



THOMAS JEFFERSON AND CHARLES WILLSON PEALE

PROGRAM CAST INFORMATION

Our Cast:

Thomas Jefferson.....Bill Barker
 Charles Willson Peale.....Christian Johnson
 Master of Ceremonies.....Jeff Taylor
 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Students

Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson

Mr, Barker has portrayed Thomas Jefferson in a variety of settings for over twenty years. Since joining The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in 1993, Bill appears as Jefferson and assists in the development of Jeffersonian programs for the Foundation. His performances include venues such as the White House, Poplar Forest, the Palace of Versailles as well as appearances in programs aired by ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, CNN, The History Channel, and C-SPAN. He has received numerous commendations including the Sydney N. Stokes Award from the Jefferson Legacy Foundation.

Christian Johnson as Charles Willson Peale

Actor and historian Christian Johnson is an accomplished time traveler, who has assumed the personae and costumes of many historical figures ranging from William Penn to Charles Willson Peale to Abraham Lincoln. He has appeared at the White House Visitor's Center, the National Portrait Gallery, the National Archives, all in the Federal City, and as far off as Paris, France, where he performed at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) headquarters in the fall of 2008.

Jeff Taylor as Master of Ceremonies

Jeff has 35 years experience in broadcasting, management, communication, marketing and public relations. He has worked in both radio and television. His news stories have appeared on Good Morning America, World News Tonight and Nightline. As a history enthusiast, Jeff enjoys re-enacting life of the 1700s and 1800s on the James River. He has been the MC for the Poplar Forest Conversation programs with Jefferson and his guest since 2000, and since 2002 has appeared as the narrator in

the Poplar Forest educational programs “Shaping the World: Conversations on Democracy” which are aired yearly by Virginia’s Public Broadcast Systems.