Join us for a virtual program featuring presidential storytelling, creative at-home activities, musical performances, and more to bring history to life for all ages.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy’s televised tour of the White House when she shared with the public her project on the restoration of the “People’s House”. In honor of this anniversary, the Festival will feature a Hands-On History activity of the building rooms and other elements highlighting the White House as a home for past presidents and their families. Performances of Kennedy campaign songs and at-home activities will highlight President Kennedy’s time in the White House.

Participation is free and registration is not required. You can watch all of the sessions online. Videos will be available to watch following the initial broadcast. Visit jfklibrary.org/PresidentsDay for more details.

Schedule ★ Monday, February 21, 2022

11:00 – 11:10 2022 Welcome and Concert
Alan Price, Director of the JFK Presidential Library and Museum, welcomes viewers to the day. Enjoy Kennedy campaign songs performed by the Harvard Din and Tonics from the Museum Galleries.

11:15 – 11:50 John Adams and Abigail Adams: Making a Home for the New Nation
President John Adams and First Lady Abigail Adams share stories about their lives and roles in history as well as the early years of White House construction.

11:55 – 12:25 2022 Live Town Hall (Part 4)
Presidents John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison and First Ladies Abigail Adams and Dolley Madison gather to respond to audience questions. Ask our historic guests a question. Email your question to JFKPresidentsDay@nara.gov.

12:35 – 1:05 Thomas Jefferson: Recollections of the President’s House
President Thomas Jefferson shares stories about his life and role in history as well as the early years of living in the White House as the third president of the United States.

1:10 – 1:40 2022 Live Town Hall (Part 2)
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1:45 – 2:10 James Madison and Dolley Madison: Defending Democracy
President James Madison and First Lady Dolley Madison share stories about their lives and roles in history including the War of 1812 and the British attack on Washington, DC and the White House.

2:15 – 2:35 Letters to the President: Public Opinion Mail from the Archival Collections of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum
Archivists share some letters to President Kennedy highlighting the voices of everyday people advocating for government action on issues they cared about.

2:40 – 2:47 The White House School – First Children: Caroline and John Jr. in the Kennedy White House
Learn about the White House School during the Kennedy administration with a mini-tour of a special temporary exhibition at the JFK Presidential Library and Museum.

2:50 – 3:00 2022 Closing and Concert
Alan Price, Director of the JFK Presidential Library and Museum, makes closing remarks. Enjoy a musical performance by the Radcliffe Pitches of Harvard University from the Museum Galleries.

All videos will be closed captioned.