

PLANNING GUIDE

for Meetings, Events, & Occasions

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History Makers

Once Upon A Nation History Makers bring history to life through interaction and interpretation. Through thorough research and impressive historical accuracy, each History Maker portrays a real person from the past, sharing compelling stories and encouraging questions about their lives and times. History Makers wear clothing representative of the era in which they lived and interpret the individual's life from a first-person perspective, offering guests the opportunity to understand the past in wholly new ways.

PRICING & INFORMATION

MEET & GREET

History Maker will interact and mingle with the group, answer questions, and take photos.

TIER 1

\$300 for up to 1 hour
\$150 for each additional consecutive hour

TIER 2

\$600 for up to 1 hour
\$300 for each additional consecutive hour

SHORT SPEAKING APPEARANCE

History Maker will address the group with prepared speaking remarks up to 15 minutes, interact and mingle with the group, answer questions, and take photos.

TIER 1

\$450 for up to 1 hour
\$150 for each additional consecutive hour

TIER 2

\$800 for up to 1 hour
\$300 for each additional consecutive hour

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

History Maker will prepare speaking remarks catered to the group or event.

TIER 1 & TIER 2

\$2,000 for up to 1 hour

Travel fees may apply for locations outside of Old City, Philadelphia

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TIER 1



Richard Allen

(1760-1831)

Allen, the founder and Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was born a slave, purchased his freedom, and became a prominent leader in Philadelphia's free black community.

Specializes in African American History



Henry "Box" Brown

(1816-c.1889)

Brown 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.

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Charles Weisgerber

(1856-1932)

Weisgerber was a 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.



George Clymer

(1739-1813)

Born in Philadelphia, Clymer was a Pennsylvania patriot and politician. He was one of only six men to sign both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.



Samuel Nicholas

(1744-1790)

Nicholas was born in Philadelphia to prosperous Quaker parents. He was the Muster Master of the Continental Navy and became the first Commandant of the Marines in 1775.

Specializes in Military History



Gideon Olmstead

(1749-1845)

Olmstead was a Philadelphia merchant who served as a privateer during the American Revolution. Captured by the British, he led other prisoners into overthrowing their guards and taking over the sloop.

TIER 1



Robert Hare

(1752-1811)

Born in England, Hare came to Philadelphia in 1773 to establish himself as a brewer and was credited as the first person to brew porter in America. He also served in the First Troop City Calvary and was active in politics.

Specializes in Military History

TIER 2



John Adams

(1735-1826)

Born in Massachusetts, Adams served in the Second Continental Congress and rose as a leader in support of America's separation from England. He signed the Declaration of Independence, and later served as the first Vice President and the second President of the new United States.



John Barry

(1745-1803)

Born in County Wexford, Ireland, Barry sailed to the US and began his service in the new Continental Navy starting in December 1775. His illustrious career and bravery throughout the American Revolutionary War led President George Washington to issue him Commission Number 1 in the US Navy.



Benjamin Franklin

(1706-1790)

Originally from Boston, 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.



Thomas Jefferson

(1743-1826)

Born in Virginia, Jefferson served in the Second Continental Congress and was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence. He later served as the third President of the United States and negotiated the Louisiana Purchase.



Marquis de Lafayette

(1757-1834)

Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, sailed from France in 1777 to help fight for American independence and became one of George Washington's most trusted generals.

Fluent in French



Abraham Lincoln

(1809-1865)

Born in Kentucky, 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 his inauguration in Washington, D.C.

TIER 2



Juliette Gordon Low

(1860-1927)

Juliette Gordon Low was born in Savannah, GA and founded the Girl Scouts of the USA in 1912. Her influence and organization have benefited millions over more than 100 years by nurturing individual growth, character, and self-sufficiency of all girls.



Edgar Allan Poe

(1809-1849)

Born in Boston, Poe was an American author and poet famous for his macabre stories and mysterious tales. During his time in Philadelphia from 1843-1844, he penned some of his most well-known works, including "The Tell-Tale Heart" and "The Black Cat."



Walt Whitman

(1819-1892)

Walt Whitman was an influential American poet, famous for "Leaves of Grass." He spent his last years living in Camden, NJ.



Hannah Penn

(1671-1726)

Hannah Callowhill Penn was the second wife of William Penn and came to Pennsylvania with him in 1699. She assumed much of the management of Pennsylvania after his death, and many now call her America's first woman governor.



William Penn

(1644-1718)

Born in London, Penn was the founder of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, where he established freedom of conscience, trial by jury, and representative and elected government.



Theodore Roosevelt

(1858-1919)

Before serving as the 26th President of the United States, Roosevelt served as Assistant Secretary of the Navy. In this position, he ordered an attack on the Spanish Navy by the USS Olympia, now docked in Philadelphia at the Independence Seaport Museum.

TIER 2



Betsy Ross

(1752-1836)

Working as an upholsterer and running a successful business in Philadelphia for more than 50 years, Betsy Ross is credited with making the first American flag. Despite her Quaker upbringing, she also was an ardent patriot who supported the Continental Army by rolling cartridges filled with gunpowder.



George Washington

(1732-1799)

Born in Virginia, Washington was Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, President of the Constitutional Convention, and the first President of the United States.



Martha Washington

(1731-1802)

Martha Washington, nee Dandridge, was the First Lady of the United States. She joined her husband at every winter encampment, including Valley Forge, during the American Revolution.

Storytellers

Once Upon A Nation Storytellers tell interactive and true stories that bring people and events from Philadelphia's past to life for audiences of all ages. Storytellers are not in costume, as they share stories which range in time periods and in topics including the Revolution, women's history and African American history.



PRICING & INFORMATION

MEET & GREET **(recommended)**

Storyteller will be in a designated area away from music and other noise, with small groups of guests listening to stories throughout the course of the event.

\$300 for up to 1 hour

\$150 for each additional consecutive hour

STAGE PERFORMANCE

Storyteller will tell a series of stories to a larger crowd, lasting approximately 30 minutes.

- Body microphone, provided by the host organization/venue, is required
(Storytellers cannot use handheld or stand microphones for their performance)

\$300 for up to 1 hour

\$150 for each additional consecutive hour

Each Storyteller has a collection of 4-5 stories, each of which takes about 5 minutes to tell. Additional Storytellers can be booked for more stories or longer period of performance time.

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Colonial Tippler

A Colonial Tippler will join your group at the restaurant or event location of your choice and share stories about 18th-century tavern life. Be prepared to raise a glass with Colonial toasts and join in with rollicking songs from that era.

PRICING & INFORMATION

\$12 per person for up to 1 hour
Group Minimum: 20 people (or price equivalent)

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Fife & Drum

Kick off your special event with a Colonial Fife & Drum provided by talented musicians ready to lead the parade wearing historically authentic uniforms.

PRICING & INFORMATION

\$650 for up to 1 hour
\$400 for each additional consecutive hour

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