

ABOUT ME

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



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LESLIE GODDARD

History lectures and
historical portrayals

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

-- Nancy B., Morton Grove



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.

Betty the Pan Am Stewardess NEW!

Debuts March 2023

Julia Child NEW! Debuted August 2022

Lady Bird Johnson

Tupperware Lady Brownie Wise

Jackie Kennedy

Rachel Carson

Eleanor Roosevelt

Amelia Earhart

HISTORY LECTURES

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

Riverview Park NEW!

Nancy Drew NEW!

Food Fads of the 40s, 50s, and 60s NEW!

Betty Crocker

Remembering Route 66

The Little Black Dress

Chicago's Sweet Candy History

Lost Chicago Department Stores

Remembering Marshall Field's

Iconic Chicago Foods



HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Marshall Field's at Christmas

Midcentury Christmas

The Making of *It's a Wonderful Life*

Christmas at the White House

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.



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

-- David N., Elgin