



Janine Sternlieb.....Writer

Janine has been an assistant director in Bay Area productions including Yoga Play (San Francisco Playhouse), Body Awareness (Main Stage West), and It Can't Happen Here and Almost, Maine (Santa Rosa Jr. College). She wrote The Four Sisters or Time's Up!: a Chekhovian Guide to Climate Change. At Main Stage West she produced a writing contest of short plays on the subject of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings. After the 2017 Charlottesville riot, she began to imagine what the most famous First Ladies would think of the (first) Trump administration. She earned a BA in English from Oberlin College and an MA in teaching from Boston University.



Lennie Dean Co-writer

Lennie Dean received an MFA in Acting from the Temple University Advanced Actor Training Program in Philadelphia. She has taught, acted, directed, worked as dramaturge and produced for several theater companies and schools in New York, San Francisco and Sonoma County for over forty years. She is authorized by master acting teacher Eric Morris to teach his technique, The Eric Morris System. Lennie is teaching acting and has directed Fully Committed, The Revolutionists, Equus, Silent Sky, The Children's Hour and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest at 6th Street Playhouse in Santa Rosa.



Bronwen Shears.....Director

Bronwen grew up and lives in Sebastopol. She has been a theatre artist for the past 40 years. Bronwen was the Director of the Theatre Dept. at Elsie Allen High School and Hillcrest Middle School, Education Director at 6th Street Playhouse, and managed and directed Porchlight Theatre Company's Black History Bay Area School tours. As a guest artist she directs at several Sonoma County schools including Art Quest at Santa Rosa High, Montgomery High, and Nueva School of the Arts at Windsor High..



**Written by Janine Sternlieb
with Lennie Dean**

Directed by Bronwen Shears

**March 12, 6th St. Playhouse,
Santa Rosa 7:00PM**

**March 22, Marin Shakespeare,
San Rafael 7:00PM**

**Time: March 2016 - January 2021.
Place: An afterlife in a sitting room
overlooking the White House.**

Cast in order of appearance:

Stacey Kerr.....Stage Directions



Rose Roberts.....Jackie Kennedy
Jackie Kennedy (John F. Kennedy) wore a pink suit and hat on the day of John F. Kennedy's assassination in Dallas. Later, she married Greek shipping tycoon, Aristotle Onassis. She was First Lady 1961-63.

Jessica Headington.....Patsy Jefferson

Patsy Jefferson (daughter of Thomas Jefferson) was raised at Monticello near Charlottesville. Though Jefferson was president for two terms, 1801-09, Patsy was busy raising her 12 children, and rarely traveled to Washington.



Laura J Davies.....Rachel Jackson
Rachel Jackson (Andrew Jackson) was born in Virginia and moved to Tennessee as a child, before the territory became a state. She died in 1828, just after the presidential election.

Juliet Noonan.....Dolley Madison

Dolley Madison (James Madison) was raised a Quaker and met Madison in Philadelphia, after her first husband died. In 1814 she fled the White House just before it was set aflame by the British. She was First Lady 1809-1817.



Diane Pratt.....Eleanor Roosevelt
Eleanor Roosevelt (Franklin D. Roosevelt) was born in New York to a wealthy patrician family that included her uncle, Theodore Roosevelt. She was First Lady 1933-1945.

Lydia Revelos.....Mary Todd Lincoln

Mary Todd Lincoln (Abraham Lincoln) was raised in Kentucky and met and married Lincoln in Illinois. She had many siblings who fought on both sides of the Civil War. She was First Lady 1861-65.



Liz Jahren.....Varina Davis
Varina Davis (Jefferson Davis) was raised in Mississippi. Highly educated, she relished her years in Washington as a Senator's wife. She was First Lady of the Confederacy 1861-1865.

Laura Downing-Lee..... Abigail Adams

Abigail Adams (John Adams) was born and raised in Boston. She was Second Lady when her husband was Vice President to George Washington, and First Lady 1797-1801



Bronwen Shears.....Harriet Hemings
Harriet Hemings (daughter of Thomas Jefferson) was raised at Monticello. While very little is known of Sally Hemings' only daughter, much is known of Sally. When Sally was 14 and Jefferson 44, Sally traveled to Paris. When she returned to Virginia two years later, in 1789, Sally was pregnant with Jefferson's child. Harriet was born in 1801.