

## Green Haven Inmates Laughed to "Midnight"

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Green Haven Correctional Facility's auditorium recently came alive with laughter as Rehabilitation through the Arts (RTA) presented the play "Midnight." Inmates, along with members of the Green Haven and Albany Executive Teams enjoyed two nights of the performance on January 29<sup>th</sup> and January 30<sup>th</sup>. The cast of 11 comprised of nine Green Haven inmates and two civilian females. In addition, the set consisted of a replicated penthouse suite at the Ritz Carlton circa 1950 and was constructed by Green Haven's Vocational Building Maintenance class. There are a total of 24 members of RTA. The production was the culmination of six months of study which included theme, character development, and production organization. Acting DOCCS Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci addressed the audience at the January 30<sup>th</sup> show. RTA teaches its members problem solving skills, commitment, planning, goal setting skills, and teamwork. The RTA program is offered at multiple correctional facilities.

