Once Upon A Nation

History Makers

**Historical Interpretation**

Once Upon A Nation History Makers bring history to life! Each History Maker portrays a real person from the past and has a compelling story to tell about their life and role in helping to create our nation. History Makers wear clothing representative of the era in which they lived and interpret the individual’s life from a first person perspective.

For more information contact the Group Sales Department at (215)629-5801 ext. 209 OR visit www.HistoricPhiladelphia.org
Deborah Franklin, nee Read (1708-1774), was the wife of Benjamin Franklin and a skilled business woman who remained in Philadelphia during her husband’s long absence in England. Specializes in Women’s History and Women’s Issues. Available for Meet & Greet, Walking Tours and Presentations

Henry “Box” Brown (1816-c.1889) was an abolitionist and lecturer. Born into slavery in Virginia, he is most known for shipping himself in a wooden box to Philadelphia and freedom in 1849. Available for Meet & Greet and Walking Tours

Richard Allen (1760-1831), the founder and Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was born a slave, purchased his freedom, and went on to become a prominent leader in Philadelphia’s vibrant free black community. Specializes in African American History. Available for Meet & Greet & Walking Tours


Sally Franklin Bache (1743-1808), daughter of Benjamin and Deborah Franklin. Devoted to her family and also involved with Philadelphia’s political life. Organized Philadelphia women who sewed shirts for the American army during the revolution. Available for Meet & Greet
Octavius Catto
Catto (1839-1871) was an educator, intellectual and civil rights activist. Ninety years before Rosa Parks famously refused to give up her seat, Catto refused to vacate a streetcar as a statement against racial injustice. He was also active in the struggle for abolition and racial equality.
Specializes in African American History. Available for Meet & Greet, Walking Tours and Presentation.

Robert Hare
Born in England (1752-1811) Hare came to Philadelphia in 1773 to establish himself as a brewer. He was credited as the first person to brew porter in America. Hare also served in the First Troop City Cavalry and was active in politics later in his life.
Available for Meet & Greet, Walking Tours, Military Musters and as a Colonial Tippler * Pair with Daniel Morgan

Sarah Melton
Philadelphia business woman and resident of Elfreth’s Alley. She was a skilled seamstress and “mantua maker” who made women’s clothes.
Specializes in Women’s History, Women’s Issues and Yellow Fever. Featured Presentation: “Yellow Fever Walking Tour”. Available for Meet & Greet, Walking Tours, Colonial Crafting, and Presentations

George Clymer
Born in Philadelphia (1739-1813) Clymer was a Pennsylvania patriot and politician. He was one of only six men to sign both the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution.
Available for Meet & Greet

Phillis
Though born enslaved, Phillis (1747 - ?) went to school and attained her freedom when she turned 21. She demonstrates her skills as a washerwoman and speaks to her life as a member of Philadelphia’s free African community.
Specializes in African American History. Available for Meet & Greet

Oney Judge
Born a slave (c.1773-1848) at Mount Vernon, Judge was Martha Washington’s personal servant in the President’s House in Philadelphia. She escaped to freedom in 1796 and lived for the rest of her life as a free woman in New Hampshire.
Available for Meet & Greet
Gideon Olmstead
Philadelphia merchant (1749-1845) who served as a privateer during the American Revolution. During the war he was captured by the British. Olmstead led other prisoners into overthrowing their guards and taking over the sloop.
Available for Meet & Greet

Samuel Nicholas
Born in Philadelphia, (1744-1790) to prosperous Quaker parents. Nicholas was the Muster Master of the Continental Navy and in 1775, became the first Commandant of the Marines. Specializes in Military History. Available for Meet & Greet, Walking Tours, Presentations and Keynotes.

Henry Knox
Boston bookseller (1750-1809) who became an important General of the Continental Army. He also served as the First Secretary of War under President Washington. Available for Meet & Greet, and Military Musters

Charles Weisgerber
The Philadelphia artist who painted the colossal “Birth of Our Nation’s Flag” in 1892 and then devoted the rest of his life to saving the Betsy Ross House. Available for Meet & Greet

Drum & Fife
Add the sights and sounds of a Continental Army Drum and Fife to your next event. Dressed in historically accurate uniforms, these talented musicians will be a welcome addition to any occasion.

Please refer to the last page for pricing information.
Complete List of History Makers – Tier 2

John Adams
Born in Massachusetts (1735-1826), Adams was the first Vice President, second President of the United States and signer of the Declaration of Independence.
Available for Meet & Greet, Walking Tours, Presentations and Keynotes

Benjamin Franklin
Originally from Boston (1706-1790) Franklin came to Philadelphia at the age of 17. Over his 84 years he became a printer, inventor, diplomat, and signer of both the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution.
Available for Meet & Greet, Walking Tours, Presentations and Keynotes

Thomas Jefferson
Born in Virginia (1743-1826) Jefferson was the author of the Declaration of Independence and third President of the United States.
Available for Meet & Greet, Presentations and Keynotes

Thomas Paine
English-born (1737-1809) writer, revolutionary and inventor. Paine is the Author and Publisher of “Common Sense” the most influential pamphlet during the American Revolution.
Available for Meet & Greet, Presentations and Keynotes

Abraham Lincoln
Born in Kentucky (1809-1865) Lincoln was The Great Emancipator and beloved President of the United States. Lincoln spoke at Independence Hall on February 22, 1861 on his way to inauguration in Washington D.C.
Available for Meet & Greet, Presentations and Keynotes

Marquis de Lafayette
Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834) sailed from France in 1777 to help fight for American independence and became one of George Washington’s Most trusted Generals.
Available for Meet & Greet, Presentations and Keynotes *Fluent in French
William Penn
Born in London (1644-1718) Penn was the founder of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania where he established freedom of conscience, trial by jury, and representative and elected government.  
Available for Meet & Greet, Walking Tours, Presentations, and Keynotes

Martha Washington
Martha Washington, nee Dandridge, (1731-1802) was the First Lady of the United States. She joined her husband at every winter encampment during the American Revolution including Valley Forge.  
Specializes in Women’s History & Women’s Issues. Available for Meet & Greet, Presentations, and Keynotes  
*Pair with George Washington

George Washington
Born in Virginia (1732-1799) Washington was Commander and Chief of the Continental Army, President of the Constitutional Convention and the First President of the United States.  
Available for Meet & Greet, Presentations, and Keynotes  
*Pair with Martha Washington

Theodore Roosevelt
Before serving as the 26th President, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) ordered an attack on the Spanish Navy by the USS Olympia, now docked at the Independence Seaport Museum.  
Available for Meet & Greet, Presentations, and Keynotes

Walt Whitman
Walt Whitman (1819-1892), was an influential American poet famous for ‘Leaves of Grass’. He spent his last years living in Camden, New Jersey.  
Available for Meet & Greet, Presentations, and Keynotes

John Barry
Born in County Wexford, Ireland (1745-1803), Barry is considered the father of the U.S. Navy.  
Available for Meet & Greet and Walking Tours
**Betsy Ross**

Betsy Ross (1752-1836) was the maker of the first American flag and a successful business woman of the late 18th century.


**Edgar Allan Poe**

Boston-born (1809-1849), Poe was an American author and poet famous for his macabre stories and mysterious tales. During his time in Philadelphia (1843-1844), Poe penned some of his most well-known works including “The Tell-tale Heart” and “The Black Cat”.

Available for Meet & Greet and Keynotes.

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**Pricing**

Historic Philadelphia, Inc. brings history to life through interaction and interpretation. Our thoroughly researched and historically accurate first person interpreters portray real people from America’s past.

See accompanying Historical Interpreters list for tiers.

**Non-Profit Rates**

**Tier 1 Pricing**

Meet & Greet - $240 for up to one hour, $120 for each additional consecutive hour, per actor

Short Speaking Appearance - $360 for up to one hour, $120 for each additional consecutive hour

**Tier 2 Pricing**

Meet & Greet - $480 for up to one hour, $240 for each additional consecutive hour, per actor

Short Speaking Appearance - $640 for up to one hour, $240 for each additional consecutive hour

Keynote Address - $1,600 for up to one hour

**Colonial Tipplers**

Tipplers mingle with the crowd and talk about 18th Century tavern life. They also lead Colonial-era toasts and sing songs of the period.

$240 for up to one hour, $120 for each additional consecutive hour, per actor

**Storytelling**

Storytellers tell short 3-5 minute stories that pertain to the history of Philadelphia. Storytellers are not in costume. We suggest assigning a designated area, away from music, for the storyteller to perform.

$240 for up to one hour, $120 for each additional consecutive hour, per storyteller

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**Regular Rates**

**Tier 1 Pricing**

Meet & Greet - $300 for up to one hour, $150 for each additional consecutive hour, per actor

Short Speaking Appearance - $450 for up to one hour, $150 for each additional consecutive hour

**Tier 2 Pricing**

Meet & Greet - $600 for up to one hour, $300 for each additional consecutive hour, per actor

Short Speaking Appearance - $800 for up to one hour, $300 for each additional consecutive hour

Keynote Address - $2,000 for up to one hour

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*Historic Philadelphia, Inc. is happy to offer package pricing when booking 3 or more actors.*