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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 two books on history and currently works full-time as an author and public speaker. Her programs have been presented for hundreds of museums, libraries, senior centers, clubs, and other organizations around the country.

"All the ladies could talk about was how you 'drew them in' and made them feel as if they were really there. An outstanding performance."

What I Do

I portray memorable women from the past and tell historical stories so that lessons from the past are more entertaining and educational. These programs make meetings, events, and get-togethers both inspiring and fun.

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*Living History Portrayals and
History Lectures
For 2021*



Eleanor Roosevelt

Think History's Boring?

Think again!

Imagine having a conversation with a celebrated First Lady, a survivor of the Titanic disaster, or the most famous female pilot in history.

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



Georgia O'Keeffe



Queen Elizabeth II

Historical Portrayals

These 45-minute one-woman shows give life to women of history. Authentically costumed and well-researched, they are adapted from journals, autobiographies, letters, and other documents.

"Excellent presentation, well prepared and very informative. Absolutely the best program I've ever attended at the library."

2021 Featured Portrayals:

Queen Elizabeth II

Alice Paul: Votes for Women

Georgia O'Keeffe

Amelia Earhart

Eleanor Roosevelt

Also available:

Titanic Stewardess Violet Jessop

Civil War Nurse Clara Barton

Rachel Carson

Bette Davis

Jackie Kennedy



Nancy Drew: The History of America's Favorite Teen Sleuth

History Lectures

Lavishly illustrated with photographs, drawings, and memorabilia, these enlightening slide talks run about 55-60 minutes.

2021 Featured Lectures:

- **Nancy Drew NEW!**
- **Midcentury Cuisine NEW!**
- **Betty Crocker**
- **Typhoid Mary**
- **Chicago's Department Stores**
- **Remembering Marshall Field's**
- **Chicago's Sweet Candy History**
- **The Little Black Dress**
- **America's First Ladies**

Holiday lecture programs:

- **Midcentury Christmas**
- **Christmas at Marshall Field's**
- **The Making of It's a Wonderful Life**