

Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Kennedy

A Living History Portrayal

If Mary Todd Lincoln and Jacqueline Kennedy met, what would they discuss?

Join historical interpreters Laura Keyes and Leslie Goddard as they bring Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Kennedy to life in an imagined meeting at the Smithsonian Museum's First Ladies exhibition. Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Kennedy reminisce about living in the White House, negotiating the role of First Lady, and the challenges they endured after their husbands' deaths.

Laura Keyes (Mrs. Lincoln) and Leslie Goddard (Mrs. Kennedy) both have extensive experience in portraying these historic women.



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"Can anyone understand what it is to have lived in the White House and then, suddenly, to be living alone as the President's widow?"