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CAST

(alphabetical order)

Lucy Bodie - Kathryn Schaub

Colin Bohash - Knef/ Berry

Laura Ciccone - Marie Curie/ Board Member/ Shopgirl

Devin Dunlap - Tom Kreider/ Board Member/ Male Shopper

Deb Jackson - Shopkeeper

Chelsea Kaye - Mrs. Roeder/ Board Member

Cathy Louis - Jack Youngwood/ Reporter/ Dr. Frederick Flinn

Joelle Lynn Mabey - Harriet Roeder/ Elderly Widow

Ed Mulcahy - Mr. Lee/ Court

Kathleen Murdock - Sob Sister

Jared Oosse - Arthur Roeder

Danielle Pelshaw - Katherine Wiley, Irene Rudolph

Nicole Pence - Mrs. Michaels/Society Woman/ Photographer/ Board

Michael Spry - Dr. Von Sochocky/ Edward Markley/ Lovesick Cowboy

Jena Van Wagner - Anna Fryer

Mara Van Wagner - Grace Fryer

Wren Walter - Grace Fryer

Sam Whalen - Mrs. Alma MacNeil/Cecil Drinker

"Radium Girls is written to be performed by an ensemble of at least four men and five women, though a larger cast can perform it. OTP actors will be playing multiple parts in this show."

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Director's Note

"... and the public doesn't have much sympathy for an angry woman."

These words have haunted and inspired me since first reading the script for the Radium Girls. What these women were able to accomplish in a time where women were still very much considered their husband's property will always inspire me. I have been familiar with the story of the Radium girls for decades and when I saw that a stage play had been written I knew right away it was a story I wanted to tell. This is one of those beautiful moments where art and history intersect to tell a story that cannot be told enough. A story before workers rights were a thing in America. A time in America where women were not only fighting for their basic civil liberties, but, in this case, the right to work without being poisoned by their employers. The results of the fight waged by the Radium girls, along with Kathryn Wiley against U.S. Radium Corporation, can still be felt today.

This show is dedicated to the brave women who have fought valiantly, even in the face of death, so that we don't experience a similar fate. Please remember these brave women.

There were the matchstick women in 1888 England and you will hear the term Phossy jaw throughout the show. This is in reference to the women who worked making and boxing matches and went on strike to expose the company's poor working conditions. Conditions which caused Phossy jaw, due to the phosphorous used in making the strike anywhere matches.

To the victims of the Triangle Shirtwaist factory fire of 1911...of the 146 people who perished. One hundred twenty three were low income, immigrant female factory workers. Many of them chose to jump from the 9th floor factory floor instead of being burned alive. Their work conditions were deplorable.

And of course..to the brave Radium girls..who decided enough was enough...and fought...all without showing anger....because...the public didn't have much sympathy for angry women.

They still don't.

The fight is far from over. In March of 2024, the U.S. Marines announced they will no longer require female soldiers to wear pantyhose. The mind boggles.

Michelle Dungjen, Director



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CAST BIOGRAPHIES



Lucy Bodie *Kathryn Schaub* (she/they) Occupation: Under-ground Toys; At OTP: *Clue*



Colin Bohash *Knef/ Berry* (he/him) Occupation: Retired In-dustrial Electrician; At OTP: *Aged to Perfection: Screwballs & Suspense, Faces Off, The 39 Steps*



Laura Ciccone *Marie Curie/ Board Member/ Shopgirl* Oc-cupation: Radio DJ/ Mom; At OTP: New to OTP



Devin Dunlap *Tom Krieder/ Board Member/ Male Shopper* (he/him) Occupation: NMC student; At OTP: *Marian, Christ-mas Schooner*



Deb Jackson *Shopkeeper* Occupation: OTP Executive Di-rector; At OTP: New to OTP stage



Chelsea Kaye *Mrs. Roeder/ Board member* (she/her) Oc-cupation: Customer Success in Regtech Software; At OTP: *Sweet Charity, Tartuffe, Hay Fever*



Cathy Louis *Jack Youngwood/ Reporter/ Dr. Frederick Flinn* (she/her) Occupation: Retired; At OTP: *Christmas Schooner, Something Rotten, Murder on the Orient Express, Cinderel-la*



*"All of the world is a stage, and all of the men and women in it merely players.
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Ed Mulcahy *Mr. Lee,/ Court* At OTP: *The Play That Goes Wrong, Muder on the Orient Express, Cinderella, Escanaba in da Moonlight*



Kathleen Murdock *Sob Sister* (she/her) Occupation: Active Duty Coast Guard; At OTP: *Marian*



Jared Oosse *Roeder* (he/him) Occupation: Sales Representative at Leelanau Enterprise; At OTP: New to OTP



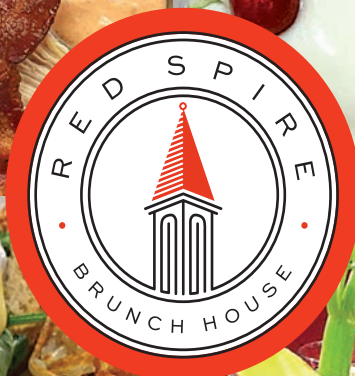
Danielle Pelshaw *Katherine Wiley, Irene* (she/her) Occupation: Front desk/ Financials at a Dental Office; At OTP: *Ripcord, Something Rotten, Murder on the Orient Express, Chicago,*



Nicole Pence *Mrs. Michaels, Society Woman/ Photographer/ Board #1 * Occupation: Radio DJ, broadcasting/ Hospitality; At OTP: New to OTP



Michael Spry *Dr. Von Sochocky/ Edward Markley/ Lovesick Cowboy* Occupation: Retired Engineer; At OTP: *Beauty and the Beast, The Christmas Schooner, Something Rotten, The Play That Goes Wrong*



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Mara Van Wagner *Grace* Occupation: Student at Kingsley High School; At OTP: New to OTP



Jena Van Wagner *Anna Fryer/ Board* Occupation: Marketing, Old Town Playhouse; At OTP: New to OTP stage



Wren Walter *Grace* (she/her) Occupation: Student at West Senior High; At OTP: *Schoolhouse, Rock, Live!, SpongeBob the Musical, Clue*



Sam Whalen *Mrs. Alma MacNeil/Cecil Drinker* (she/they) Occupation: Trainer at Hagerty; At OTP: *The Play That Goes Wrong, Cry it Out, Murder on the Orient Express, Love, Loss and What I Wore*

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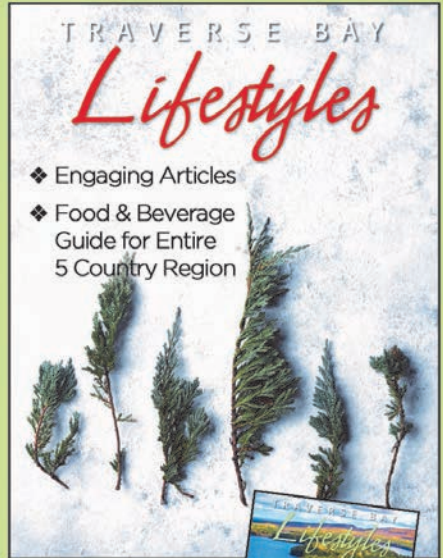
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Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women by Kate Moore - This is the popular nonfiction book based on the play. Also available as a Book Club Kit for your group to read together.

Radium Girls: The Scary But True Story of the Poison That Made People Glow in the Dark by Kate Moore - An easier-to-read version of the story for younger readers.

Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II by Liza Mundy - Reveals the vital role of over ten thousand women codebreakers in shortening World War II, saving lives, and breaking barriers, showcasing American courage, service, and scientific achievement often overlooked by history.

The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II by Denise Kiernan - the untold story of young women in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, recruited during WWII to work on a secret project, unaware they were enriching uranium for the atomic bomb.

Glow by Megan E. Bryant - This exciting new adult novel follows a young woman who wants to learn more about the mysterious glowing paintings she finds in an antique store and uncovers the truth about the Radium Girls of WWI.

Hidden Figures (DVD) - Discover the awe-inspiring journey of the black female mathematicians at NASA, whose groundbreaking calculations propelled America's space triumphs, a gripping narrative essential for understanding race, discrimination, and achievement in modern America, vividly brought to life in the Academy Award-nominated film.

Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, From Missiles to the Moon to Mars by Nathalia Holt - The remarkable tale of the pioneering female mathematicians at Jet Propulsion Laboratory, whose brilliance and determination revolutionized rocket design, propelled the first American satellites, and paved the way for solar system exploration.

The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA by Liza Mundy - Unveils the vital yet overlooked role of women in shaping the CIA's history, shedding light on their pivotal contributions in espionage and national security, despite facing discrimination, and how their insights transformed intelligence gathering.

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