

## Portrait of a Lady

An enchanting view of the creation of beauty in Georgian portraits by Reynolds and Gainsborough, with many marvellous anecdotes about the secrets of the artist's studio and utterly sumptuous costumes.

## Frills & Frivolity

Regency fashion from top to toe! The costumes are so lovely they look edible and the contributions from Miss Jane Austen are, of course, disgracefully witty!

## Oh My Poor Nerves!

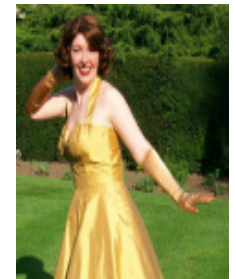
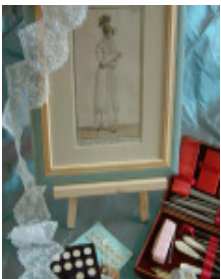
*Health and Hypochondria in Jane Austen's England* - A lively insight into maladies real and imaginary, with a splendid selection of medical artefacts and a very spirited invalid!

## Jane Austen's Christmas

Festive pleasures in the Age of Elegance. Inspired by the life and writings of Jane Austen, with details of delicious food, original party games and Regency Christmas gifts.

## Fashioning the Past

*Secrets of a historical seamstress* - A fascinating account of how costume historian Gillian Stapleton researches and creates the lovely replica corsets, costumes and bonnets of the History Wardrobe.



## Undressing Mr Darcy

Returning from a stroll about town, Mr Fitzwilliam Darcy prepares to undress... (Nearly) all will be revealed in this hugely popular presentation about the clothes of a Regency gentleman.

## Elegant Economy - The clothes of Cranford

Beautiful to behold, the clothes of the 1830s also give fascinating clues about how costume reveals character in the novels of Elizabeth Gaskell.

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## Story of the White Wedding

Everybody loves a wedding! This delightful new talk celebrates the traditional white wedding, from Georgian times to the 1970s, presenting a gorgeous array of gowns and accessories.

## Jane Eyre - The Well-dressed Governess

The tale of Charlotte Brontë and her fictional heroine - both women of passionate intensity - is here retold through the deceptively genteel fashions of the 1840s.

## Dressing Queen Victoria

Inspired by Victoria's own journals, this presentation gives an intimate view of the Queen as she is dressed from corset to coronet in the magnificent fashions of the 1850s.

## Florence Nightingale

*The Respectable Rebel* - An inspirational look at the life of a remarkable woman who broke free from the constraints of her class and gender to become a pioneer nurse and reformer.

## Family History

... through fashion and photographs. A personal journey into the past, with excellent advice on tracing ancestors. You're invited to bring your own textiles and pictures to be dated.

## Votes for Women!

The sensational stories of suffragettes and flappers are made vivid through costumes and readings from the Edwardian age, the Great War and the 1920s.

## Wartime Wedding

A Land Army girl rustles up her bridal trousseau in 1944... A marvellously nostalgic presentation about rationed fashion, celebrating the make-do-and-mend era.

## Fabulous Fifties

Bullet bras, sugared petticoats and Liberty bodices... A glamorous 'Cinderella' transformation set in the decade that reinvented dazzle - "You've never had it so good!"

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## The History Wardrobe

... bringing the past to life through the costumes and anecdotes of each age.

Our presentations are based on a wealth of intelligent research, presented in a witty style, with beautiful original and replica costumes.

We are happy to perform in village halls or stately homes. We have excellent reviews from museums, historical societies, luncheon clubs, WI groups and many illustrious venues, such as Audley End, Stourhead, Wallington, Osborne, Kiplin Hall, Cheltenham Literature Festival, Beningbrough Hall and Bath Theatre Royal.

The following shows have two presenters:

Portrait of a Lady  
*Frills and Frivolity*  
Story of the White Wedding  
*Undressing Mr Darcy*  
Elegant Economy  
*Dressing Queen Victoria*  
Votes for Women!  
*Wartime Wedding*  
Fabulous Fifties!

These are one-woman talks:

Florence Nightingale  
*Jane Austen's Christmas*  
Jane Eyre  
*Family History*  
Fashioning the Past  
*Oh My Poor Nerves!*

*"Delicious, delectable, well-researched... and gorgeous clothes!"* - Northern Society of Costumes & Textiles

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## Booking Details

Each talk lasts for about an hour, and we're happy to stay afterwards to chat with audience members and show costume items in greater detail. We only require a covered table and smart chair for each performance; also, somewhere private to change and store items. We can provide PAT-tested radio microphones and details of our public liability insurance.

## 2010 Prices

The fee for talks with two presenters is £380 + travel expenses at 35p a mile to/from York. The fee for the one-woman talks is £200 + travel expenses. We will also charge for overnight accommodation, where appropriate, at £45 per person per night.

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*"Masterly work of very high quality... a delightfully entertaining, instructive and most professional performance!"* - the Jane Austen Society

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2010 Programme of Events



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- Bath Theatre Royal

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