

ABOUT ME

Leslie Goddard is an award-winning actress and scholar who has been presenting history programs for more than twenty years.

She holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University specializing in American studies and U.S. history as well as a master's degree in theater.

A former museum director, she is the author of three books on history and currently works full-time as an author and public speaker.

WHAT I DO

I portray memorable women from the past and tell historical stories so that lessons from the past are more entertaining, educational and inspiring.



Karen Kring

"One audience member told me that 'she is the best lecturer ever.'"

-- Nancy B., Morton Grove

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LESLIE GODDARD Presents, LLC

History lectures and
historical portrayals



HISTORICAL PORTRAYALS

These 45-minute one-woman plays give life to women from the past. Authentically costumed and thoroughly researched, they are adapted from journals, letters, autobiographies and other primary documents.

Lucille Ball NEW!

Pan Am Betty NEW!

Julia Child

Jackie Kennedy

Rachel Carson

Eleanor Roosevelt

Amelia Earhart

Georgia O'Keeffe

Titanic Stewardess Violet Jessop

Audrey Hepburn (debuts summer 2025)

HISTORY LECTURES

Lavishly illustrated with photos, drawings, ads, memorabilia and other images. 55-60 minutes.

Roadside Attractions NEW!

The Chocolate Kings: Hershey vs. Mars NEW!

Barbie

Nancy Drew

Retro Food Fads

Betty Crocker

Remembering Route 66

The Little Black Dress

Chicago's Sweet Candy History

Lost Chicago Department Stores

Remembering Marshall Field's



HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

The Making of A Christmas Story

Christmas on State Street

Marshall Field's at Christmas

Midcentury Christmas

The Making of It's a Wonderful Life

Imagine having a conversation with a celebrated First Lady, a stewardess from the golden age of aviation, or the most famous TV cook in history.

I give voice to fascinating stories from the past. As entertaining as they are informational, these programs bring history alive in a fun, inspiring, and educational way.



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"Some of the words I've heard are magnificent, glorious, superb, educational, entertaining, etc. The afternoon was thrilling and very satisfying."

-- David N., Elgin