

# Steadfast and Spirited Stories of the American Revolution

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The four stories in this show lead the audience through the events and emotions of living through the Revolutionary War, starting with a story about the Colonists' reaction to the Stamp Act. As a child Deborah Sampson was an indentured servant, and as a young adult she disguised herself as a man so she could join the war and fight as a soldier. Peggy Shippen and her family were staunch Loyalists, so when she married Benedict Arnold, the two of them began work as spies for the British. Phillis Wheatley was brought to America as a slave. After she learned to read and write, she began writing the poetry that earned her fame and a published book.

### During this show:

- ▶ Audiences learn about significant events of the Revolutionary War, from how the Stamp Act led to the onset of the war to the Treaty of Paris that ended the war.
- ▶ Audiences feel a greater connection to historical events because they get to know the personalities and motivation of a Patriot, a Loyalist, and a slave of the time period.
- ▶ Because authentic costume pieces for each character are added and discussed as the show progresses, audiences see how men and women dressed during the period.



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"The audience loved the suspense of the stories. Lynn did a wonderful job of creating atmosphere and taking her audience back in time." --*Norfolk Academy*

Lynn Ruehlmann tells stories through theatrical portrayals of real people in history and real people she's known and bigger than life characters of myths. She has been presenting programs at festivals, museums and schools since 1990. Lynn was named "Best Actress in a Comedy" by Folio, and "Artist of the Year" by Young Audiences of Virginia. Her CD "Spy! The Story of Civil War Spy Elizabeth Van Lew" won two national awards. For more information on Lynn's programs, visit her website: [www.cascadingstories.com](http://www.cascadingstories.com).

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