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Warren Consolidated School of Performing Arts Presents *Radium Girls*

Warren, MI – Warren Consolidated School of Performing Arts presents *Radium Girls* at 7:30 pm, Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19, at the Performing Arts Center.

In 1926, radium was hailed as a miracle cure, Madame Curie was traveling the world as an international celebrity, and luminous watches were the latest rage—until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Called a "powerful" and "engrossing" drama by critics, *Radium Girls* offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science during the industrial revolution.

The story of *Radium Girls* traces the courageous efforts of Grace Fryer and her co-workers (dial painters employed by the US Radium Corporation's factory in the 1920's) as they fight for their day in court—for the truth to be known about this deadly substance. This ensemble piece of theatre explores a range of human emotions that will leave the audience questioning how events like these continue to take place, almost a century later.

"The greatest gift we can give our audience is for them to leave our theatre more enlightened than when they arrived," Director Erik Hart said. "Even though the action of this play takes place a hundred years ago, this show leaves us all reflecting on our own lives right now. It reminds us that tragedy is inevitable when we stop asking questions and that positive change only happens when we take action and let our voices be heard."

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens and may be purchased by calling 586-825-2525, ext. 1 or online at <https://www.ticketracker.com/store/events/218>.

WCSPA is an award-winning, nationally recognized program specializing in all aspects of theatre performance and production. All classes are offered as part of the regular high school curriculum and are open to students from all three district high schools. From dance, design and dramatic criticism, to stage combat, Shakespeare and sound effects, students receive a complete theatre experience. Students are also exposed to visiting professional, guest faculty, university workshops, field trips, theatre organizations and an abundance of scholarship opportunities.

The Performing Arts Center is located on the campus of Sterling Heights High School, 12901 Fifteen Mile Road, Sterling Heights.

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