

The Living History Society of Minnesota, Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to understanding civilian lifestyles of the mid-nineteenth century. Our goal is to educate the public by demonstrating and interpreting daily activities of the mid-nineteenth century in a manner that is both informative and entertaining. We combine historical research with hands-on experience to create a sense of the past not available in history books or on film.

Mid-Nineteenth Century Dance Demonstration

- ☞ Participants will learn about the historical aspects and development of mid-nineteenth century dance.
- ☞ Participants will be taught the social customs and etiquette of the nineteenth century ballroom.
- ☞ Costumed interpreters will demonstrate popular nineteenth century dances.
- ☞ Participants will receive instruction enabling them to perform a nineteenth century dance.

A narrator will provide a brief talk about the history of dance development of the nineteenth century, as well as information about the social customs and etiquette that ruled mid-nineteenth century ballrooms. Costumed interpreters will then perform a series of popular dances of the nineteenth century. After the dance demonstration, a five-minute question and answer period will be open to the audience. The event will conclude with the costumed interpreters instructing willing participants in the basic steps of a popular dance of the period.

Presenters: Three to nine people will interpret this activity.

Venue: Minimum performance area - 14 ft. square (200 sq. ft.). In venues larger than 1500 sq. ft., a sound system is required.

Program Length: Thirty to sixty minutes.

Set up Time: 30 minutes.

Availability: Evenings, weekends, and by special request.

Audience: Appropriate for schools, social groups, fundraisers, corporate functions, retirement communities, and historic sites.

Corporate Rates: \$750-\$1500 (determined by number of interpreters & program length)

Non-Profit rates available. Please contact the LHS for more details.

Please Note: This activity is readily adaptable to school programs and can also be combined with one or more of our other activities to provide a more complete educational experience for the participants.