

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 Theatrical Presentation By The MinneHaHa Players

- ☞ Participants of this event will experience a typical nineteenth century amateur theatrical production.
- ☞ Our resident theatre troupe will provide audience members will an example of mid-nineteenth perspectives on the world as interpreted through theatrical performances and dramatic entertainments popular during that period.
- ☞ Participants will learn the historical significance of dramatic performance, both professional and amateur, in the nineteenth century.

Costumed members of the Society will perform a comedic piece, *The History of Minnesota in Five Acts, with Prologue and Interlude*. An explanation of the production's historical relevance will be provided. Audience members will be invited to interact with the play's narrator throughout the performance, as the MinneHaHa Players reenact an extremely popular form of mid-nineteenth entertainment - the truly amateur, Amateur Theatrical. After the performance, members of the Players will be available to chat with audience members. Questions concerning nineteenth century theatrical performances, popular dramatic genres, appropriate subject matter and taboos, prominent performers, and playwrights of the period are welcome.

Presenters: Six to eight people will interpret this activity.

Venue: Minimum performance area 14 ft. square (200 sq. ft.), plus dressing/set up room.

Program Length: Forty to sixty minutes.

Set up time: One hour.

Availability: Evenings, weekends, and by special request.

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

*Corporate Rates: \$700-\$1500 (Determined by number of interpreters & program length)
Non-Profit rates available. Please contact the LHS for more details.*

Please Note: Other productions are available upon request. Various theatrical conventions of the period include Tableaux Vivants, Farces, Dramas, Vignettes. Additional lead-time is necessary, and may require a larger performance area. Repertoire includes:

One of You Must Marry

Trying It On

Box and Cox

A Pretty Piece of Business

L'Etoile du Nord

The Ghosts of "A Christmas Carol"

Scenes from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream"