

Sunny Hills' "Radium Girls" Radiates With Revolution

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"Radium Girls" at Sunny Hills is scandal all wrapped up in the glowing green and yellow hues of poison. The tale follows the lives of women under the side effects and toxicity of radium. A court case, an ignorant figure in power and the stories and lives of innocent factory workers all come to play in this shocking and moving story.

Wide-eyed and bright, Emma Hunter portrays the excitable and slowly decaying Grace. Beginning with a grin and a sweet vocal inflection she emphasizes her innocence. As her character physically withers into illness her legs shake and the firmness of her brow quivers. Hunched shoulders and a snappier tone accompany her while she confronts her opponent with her large, fearful and fully glossed over eyes. The stark contrast of her posture presents itself effectively as the radium consumes her.

Suave steps and a chill, effortless dialect adorns Ziyah Andrade as the sarcastic and sharp Tom Kreider. While comforting Grace he casually slides his arm around her and falls with charm into the chair. The comedy of his character is clearly shown through clever pacing and a swift delivery of his dialogue. A sad smile and hanging shoulders clash with his typical wit as he speaks with his now gone love. Utilizing his gestures and voice, Andrade succeeds with style.

An eerie neon tints the water glass held by an unassuming mother. Props by Ashely Shin highlight the glowing, lurking danger of radium. Tiny tins of radium, matching brush sets and napkins adorn the table as the girls get set to work. The specificity and unity of the small sets not only unifies the girls but also creatively paint the repetitiveness of their everyday lives.

A sprinkling of green costumes nearly every character in small accents. The women stand in a uniform of green representing the injustice faced against them. Garments cleverly weave hints of green into the matching, glowing set to represent the slow yet steady reveal of the truth. Grace dons a yellow cardigan to match the field she frolics in, yet it holds a hidden, darker meaning. Lunsford portrays that even in joyful moments the remnants of the radium still trickle into the story. With purpose and subtlety Isabella Lunsford fabricates the scandalous growing scene.

From literally glowing actors to creative color scheme, Sunny Hills beams talent in "Radium Girls".

