovnar, Nina Marks, Amalia Steinberg
Props Department	Yasmin Ali, Abby Bennett, Hope Breland, Erica Kallas, Emma Walmsley
Makeup Department	Megan Berry, Danielle Montgomery, Monica Slade*
Hair Department.....	Ashanti Muhammad, Breanna Ninham, Hannah Raiten, Carly Schultz*, Anna VandeWettering
Lighting Department.....	Brandon Gonzalez, Cassie Herda, Leighton Kennedy*, Sam Kovnar, Cecilia Parkes, Charlie Hartenstein
Sound Department.....	Becca Fleming, Olive Jennings, Diontae Price
Scenic Construction Department.....	Julia Baldwin*, Jenna Breitrick, Tia Budyak, Emily Conine, Anja Du Plessis, Chloe Ewings, Octavia Grimes, Abbygail Gomez*, Tristin McCreight*, Sadie McVey, Ophelia Mendiola, Lucy Norris*, Diontae Parkes, Mariana Torres, Emily Treffert, Skylar Voigt*

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RADIUM GIRLS

TIME

The action of the play takes place over the course of a ten year span from 1918 to 1928

PLACE

Orange, New Jersey

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

I spend a large part of my time reading plays, trying to pick shows for our students that will be entertaining and moving for the audience as well as challenging for the students. So often, I embark in my reading down one path thinking I know what type of play I want, and then I end up in an unexpected destination. That's how the choice of *Radium Girls* came to be. I had seen a One Act version of the show at the High School Theater Festival, and it struck a chord with me. When I read the full-length version and then the book, I knew this was the play to produce.

One part of the rehearsal process I love is hearing from the students once we have read through the play. They are so insightful and intelligent. Our discussions invigorate us all to do justice to the text we have been given to perform. In our discussions of this play, we touched on the fact that our world is a strange place these days, and this play reminds us of what is important: allowing all people a voice, working to lighten the burden of our fellow citizen, and justice.

Ms. Lentz, our fantastic technical director, and I had the privilege of attending a lecture given by Kate Moore, the author of the book about the radium girls, and she closed with a quote of Grace Fryer's that brought home for me again why this story is important to share:

Grace was "quite pleased" with the settlement and "of their courage in bringing the lawsuit in the first place and of what they had achieved so publicly, 'it is not for myself I care. I am thinking more of the hundreds of girls to whom this may serve as an example. You see, it's got us – so many more of us than anybody knows yet..."

Change the pronoun/gender/race, and her quote can apply to so many people in our world today. We hope you leave our production enlightened about history and open to the voices in your world.

Enjoy the show.

– Laura Anderle

Jennie Babisch,

Nancy Jane Harlan

Jennie is a senior at Nicolet. Her theatre credits for Nicolet Theatre include: *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Costumes), *Playwriting 101: The Rooftop Lesson* (Professor), *Moon Over Buffalo* (Costumes), *Whodunnit?* (Detective 2), *1984* (Parsons), and *For Whom the Southern Bell Tolls* (Mrs. Wingvalley). Jennie hopes to continue her theatrical training and career wherever it takes her. She wants to thank her family, her friends, and her dog.

Evelyn Deitrich,

Mrs. Roeder

Evie is thoroughly geeked to be in her first mainstage show with Nicolet Theatre! Last year, Evie got started in *Charlotte's Web* as the Lamb and hasn't turned baaaaack since. At the end of the year, she played "Woman" in the One Act, *Missed Connection*, which has been her favorite show so far!

Anja Du Plessis,

Construction Department

Anja is excited to be apart of theatre for the first time. Theatre was always something she wanted to participate in while at Nicolet. She loves art in all forms, and currently is immersed in making films to tell stories and evoke feeling, similar to theatre.

Jackson Folstein,

Raymond Berry, Dr. Flinn

Jack is excited to be starting his senior year here at Nicolet Theatre. *Radium Girls* will be his 12th show here at Nicolet, previously doing crew for his first two years. Some of Jack's favorite roles on stage have been Stanford White (*Ragtime*), Jack (*Ancient History*), and the Cowboy (*Addams Family*). Catch Jack playing in the symphonic and jazz band at Nicolet when not on stage.

Megan Gendelman,

Kathryn Schaub

Megan is thrilled to start off her fourth and final year in Nicolet Theatre as Kathryn Schaub in *Radium Girls!* Some of her favorite Nicolet credits include *Moon Over Buffalo*, *Ragtime*, and *The Addams Family*. Megan thanks Ms. Anderle, Ms. Lentz, and her wonderful friends for making Nicolet Theatre a family.

Callie Greene,

Makeup Designer

Callie is so excited to be returning to her fifth consecutive show as makeup supervisor at Nicolet Theatre! When she doesn't have a brush in her hand, she spends her time playing the harp in MYSO's Senior Symphony and plans to study psychology and music once she graduates. As Ms. Anderle likes to say, "No Regrets!"

Grace Greene,

Ms. Wiley

aGrace Greene is incredibly delighted to be making *Radium Girls* her eleventh Nicolet Theatre Production! Some of her favorite Nicolet Theatre credits include *The Addams Family* (Wednesday Addams) and *Ragtime* (Emma Goldman). This marks her fourth year in Nicolet Theatre and she is a very proud member of Nicolet's International Thespian Society Troupe Board.

Priyanka Guptasarma,

Associate Costume Director

Priyanka is thrilled to kick off her senior year at Nicolet co-directing the *Radium Girls* costume team! She recently appeared on stage in *Our Town* (Milwaukee Repertory Theater) and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show* (First Stage). Priyanka is a member of Milwaukee Rep's Professional Training Institute and will play Martha Cratchit in The Rep's upcoming production of *A Christmas Carol*.

Emilie Haworth,
Lead Photographer

Emilie Haworth is a passionate participant in many activities at Nicolet! From Vice President of Communications on the Nicolet FEAR robotics team, to countless art competitions and fairs, she has many compelling interests. This year's photography head has big plans for her future, as she plans to study Psychology, Business and Studio Art at Minnesota Twin Cities.

Kal Kaiser,
Mrs. MacNeil, Dr. Martland

After her onstage debut in Nicolet's *The Addams Family*, Kal is excited to continue acting in *Radium Girls*. For her freshman and sophomore year, Kal was involved behind the scenes, either working in crew or selling fan-o-grams. Outside of theater, Kal loves learning about anatomy and is excited to start in Carroll's nursing program next year.

Aiden Kidd,
Tom Kreider

Aiden is honored to have been made a member of *Radium Girls* this year, while this is not his first acting experience this is his first official theater performance. On the side, Aiden enjoys art of any kind which is why he decided to finally try and branch out to theater this year.

Ben Kramer,
Arthur Roeder

Ben is thrilled to return to the stage in his final fall play at Nicolet! You may have previously seen Ben in *The Addams Family* (Gomez Addams), *1984* (O'Brien), and *Ragtime* (Tateh). He would like to thank Ms. Anderle and Ms. Lentz for all their hard work and support!

Svetlana Lerner,
Associate Master Electrician

Svetlana is so excited to be working on lights again for *Radium Girls* as she starts her senior year. She has worked on lights for other shows like *Charlotte's Web* and *The Addams Family*. Svetlana would like to thank the cast, crew, Ms. Lentz.

Emma Lloyd,
Marie Curie, Mrs. Michaels

Emma is enthusiastic to be returning to Nicolet Theatre for her fourth year. Her favorite shows from her time in Nicolet Theater include *The Addams Family* (Ensemble), *Charlotte's Web* (Martha Arable), and *Ragtime* (Baron's Assistant). Emma has been both on stage and off, taking part in the cast, costume crew, and lighting crew for various shows.

Luma Lubbad,
Mrs. Fryer, Ms. Bailey

Luma is so excited to be in her first show onstage at Nicolet Theatre! She has participated in makeup crew at Nicolet for *The Addams Family* and *1984*. Credits at her previous school include Abby Brewster in *Arsenic & Old Lace*, Absolem in *Alice In Wonderland*, and various other roles. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Alayna Mayer,
Lead Hair Stylist

Alayna is {insert exclamatory remark here} for her final year in Nicolet Theater! She is the Lead Hair Stylist for this show and has been for *Addams Family*, *1984*, *Ragtime*. She has also been on crew for *Moon Over Buffalo* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. She is president of the LGBTQ+ and Allies club. Outside of theater she enjoys sleeping.

Lou Miller,
Props Master

Lou is excited to be Props Master for Radium Girls this year! Except for being on props for the Student-Directed One-Acts last year, Lou's only theatre experience has been in the pit, where he has played keyboards in Legally Blonde, Ragtime, and The Addams Family. He'll be back in his natural habitat playing keys in Mamma Mia! this winter!

Avery Mitchell,
Grace Fryer

Avery is thrilled to be back onstage for Radium Girls. Past Nicolet credits include Legally Blonde, Moon Over Buffalo, Ragtime, 1984, and The Addams Family. She is also a First Stage intern and Young Company member. Outside of theatre, Avery loves to read, paint, and watch New Girl. She plans to go to college post-graduation, but she's not sure where yet... She hopes you enjoy the show!

Libby Noll,
Irene Rudolph

Libby is excited to perform as Irene/ensemble in this production. She has been a part of every Nicolet show during her time at Nicolet and can't wait to finish off her years in high school with a great cast and crew!

Ellie Olson,
Cora Middleton

Ellie is thrilled to be playing Cora Middleton, the Society Women in Nicolet's production of Radium Girls. Her most notable roles at Nicolet were in Legally Blonde (Pilar), Alice in Wonderland (Cheshire Cat), and in 1984 (Gladys). She is a senior and is excited to continue this year with theater.

John Paul Penoske,
Associate Master Electrician

John Paul is more than ready to begin his final year of theater at Nicolet High School. Returning to the lighting department, John Paul hopes to make this year even better than the last. In his "spare time" he also participates in the school's robotics team, Nicolet FEAR.

Yoana Petrinska,
Stage Manager

Yoana Petrinska is a senior and the stage manager for Radium Girls. She has been on the stage management team for shows like 1984, Ragtime, and Addams Family. Yoana is a board member of Nicolet's International Thespian Society. She is excited to make Radium Girls her thirteenth show at Nicolet.

Will Rigby,
Construction Lead

Will is a senior and is pumped to be returning to Nicolet Theatre as the head of set construction for *Radium Girls*. After heading set construction and designing the set for *Charlotte's Web*, Will fell in love with the theatre program and hopes to turn it into a lifelong hobby.

Parker Sulcer,
Jack Youngwood

Parker Sulcer is ecstatic for his senior year in theatre. As he makes his way back onto the stage as the Reporter/Ensemble for Radium Girls, he looks forward to his first fall show that he has been apart of and another fun filled year with the cast and crew!



To read more about the rest of the cast and the production team, scan this code with the camera app on your smartphone!

SPECIAL THANKS

Area Merchants who display our posters
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Thank you to anyone else who may have been forgotten on paper but not in our hearts.

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UPCOMING THEATER PERFORMANCES

Nicolet Performing Arts Cabaret

February 1 7:00 PM

Mamma Mia

March 7, 8, 9 7:00 PM

March 10 2:00 PM

Snow White

May 4, 5

Student Directed One Acts

May 31, June 1 7:00 PM

International Thespian Society Induction and Theater Banquet

June 6 6:30 PM

For more information on the rest of our season and our mission as a theater program, check out our website (nicolettheater.com), our Facebook page (@nicolettheater) or our Instagram (@nicolettheatre).

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Choir Concert

November 15 7:00 PM

Joint Music Department Concert

December 19 7:00 PM

Solo Ensemble

March 16

Band Concert

May 22 7:00 PM

Joint Orchestra and Choir Concert

June 5 7:00 PM