



THE CHARACTERS OF 1776



Cast of 1776. Photo by Scott Suchman.

Sensory-Friendly Performance

Characters



Photo of Jonathan Atkinson by Scott Suchman.

JOHN ADAMS

Delegate from Massachusetts

His regular job is a lawyer. He has a hard time getting along with others. He is passionate about independence.



Photo of Kanysha Williams by Scott Suchman.

ABIGAIL ADAMS

Abigail is married to John. He values her opinion and she helps influence his ideas. She is at home in Massachusetts and they exchange ideas through writing letters.



Photo of Derrick D. Truby Jr. by Scott Suchman.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Delegate from Pennsylvania

He is an inventor. The other delegates value his ability to bring people together.



Photo of Michael Perrie, Jr. by Scott Suchman.

RICHARD HENRY LEE

Delegate from Virginia

He is loud and rambunctious. He thinks of Virginia first. He is very proud of his heritage.

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THOMAS JEFFERSON Delegate from Virginia

He is introverted. He would prefer to be at home and misses his family. He is already famous because of his writings on government and leadership.



Photo of Justine "Icy" Moral by Scott Suchman.

MARTHA JEFFERSON

Martha is married to Thomas Jefferson and adores her husband. John Adams invites her to Philadelphia to help her husband's writer's block and inspire him.



Photo of Joe Mallon by Scott Suchman.

EDWARD RUTLEDGE Delegate from South Carolina

He is a highly respected, southern gentleman. His primary concern is about the economy of the south.



Photo of Evan Casey by Scott Suchman.

JOHN DICKINSON Delegate from Pennsylvania

He wants to remain loyal to British crown and keep the status quo. He is afraid of the risks of war.

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Other members of the Second Continental Congress



Photo of Thomas Adrian Simpson by Scott Suchman.

JOHN HANCOCK

He is the President of the Continental Congress who only votes in the event of a tie.



Photo of John Floyd by Scott Suchman.

CHARLES THOMSON

He is the Secretary of the Continental Congress and keeps a record of the proceedings.



Photo of Keenan McCarter by Scott Suchman.

ROGER SHERMAN Delegate from Connecticut



Photo of Greg Twomey by Scott Suchman.

COL. THOMAS MCKEAN Delegate from Delaware

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GEORGE READ Delegate from Delaware



Photo of Buzz Mauro by Scott Suchman.

CAESAR RODNEY Delegate from Delaware



Photo of Steve Lebens by Scott Suchman.

DR. LYMAN HALL Delegate from Georgia



Photo of Tom Story by Scott Suchman.

SAMUEL CHASE Delegate from Maryland



Photo of Wood Van Meter by Scott Suchman.

DR. JOSIAH BARTLETT Delegate from New Hampshire



Photo of Keith Richards by Scott Suchman.

REV. JOHN WITHERSPOON Delegate from New Jersey



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ROBERT LIVINGSTON Delegate from New York



Photo of Jimmy Mavrakes by Scott Suchman.

LEWIS MORRIS Delegate from New York



Photo of Christopher Mueller by Scott Suchman.

JOSEPH HEWES Delegate from North Carolina



Photo of Peter Boyer by Scott Suchman.

JAMES WILSON Delegate from Pennsylvania



Photo of Jay Frisby by Scott Suchman.

STEPHEN HOPKINS Delegate from Rhode Island



Photo of Stephen F. Schmidt by Scott Suchman.

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Photo of Lawrence Redmond by Scott Suchman.

ANDREW MCNAIR

He works in Independence Hall. He has his own opinions about how the delegates are working together.



Photo of Ricky DeVon Hall by Scott Suchman.

A LEATHER APRON

He works in Independence Hall and assists Andrew McNair.



Photo of Hunter Ringsmith by Scott Suchman.

A COURIER

He is a soldier who brings messages between General George Washington and the Continental Congress.



Photo of Ricky DeVon Hall by Scott Suchman.

A PAINTER

He is painting a portrait of Benjamin Franklin.

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