

DRAMATIC PRESENTATIONS

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1850s Tavern Role Playing Actor

\$250

Make your Eagle Tavern event a memorable step-back-in-time experience. Our Eagle Tavern actor will immerse your guests in the historically accurate and lively world of tavern life in the 1850s. Calvin or Harriett Wood also can introduce your VIPs and offer a historic toast. *Includes 2 hours, available in Eagle Tavern only.*

Henry's Model T

\$250

Meet young Henry Ford and hear how he was inspired to build the world's universal car, the Model T, which celebrates its centennial in 2008. *Includes up to two 15-minute shows and 30 minutes of mingling. Available with any venue at The Henry Ford from May 1-Nov. 1, 2008.*

Edison's Light Fantastic

\$250

Meet Thomas Edison in this short play and hear about one of his most "electrifying" inventions! This one-man show gives a glimpse into the inspiring life, work and mind of Edison, whose inventions include the first practical incandescent light bulb and the phonograph. Edison speaks to a group of reporters visiting his complex on the day after his first public demonstration of his light bulb on Dec. 31, 1879. *Includes up to two 15-minute shows and 30 minutes of mingling. Available with any venue at The Henry Ford from May 1-Nov. 1, 2008.*

Elijah: The Real McCoy

\$250

Meet inventor Elijah McCoy in this historic dramatization. His most important inventions were the automatic lubricating cup in 1872 that revolutionized the industrial machine industry and the graphite lubricator in 1915. Your imagination will travel through eight decades as you discover why his life and work remain an inspiration to this day, and how one of his 57 patents got trains into the station ahead of time! *Includes up to two 15-minute shows and 30 minutes of mingling. Available with any venue at The Henry Ford from May 5-July 1, 2008.*

Tally's Tales

\$250

Share the inspirational music and stories of slavery and endurance in this interactive dramatic presentation. Tally was a cook on the 700-acre Susquehanna Plantation in St. Mary's County, Maryland, and she certainly used many of the innovative survival tactics described in this play. The reenactment of a "Buh Rabbit" tale told in verse is always a hit with schoolchildren and families! *Includes up to two 15-minute shows and 30 minutes of mingling. Available with any venue at The Henry Ford from May 5-July 1, 2008.*

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How I Got Over

\$400

Inspiring stories, songs and slave narratives are experienced in this powerful show. Music played a major role in the struggle of enslaved Africans to survive the oppression they endured on plantations like Susquehanna Plantation. Children particularly enjoy the reenactment of a “Buh Rabbit” tale told in verse, and they are invited to participate in the “escape to freedom” portion of the play. This dramatic presentation shares inspirational stories of endurance and empowerment through slave narratives left behind, and through the hopeful music and storytelling that sustained them as they hoped for freedom. *Includes one 25-minute show and 30 minutes of mingling. Available with any venue at The Henry Ford from June 14-Aug. 24, 2008.*

Home from Kitty Hawk

\$500

Experience the thrill of the Wright brothers’ first flight as you are taken back to that amazing and inspiring day. Fly back in time with Orville, Wilbur and their sister, Katharine, as they take a dramatic journey through their experiments, struggles and joys. The Wright brothers recount their amazing and inspiring first flights that made history on Dec. 17, 1903, and forever changed the world. *Includes 25-minute show and 35 minutes of mingling. Available with any venue at The Henry Ford from May 1-Nov. 1, 2008.*

Minds on Freedom

\$650

This multimedia live show celebrates the ordinary people who during the civil rights movement had the extraordinary courage and commitment to ask for more from the nation. People like Rosa Parks, Fannie Lou Hamer, Gloria Rackley, the Freedom Riders and Martin Luther King Jr., who struggled and fought for equality and civil rights. Their minds were always on freedom and they communicated their vision and hope from one mind to another all across the country. Minds on Freedom explores two ways in which that happened during the civil rights movement – through stirring music and the spoken word. *Includes 35-minute show and 20 minutes of mingling. Available with events in Henry Ford Museum and performed in the Douglas Auto Theater. Also available in Anderson Theater or Town Hall for additional venue charge.*

Simply Gershwin in Town Hall

\$850

The beloved music of George Gershwin is celebrated in this lively music and comedy revue performed by four talented singers/actors and a pianist. Packed with great music, this show features songs such as “Fascinating Rhythm,” “Someone to Watch Over Me,” “They Can’t Take That Away from Me,” “I Got Rhythm,” as well as more obscure Gershwin compositions such as “My Cousin in Milwaukee” and “Hang on to Me.” *Includes 35-minute show and 25 minutes of mingling. Available only in Town Hall from June 14-Sept. 7, 2008. Maximum capacity: 100 guests.*

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