

These Shining Lives Staged this Thursday-Saturday at SWOSU

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The SWOSU Theatre Department will present *These Shining Lives* this Thursday through Saturday (Nov. 19-21) at 7:30 p.m. in the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre.

The production is SWOSU's entry in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival competition, and a KCACTF rep will be in Weatherford Friday night to adjudicate the production.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for individuals with a valid SWOSU I.D. Seats can be reserved by calling the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre Box Office from 4-7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Call the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre Box Office at 580-774-6046.

Steve Strickler, director of the SWOSU production, said the play depicts the lives of a group of women who worked in the Radium Dial Company in Ottawa (IL) during the 1920s and '30s. Their job was to paint dials on the faces of clocks and watches. They would twirl the paint brush between their lips to make a point and dip it in the powder – which had a radium compound in it to make the watches glow. Over time, the ladies had ingested so much radium that they began to have severe health problems. *These Shining Lives* shows the desire the women had to be a part of the workforce, earn a living, and fight the system that was leading to their death.