

The Royall House Association Presents

Susanna Haswell Rowson (1762-1824):

A Loyalist Daughter Becomes America's First Lady of Letters & Female Educator

A dramatic portrayal
by character actress Jessa Piaia

Wednesday, November 17
7:30 pm

Free to the public



The scene is set in 1805, at the peak of Mrs. Rowson's literary and educational accomplishments. A pathfinder for female education she founded Mrs. Rowson's Academy for Young Ladies on Federal Street in 1797 where curriculum included the academics, fine arts, and needlework. When enrollment increased to 60 pupils, she moved the school to High Street (Rte. 60) in Medford, then to the Hull Mansion in Newton's Nonantum Corner, and finally to Hollis Street in Boston's newly-developed South End neighborhood.

Ms. Piaia uses drama to reveal the accomplishments, struggles, and contributions of women to American history. She is acclaimed for recreating history in the fullest sense, and for using solid research and compelling writing in her artistry. The program runs about 40 minutes in length with informal Q & A to follow, and is appropriate for ages 10 through adult.

The program will be presented at the Royall House Slave Quarters
15 George Street
Medford, MA 02155

For more information, please call 781-396-9032

