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***First Ladies Forum* breathes life into memorable American First Ladies**  
Collaboration offering historical portrayals by leading performer-scholars

Feb. 21, 2022 – Four of the nation’s leading historical interpreters have come together to launch a new initiative, First Ladies Forum (FLF), aimed at helping organizations looking for outstanding virtual history performances.

The new collaboration allows organizations seeking dynamic, engaging, and informative programs to book four of the nation’s best portrayal artists while leveraging virtual technology. To celebrate the launch, the forum is offering a four-part series of one-hour performances, each featuring a different First Lady: Dolley Madison (portrayed by Judith Kalaora, MA), Louisa Catherine Adams (portrayed by Laura Rocklyn, MA), Mary Lincoln (portrayed by Laura Keyes, IL), and Jacqueline Kennedy (portrayed by Leslie Goddard, IL).



*Dolley Madison (Judith Kalaora), Louisa Adams (Laura Rocklyn), Mary Lincoln (Laura Keyes) and Jacqueline Kennedy (Leslie Goddard)*

“Experiencing the stories of these First Ladies through passionately presented and meticulously researched living history performances will give audiences a rare glimpse into the living, breathing women behind the names and dates in the history books,” said Massachusetts resident Laura Rocklyn, who portrays Louisa Adams.

Each presentation includes a real-time question-and-answer talkback session following the performance. Organizations can choose their own dates, provided that all four presenters are booked to occur within the same twelve-month period.

“We’ve each been producing historical portrayals for at least ten years, but often in our own local regions,” explained Leslie Goddard, who portrays Jacqueline Kennedy and lives in Illinois. “With virtual live streaming technology (e.g Zoom), we are able to present to audiences all over the country, as well around the globe. And we realize that we can work together, even though we all live in different cities.”

For more information on First Ladies Forum, visit <https://www.historicvoices.info/first-ladies-forum>. And find FLF on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/1stLadiesForum>, as well as Instagram/Twitter @1st\_ladies\_forum

**About [First Ladies Forum](#):**

***First Ladies Forum (FLF)*** is a collaboration comprised of four experienced actors and scholars with expertise in historical portrayals, featuring in-depth and interactive interpretations of four United States’ First Ladies: Dolley Madison, Louisa Adams, Mary Lincoln and Jacqueline Kennedy.

With a mission to educate and inspire, *FLF* invites organizations to schedule and enjoy a series of hi-caliber historical portrayals for virtual presentations in a streamlined and efficient manner. *FLF* offers portrayals of Dolley Madison (Judith Kalaora), Louisa Adams (Laura Rocklyn), Mary Lincoln (Laura Keyes) and Jacqueline Kennedy (Leslie Goddard).

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