

Program Summary

Grades: 4 - 12

Duration: 45 minutes

Price: \$250 per performance

Program Description:

Who better to tell the stories of the people who were touched by the Civil War or slavery than the individuals themselves? Professional actors and actresses portray authentic historical figures with scripts based on firsthand accounts written by the individuals themselves: James P. Sullivan, Caroline Quarlls, or Cordelia Harvey.

Each performance is 45 minutes in length and includes a brief question and answer session. Performers are always available after the performance to meet the public.

Using an online platform like Zoom or Google Meet, the museum can broadcast a live performance directly from the museum to your class or organization.

Performance Choices



James P. Sullivan - Mickey of Company K

James Sullivan (Mickey) was a member of Company K of the 6th Wisconsin Infantry, one of the hard fighting regiments in the famous Iron Brigade. His slight stature and Irish heritage made him a favorite among the soldiers of the regiment. Mickey enlisted twice, was wounded three times, and served throughout the Civil War.

The performance begins with Sullivan getting ready for a Soldiers Reunion. Join him as he prepares to see his old friends and remembers their sacrifices from 1861 to 1865.



Caroline Quarlls - My Independence Day

In 1842, Caroline Quarlls, a 16 year old light-skinned St. Louis slave, makes the choice to run away. With slave catchers in pursuit, she flees to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she meets people who help her travel to freedom in Canada. Years later, after the Civil War, Caroline receives a letter from Lyman Goodnow, the man who escorted her to Canada.

The performance is based on the letters from Caroline to Goodnow, and on the account he writes about their shared experience. These rare letters are in the Civil War Museum's collection.



Cordelia Harvey - Wisconsin Angel

After Wisconsin governor Louis Harvey's untimely death while visiting wounded soldiers near Shiloh, his wife Cordelia was appointed Wisconsin's representative to the Western Sanitary Commission. She traveled up and down the Mississippi River visiting Union hospitals and helping thousands of soldiers from Wisconsin and other Northern states.

During the performance Harvey explains her travels and dramatic meeting with a skeptical President Lincoln. Through perseverance and determination she convinces President Lincoln of the merits of northern hospitals.

Contact Information

Caitlin Manwaring
Education Services Coordinator
cmanwaring@kenosha.org
(262) 653-4433

www.TheCivilWarMuseum.org
